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Date: Wednesday, January 5, 2011 Time: 5:00

Location: Umatilla County Courthouse, RM 22, Pendleton , OR

Members present: Theresa Elisoff, Sheri Maze, Kim Weisenfluh , Joyce Turner, Crystal Long, Nora Kramer

Members absent: Arron Swenson (LOA), Anne Doherty, (excused), Vickie Read, & Jami Niord (unknown)

Staff present: Shelley Ena Guests: Yesenia Rangel

CCF BUSINESS

- Approval of Dec. minutes: Sheri moved to approve and Crystal seconded. Motion carried.

- Determine 2011 calendar w/locations for CCF meetings: Discussion involved days, times and places for the meetings in 2011. After much discussion Theresa moved to approve and Nora seconded that we change our meeting time to begin at 4:00 still on the first Wednesdays of each month. February, June and October will be in Milton-Freewater at OCDC (Migrant Head Start). March, May, July, Sept & November will be in Pendleton. Mostly at our regular meeting site in the Courthouse basement but could be held other places if appropriate. Meetings in April, August, and December will be in the West End. Sheri offered up the Head Start Admin Office for them. Nora also volunteered that Hermiston's OCDC was also available. We discussed that if we have a retreat that doing it in July made sense because by then we will have a better idea of the outcome of the legislative session and the future of the CCF system.

Shelley also provided a handout of meetings that are calendared for the year for the Coalition of CCFs, Kids in Common Day at the Capitol on April 26th, & local Committee meetings.

- CPF Grant application: no grant requests were submitted this month.

ISSUE OF THE MONTH:

“HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH OUR LEGISLATORS” : Shelley provided handouts and members discussed them. “Guidelines for Working with the Legislature, Writing to Congress, and contact information for our state senator and representatives.

SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT (BRINGING SERVICES TOGETHER):

- Discussion regarding Early Childhood and information about the Parenting Education Hub grant was combined. Partners working on the HUB grant will meet Jan. 20 to work on it. CCF staff is assisting with the Logic Model and provide a letter of support for the project. The ECPT will be meeting Feb 10, 9:00 at the ESD.
- JCP/Positive Youth Development: Kim provided information regarding progress of JCP programs. The increase in the number of Community Accountability Boards is an exciting development and we are happy that communities are taking a proactive approach to juvenile crime prevention. Pendleton is preparing an application that will take a different approach from the CABs but will still be based on research and best practice. We expect that quarterly

reports will be submitted (mid January) that show progress is being made to implement them. We expect that there may be challenges but Kim and Shelley are available to provide assistance as needed.

COMPREHENSIVE, COMMUNITY PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION (LEADING STRATEGICALLY):

- Faith Based & Community Partnerships Training: Shelley is working to catalogue area churches and will be making contact with high school leadership classes for assistance in making connections to local church and community groups. A workshop/training to help them learn how to network with government agencies and acquire resources to better serve those in need will be planned for late spring sometime. Date TBD. Shelley sent out via email a preliminary notice that we were considering it and received responses back from 13 that they were interested. However, because emails for most churches had not yet been located, it will be important to send it out again. It was suggested that we ask them when would be a good time for them to have the training before we just pick a date. Consequently, no date was selected.

COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION (ORGANIZING CHANGE):

- Raising Community Awareness: Did you know...? ALL/discussion
(Grant awards to Tonya's House, United Way Grants support local programs)

POLICY DEVELOPMENT (SHAPING POLICY & LAW):

- Coalition of CCF / OCCF system "game changer" (Critical Choices Update)
(Please read emails from Josh Todd and Marilyn Kennelly fwd on 12/27) Discussion ensued regarding this. Kim suggested that we have a standing agenda item for discussion of Coalition of CCF business so that our voting representative (Shelley) and alternate (Anne) know the opinion of the members and be able to be supported when asked to vote on a matter of business. Shelley indicated that she will forward all emails from the Coalition to members so that they will be able to be kept up to date. The next meeting is on Jan. 12 and will be an important one. Members need to be checking their emails often.

SERVICE DELIVERY IMPROVEMENTS (ENSURING QUALITY & ACCOUNTABILITY):

- Local Program Liaison Evaluations: Joyce provided a report on the Marigold Program that was informative and in-depth. Her visit with the program coordinator was insightful and she supported the program.
- Wraparound Program Progress: Kim and Joyce are on the operations committee and reported that the efforts to assist children that struggle in the classroom, at home and in the community is being met with some success and that parents are learning how to be better advocates for their children. Crystal also remarked that she can testify from experience that the program works. We appreciated her input.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

NOTE: With future meetings beginning at 4:00, we will forego with providing a light meal and begin business promptly at 4:00. However, Staff will provide a "light mid-afternoon snack" that can be munched on while we work. (cheese, popcorn, crackers, fruit, nuts, etc.)