

**MINUTES**  
**UMATILLA COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & FAMILIES**  
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Date: Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011  
Time: **5:00** Holiday Potluck. Bring your favorite holiday treat to share.  
**5:30** Open Public Meeting  
Place: **Room 35, Umatilla County Courthouse, PENDLETON, OR**

**Members Present:** Sheri Maze, Nora Kramer, Jim Glover, Kim Weisenfluh, Joyce Turner

**Members absent:** Vickie Read, Theresa Elisoff, Crystal Long, Jami Niord

In Theresa's absence, as a member of the executive committee, Sheri conducted the meeting.

**CCF BUSINESS**

- Approval of Sept. Oct. & Nov. minutes: Kim moved and Joyce seconded to approve all minutes as written. Motion carried.
- Nomination & Election of CCF Chairperson: Kim nominated Jim Glover for Chairperson and Joyce seconded. Nominations closed. Motion carried. (The term of service is for two years with no term limits.)
- Approve Revised Bylaws: Nora moved to approve the revisions to the CCF By Laws. Jim seconded. Motion carried.
- Addition to the Agenda: Crystal requests that the board change the CCF meeting day to either Tuesday or Thursday. She will be required to take another Wednesday evening class this coming term and would like to be able to attend our meetings. The members present agreed that they could all be available on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month and asked Shelley to poll the absent members. Kim asked to avoid Tuesday because of Basketball games on that night that would keep her away.

**SERVICE DELIVERY IMPROVEMENTS (ENSURING QUALITY & ACCOUNTABILITY):**

- 2011-12 RFP Recommendations to BOC: Shelley provided the members with written brief of recommendation of the RFP Committee. (It will be attached to these minutes.) Kim moved to accept the committee's proposal with a side note that she felt the committee did very good work and Sheri seconded. The motion carried. The next step is to meet with the County Commissioners to give them the board's recommendation. (This will be on the agenda for their meeting on Dec. 15 at 9:00)
- Safe & Equitable Reduction of Foster Care (SERFC) strategic plan: Shelley provided information about the progress of this collaboration between the courts, DHS and CCF with other designated community partners including CTUIR, CRB, DA's office, UMCHS, Inc. A planning grant was made available and a strategic plan was developed for the expenditure of funds and activities to be implemented. Also, leaders from the state's Core Team came to town and provided Technical Assistance and met with our team and DHS Child Welfare staff. It also gave OCCF's Interim Director, Iris Bell, a chance to meet with Connie and Shelley and discuss the initiative.

**SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT (BRINGING SERVICES TOGETHER):**

- JCP/Positive Youth Development

- Development of School Age Youth Group: In light of the changes that are taking place with OCCF, ELC, and OEIB Kim made the recommendation that this topic be tabled until after the February Legislative session. The rest of the members agreed. We will bring it back to the table in March.
- Early Childhood Partnership Team
  - Parenting Education Collaborative Progress: This work is proceeding nicely with CCR&R coordinating the work. Umatilla and Morrow Counties are collaborating to make Parent Education a community norm.
  - Nurse-Family Partnership Grant award: Another collaboration between Umatilla and Morrow County's Public Health Departments. This Home Visiting partnership will support the use of nurses in an evidence based home visit model of service delivery.
  - Regionalization discussion

### **POLICY DEVELOPMENT (SHAPING POLICY & LAW):**

- OCCF functions and Task Group charge and recommendations and the Progress of OEIB and Early Learning Council: Today's meeting of the OEIB brought the ELC's Report on their recommendations to the OEIB which they accepted. Also, the OEIB shared 3 chapters in what will be their report to the legislature. All web links to them will be forwarded to the CCF members.

### **COMPREHENSIVE, COMMUNITY PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION (LEADING STRATEGICALLY):**

- Faith Based & Community Partnerships
  - Initial Development of a Ministerial Association in Hermiston: With the organization of the Hermiston Warming Station, several ministers have met to loosely form an association. It was reported by Carol Johnson that they intend to expand upon that. Jim indicated that it would be his wish for a faith based organization to create in Hermiston a service similar to what Pendleton has in the Helping Hand organization. He thinks that a one-stop shop that has food, clothing, shelter, employment, all in one place would be ideal.
  - Progress of work to end homelessness: The Pendleton and Hermiston area both have warming shelters that allow a place for homeless individuals to stay overnight when the temperature is below freezing. Hermiston's is modeled after Hood Rivers which uses church facilities. There are two churches in Hermiston that have offered up one week per month. They still need to locate two more that will commit. They don't have any place for the last two weeks of each month yet. So starting Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> people could be mighty cold till January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please spread the word in the hopes that a church will open their doors to this cause. Carol Johnson is the coordinator/contact person for Hermiston's.

### **COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION (ORGANIZING CHANGE):**

- Raising Community Awareness: Did you know...?: Baker Boyer Bank in Milton-Freewater and Hamley's in Pendleton have Giving Trees. Community Christmas Dinners need volunteers to help. CAPECO's Independent Living Program is needing people to donate suitcases. Also, did you know that for every dollar that is donated to them they get a 75cent match from the state? Also, Cayuse Technologies has "adopted" 25 foster care teens off of the Giving Tree.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30. Minutes Submitted by Shelley Ena