

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & FAMILIES
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Date: Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2011
Time: **5:30** Open Public Meeting (light supper for members starts at 5:00)
Place: **UMATILLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, PENDLETON**

Members present: Kim Weisenfluh, Joyce Turner, Nora Kramer, Crystal Long, Vickie Read,
Members absent (unexcused): Jami Niord, Theresa Elisoff
Members absent (excused): Sheri Maze
Staff present: Shelley Ena
Guests: Deborah Hayward and Chris Weisenfluh

PROGRAM REPORT: CAPECO's Youth Work Readiness: Chris provided a very comprehensive report of the program that was conducted using our Youth Investment fund. Very positive outcomes from both the youth and their employers. The youth were referred by school counselors. Overall results were highly favorable.

CCF BUSINESS

- Approval of June & August minutes: Joyce moved and Kim seconded the approval of both sets of minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- CPF Grant Thank You from CMEO. Letter and pictures of finished product were shared with the members. Successful results. CMEO very appreciative.
- CPF Grant requests: Pendleton Outdoor School: All members present received a copy of the grant request. Discussion ensued regarding inclusion and exclusion of behaviorally challenging students occurred. Crystal and Nora felt that if we support this that there should be a stipulation that all students be allowed to attend in some way, even if it was only during the day. Our funds should be making it possible that inclusion to the greatest extent possible occurs. Vicki asked that the grant writer attend October's meeting to address their concerns before making a decision. Action Tabled until after presentation by applicant organization.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT (SHAPING POLICY & LAW):

- Progress Report on AOC Early Learning Task Force report: Task force materials can be found on the Association of Oregon Counties website. There will be another meeting on Sept. 12. The latest meeting materials can be found at the following web address.
<http://www.aocweb.org/aoc/Portals/0/Minutes/8-22-11%20ELTF%20Meeting%20Materials.pdf>
- Approve CCF members for By-Laws Committee: At the August CCF meeting Joyce, Nora and Sheri volunteered to be the By-Laws Committee. Kim moved and Vickie seconded approving them to serve in this capacity. Motion passed unanimously.
- Revisit the number and location of future CCF meetings: No official action. Discussed the idea of six meetings per year of the full committee with sub-committees meeting in alternate months. Will continue to think about this for a few months, members felt the need to

continue monthly meetings for the time being but the location, day and time should go back to the Pendleton area on first Wednesdays at 5:00 for dinner and 5:30 for business. This seems to allow for the best participation by the most members. However, moving around to different sites in the Pendleton area was desirable in order to become familiar with the various community partners that we are involved with. So October's meeting will take place at the Youth Services Department.

- Select CCF members for future RFP Committee: Action tabled, yet Vickie volunteered to sit on the committee. Perhaps other absent members will consider it.

SERVICE DELIVERY IMPROVEMENTS (ENSURING QUALITY & ACCOUNTABILITY):

- 2011-12 RFP revision: Nora moved and Crystal seconded to approve the draft of 2011-12 Request for Proposals in concept with changes to the timeline as appropriate.
- Casey Family Partnership upcoming activities: Shelley shared that Umatilla County has a team of 8 that will work on the Safe and Equitable Reduction of Foster Care with attention to Disproportionate Minority Contact of Native American and Hispanic youth. Nora asked questions to determine if she had Hispanic staff that she could assign to be part of the team. Shelley indicated this would be very helpful to the group.

SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT (BRINGING SERVICES TOGETHER):

- JCP/Positive Youth Development
 - Development of School Age Youth Group: Kim feels that it is important have a policy body focused on meeting the needs of older youth; school age youth. So much is being done to emphasize the needs of early childhood that we should not forget youth 9-18. The Governor's age continuum is 0-20 so we might even be looking at young adults, college, work and career readiness, etc. As the by-laws are being re-worked she asked that the committee consider separating out this group from the Early Childhood/Early Learning Team.
- Early Childhood Partnership Team: Shelley shared handouts with members of the Hub Grant Activities Calendar, Surveys for organizations and parents to take, and the logo and name of the group: Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative: Umatilla and Morrow Counties.

COMPREHENSIVE, COMMUNITY PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION (LEADING STRATEGICALLY):

- Faith Based & Community Partnerships
 - Project Community Connect volunteers to assist with the event on Nov. 5th at the Pendleton Convention Center are needed. A volunteer applicant form was shared with members. Contact Marci McMurphy at CAPECO if you have time or materials to share.
 - Martha's House progress/needs: tabled
 - Faith Community Database project, coordinating with CAPECO: tabled

COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION (ORGANIZING CHANGE):

Raising Community Awareness: Did you know...?

We have three local people that have been selected to sit on state level committees. Hannah Wicklander, a 14 year old PHS Student will be part of the Dept of Education's Student Action

Team, Mark Mulvihill, ESD Supt., will be on the Education Investment Board and Cesareo Texidor, a Physicians Assistant with the Pendleton Center for Women and Family, will be on the Coordinating Care Organization Committee. Shelley will invite them to attend a future meeting.

Family Health and Fitness Fair with a Car Seat Clinic at Head Start across from HHS in Hermiston on 9/24.

International Walk and Bike to School Day at Rocky Heights and Head Starts on 10/5.

Volunteer Training on 10/14 at New Hope Church in Hermiston by Babies and Boomers.

Flu Shot Clinic at St. Anthony's 10/18-20.

Car Seat Clinic and Safety booth at Hermiston Wal-Mart 10/28.

Rx Drug Take Back 10/29 St. Anthony's.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15

Minutes submitted by Shelley Ena

Note that CCF Meeting in October will take place in Pendleton at Umatilla County Youth Services.