

SHASTA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FIRST COMMISSION

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Adopted Minutes
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Location: Shasta Children & Families First Commission Office
1135 Pine Street, Suite 21, Redding, CA

1. Call to Order by Judie Englesby-Smith, Chair at 3:05 p.m.

Introductions of those present were made as follows:

Commissioners: Andrew Deckert
Maxine Wayda
Jennifer Moranda
Barbara Lapp
Jane Wilson
Judie Englesby-Smith

Advisory Committee: Tara Swanson

Staff: Muffy Berryhill, Executive Director
Kris Nichols, Office Manager
Elizabeth Poole, Associate Director
Linda Wright, Contract Coordinator
Jennifer Snider, School Readiness Coordinator

Audience members included the following:

Sharon Brisolara, Evaluation Solutions; Kathy Thompson, Carol Nye, Shasta County Office of Education; Maegan Lokteff, Danielle Johndrow, Linda Dickerson, Shasta Women's Refuge; Susan Thompson, Northern Valley Catholic Social Service; Anna Diaz, Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council.

2. Public Hearing - First 5 California 2007-08 Annual Report

Public Hearing opened at: 3:05 p.m.

Muffy Berryhill reviewed the 2007-2008 First 5 California Annual Report and the Result of Audit Oversight of Local Commissions Report (copy attached to minutes). Comments on the First 5 California Annual Report and Oversight Report were invited. No public comment was offered.

Public Hearing closed at: 3:08 p.m.

3. **Public Comment Period** - Members of the public are entitled under the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 ET seq) to address the Commission on any matter within the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction. The Act prohibits the Commission from taking action or discussing the item unless it is already on the agenda.

No public comments were made. Judie Englesby-Smith welcomed new Commissioner Jane Wilson from the Department of Social Services.

4. Consider Approval of Minutes of January 28, 2009 SCFFC Meeting – **Action Item**

Moved/Seconded: Moranda/Wayda to approve SCFFC Minutes of January 28, 2009.

Ayes: Moranda, Wayda, Deckert, Lapp, Wilson, Smith **Nays:** None **Motion:** Approved

5. Receive Results Evaluation Report, Shasta Women's Refuge, *Children, Too!*

Sharon Brisolaro presented the results evaluation report on the Children Too! program at Shasta Women's Refuge (copy attached to minutes). Brisolaro reported that the program is on track in meeting its service goals. Forty mothers, 57 children under age five and 4 pregnant women were served in the 15 months evaluation period. She noted that clients in the program are increasing their ability to address the developmental needs of their children, particularly social-emotional needs, and are making progress on meeting the basic needs of their families. Health screens are provided on site by the HOPE van allowing children's health issues to be addressed. The needs for housing and financial support continue to be significant and most commonly addressed by the program. Two clients completed PCIT and three mothers sought assistance with substance abuse issues. Challenges include waiting lists at community services.

Judie Smith inquired into the reported difficulty in offering developmental screenings. Maegan Lokteff commented that they are using the Parents Evaluation of Developmental Status (PEDS) assessment with parents in shelter and have not found the best timing to use it. Smith commented that this may be their only chance to address any developmental needs and wondered if there is a better tool for the assessment. Berryhill stated that the ASQ would always be the preference for developmental assessment.

Andrew Deckert asked Lokteff how they will be implementing the new information regarding reproductive health into the workplan. Lokteff responded that they will be inserting a brochure into the client information packets that every woman receives when they arrive at shelter. Lokteff added that they have added hours to the Children's Advocate position so that she can spend some one on one time with clients on reproductive health. Maxine Wayda commented that she was pleased to see how much growth has taken place in the Children Too! Program.

6. Discuss California Budget and Implications for Prop 10

Muffy Berryhill reviewed Proposition 1D, reflective of ABX3 17, which will appear on the state ballot May 17, 2009 (copy attached to minutes). If Proposition 10 passes, 50% of Proposition 10 tobacco tax revenue collected will be redirected from First 5 commissions and applied to existing state children's programs. Muffy Berryhill stated that the Commission needs to plan and prepare for both possible outcomes of the election. Berryhill emphasized that she can present objective information and education to the public and that no publicly funded time or resources can be directed to political advocacy.

7. Receive Update on Strategic Planning

Muffy Berryhill updated the Commission on recent efforts with the Prevent Team and continuing interest in Triple P. Discussions with Maxine Wayda regarding the Mental Health Services Act have centered around possibly providing training for community health providers to levels 4 and 5, then backfilling to train levels 2 and 3. Maxine Wayda commented that the PEI plan will be reviewed by the Mental Health Services Act Advisory Committee then go to a 30 day public comment period, it may be approved sometime in May 2009. Cuts to PEI or other portions of the Mental Health Services Act programs are unknown at this time due to the ballot initiative in May. Berryhill will keep the Commission updated on the status and the current program through Head Start.

Berryhill commented that the contract with Northern Valley Catholic Social Service, for the *Healthy Pathways for Infants* Program, which provides infant mental health services, is coming to a close in June 2009. The program is currently under spent and could be extended at the present level of service for another three months without additional First 5 funds. Such an extension will allow the commission to explore its interest in increasing access to mental health services without losing these services in the meantime. Commissioners agreed that the extension makes sense.

Berryhill noted that exploration continues on the following projects:

- CalWorks Linkages
- Bright Futures contract extension and assessment of violence prevention needs in the Intermountain area
- Program direction of Parent Partners
- Services related to preschool mental health

Berryhill also shared that she and Liz Poole attended the Child Abuse Prevention Summit where they attended sessions with Dr. Vincent Felitti focused on the ACE study. The findings of this study are the basis of First 5 Shasta's and the PREVENT Team's strategic planning efforts.

8. Consider Plans for Future Evaluation Contracts

Berryhill recommended that release of the RFA for future evaluation contracts be postponed until after the May election. She reported that our current evaluation contracts end June 2009 and she proposed their extension through September 2009. Commissioners agreed to extend the current evaluation contracts through September 2009, Berryhill will bring the contract extensions to the Commission at the March 2009 meeting.

9. Receive Update on *Media Savvy Kids* Project

Liz Poole reported on the Media Savvy Kids Project funded through the Shasta County Office of Education (SCOE), Early Childhood Services. The project began 6 months ago. The resource guide has been developed and is currently being translated into Spanish. The training of trainers toolkit has been developed, based on information from Common Sense Media. To date seven people have been trained as Trainers of Trainers and 48 professionals have been trained as Trainers of Parents. The community awareness media campaign is moving forward with focus groups and materials being developed. Draft materials developed by the project and Cornucopia Enterprises were circulated among Commissioners (copy attached to minutes).

Kathy Thompson from SCOE reported that the draft campaign has been well-received by parent focus groups. A phone number will be included on the posters allowing members of the public to obtain more information on media violence and resources for families within the county. Commissioners requested a copy of the resource guide.

10. Receive Report on *Week of the Young Child* and Outreach

Debbie Peel reported on the Week of the Young Child, April 18-25, 2009. First 5 Shasta has been involved in facilitating the Celebration of the Week of Young for seven years. Mini grant projects are required to focus on one or more developmental asset. Thirty nine events are scheduled this year. Some for-profit businesses participating this year include Dr. Christy Davis, who is offering \$25 eye exams for 0-to-5 year old children in Burney, and Party Extrordinaire. Peel reported on the upcoming seminar by Jane M. Healy, Ph.D., “A Smart Start for a Wired World” which is co-sponsored by First 5 Shasta. Peel also shared the developmental asset posters developed with Health Improvement Partnership highlighting the five developmental assets chosen by Shasta County.

11. Consider Election of SCFFC 2009 Officers – **Action Item**

Judie Smith, Chair of the Officer Nominating Committee, offered the following slate of candidates for 2009/2010 officers:

- Secretary/Treasurer-Linda Hartman
- Vice-Chair-Andrew Deckert
- Chair-Jennifer Moranda

No further nominations were received. The three nominees accepted the nominations.

Moved/Seconded: Lapp/Wayda to appoint Jennifer Moranda, M.D as SCFFC Chair, Andrew Deckert, M.D. as Vice-Chair and Linda Hartman as Secretary/Treasurer for the 2009-2010 term.

Ayes: Moranda, Wayda, Deckert, Lapp, Wilson, Smith **Nays:** None **Motion:** Approved

12. Appoint Commissioners to SCFFC Standing Committees: Budget, Personnel, Program, and Advisory Committees

The following Commissioners were appointed to the Budget, Personnel, Program and Advisory Committees:

Evaluation Committee: Barbara Lapp, Judie Smith

Advisory Committee: Barbara Lapp

Budget Committee: Judie Smith, Linda Hartman; Tyler Nichols representing the Advisory Committee

Personnel Committee: Jane Wilson, Jennifer Moranda

Program Committee: Maxine Wayda, Andrew Deckert, Jane Wilson; a new representative from the Advisory Committee will be sought.

13. Reports

a. Advisory Committee Report –Tara Swanson

No further information was added.

b. Director's Report

Muffy Berryhill distributed an updated Commissioner Roster. Berryhill mentioned that a current list of programs and contracts is now on the First 5 Shasta website.

c. Commissioner Reports

No reports were offered.

Meeting adjourned: 5:09 p.m.

Next regular meeting scheduled: **Wednesday, March 25, 2009, 3:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Nichols,
Office Manager
First 5 Shasta