

**YOLO CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 5, 2010**

Members Present:

Lynn Arner
Barbara Ashby
Dave Flory (proxy – Dotty Huber)
Laura Ivans
Amelia Abonce (proxy - Armida Kaun)
Ed Lewis
Regan Overholt
Oralia Rodriguez
Melinda Waring

Members Absent:

Christina Flores
John Hillis
Sue Lomax
Nancy Mack
Patricia Rodriguez

YCOE:

Rebecca Foster, Grant Specialist
Gail Nadal, Coordinator

Guest(s):

Kerry Koerwitz, WUSD

1. Call to order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by L. Ivans at 2:13 p.m.

- A. Introductions of Members and guests.

2. Public Comment:

- A. G. Nadal shared that the Director from YMCA-Woodland was referred by the BOS to connect with the LPC. She had planned to attend the LPC meeting to share that they need help to develop their Board. If interested, please contact YMCA-Woodland. The Director will be invited to attend future LPC meetings to share a brief description of her program and also provide more information about her request.

3. Consent Calendar:

- A. L. Ivans noted that the meeting lacked a quorum; thus action for the items on the consent calendar was postponed until the next meeting.

4. Sweet Successes Exchange:

- A. G. Nadal shared that the December Sweet Successes Exchange was a successful event for networking and mingling with other community members invested in early childhood care and education. Several LPC members brought guests to the event to share information about the LPC and highlight the Council functions and activities. Testimonials were shared by a Child Development Scholarship recipient, AB 212 mini-grant recipient,

Yolo County Inclusion Team representative, and a Kindergarten Day K teacher who participated in the K-Day event last year. Members were asked to write personalized thank you notes to their guests at the event and to invite them to attend future LPC meetings.

5. LPC Membership Update:

- A. G. Nadal informed that several long term participants of the Council received official applications so they could continue with the membership process. Also shared was a form explaining the current vacancies of the Council membership; G. Nadal requested assistance from members who may know of individuals who would fit in the vacant seats.

6. AB 212 Mini-Grant Update:

- A. R. Foster shared that four state-funded center-based programs were awarded funding for FY 09/10. Two programs will focus on special needs training; one will focus on curriculum planning for at-risk children using the preschool foundations with training and individualized coaching; the final awarded program will train staff to become a Collective Learning Community. R. Foster noted that the amount awarded to programs was less than projected at the start of the year and shared the workforce development budget to date. In order to utilize as much of the budget as possible this year, it is suggested that the AB 212 stipend amounts will increase from the original amount expected.
- B. In efforts to determine why fewer programs have applied for the AB 212 mini-grants than they have in the past, the executive committee suggested the creation of an anonymous survey to be sent to all eligible programs. This survey will be sent to the programs at the start of January.

7. First 5 Presentation:

- A. L. Ivans reminded that the Board of Supervisors had requested more information about the services provided by Child Care Services, the LPC and First 5 Yolo in order to determine if there was a duplication of services. A presentation was held in December with a PowerPoint presentation in order to clearly define the roles of each of these groups. It was shown that each group has services distinct to itself but that there are some items in which all three could collaborate. The three plan to meet at least one time a year in order to determine items on which to collaborate to eliminate potential duplication of services (ex. Needs Assessment).

8. LPC Bylaws:

- A. L. Ivans shared that the executive committee has begun revision of the Council bylaws. Some areas that will include additional and/or new information from our current bylaws include the section on Conflict of Interest, membership terms, and Officers. The executive committee plans to continue work on the bylaws at their next meeting. It is anticipated that the

entire membership will be able to discuss the bylaws at the February meeting.

9. Janet Gonzalez-Mena Infant Toddler Presentation:

- A. G. Nadal shared that our LPC will help sponsor a presentation with Janet Gonzalez-Mena on “Infants, Toddlers, and Caregiving” on February 27th from 9:30 – 12:00 at Rudolf Steiner College. Our membership has been asked to help with the registration at the event. B. Ashby, O. Rodriguez, L. Ivans, and L. Arner volunteered to help at the registration.

10. CCCCA Meeting:

- A. G. Nadal shared that we will be hosting the January 20th quarterly California Child Care Coordinator’s Association meeting at YCOE. G. Nadal invited our LPC members to participate in the (9:00 – 12:00) portion of the meeting when the Child Development Division plans to report information regarding the temporary transfer of funds, regulations update, the Governor’s budget, etc.

11. Subcommittee Updates:

- A. Educate & Outreach: R. Overholt shared that the Transition to Kindergarten Summit will be on February 24th from 4:00 – 7:00pm. Dr. Martha Burns will be the presenter and she will speak about 0-5 brain development and linguistic development in children.
- B. Week of the Young Child: E. Lewis shared that the park celebration will be at Ferns Park in Woodland on April 24th. The reservation is from 10:00 – 3:00 and the event is planned to be from 11:00 – 2:00. This subcommittee plans to develop a flyer to send to programs in early February inviting them to host an activity at the event. Supervisor Rexroad plans to deliver a proclamation for the Week of the Young Child at the event. The subcommittee plans to develop an agenda for the event, determine activities and food. E. Lewis also shared that G. Nadal volunteered the LPC to host an event at the West Sacramento library focusing on family literacy during the month of April to further highlight the Week of the Young Child. The tentative plan is that there will be parent education and time for parents to work with children at the library. The date and time for this event are yet to be determined.
- C. Community and Workforce Development: L. Arner shared that this subcommittee is working with Child Care Services to develop a Special Needs strand at the Child Development Conference to be held in March. The subcommittee has reviewed recent community assessments to determine the needs in the county in regards to special needs services; overall, the county would like to see more trainings offered focusing on special needs. The Yolo County Inclusion Team will host a tour of a special education program in Woodland on January 27th (updated) from 10:00 – 12:00.

12. Member Updates:

- A. G. Nadal shared that the LPC will co-sponsor the Outdoor Classroom Project training with the Yuba/Sutter LPC. Our Workforce Development budget will help pay for the event and 40 seats have been reserved for Yolo County participants. The training will be held on March 27, 2010 in Yuba City.
- B. R. Overholt shared that the First 5 Family Focus Forum will be held on January 14, 2010 at the Woodland Senior Center.
- C. L. Ivans reminded that the Child Development Conference will be on March 20, 2010.

13. Next LPC Meeting:

The next LPC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 2010.

14. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m. for subcommittee work.