

**MINUTES**  
**UMATILLA COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & FAMILIES**  
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Date: Wednesday, February 2, 2011      Time: 4:00

Location: Oregon Child Development Coalition (aka Migrant Head Start) 403 Peabody St., Milton-Freewater, OR 97862

Members present: Theresa Elisoff, Sheri Maze, Jami Niord, Joyce Turner, Nora Kramer

Members absent: Arron Swenson (LOA), Kim Weisenfluh, Anne Doherty, Vickie Read, & Crystal Long (all excused)

Staff present: Shelley Ena

Guests: Chris Hilderbrand (Take Off Program)

**ISSUE OF THE MONTH:** “Early Literacy”: Guest speaker, Chris Hildebrand, Take Off Program Coordinator (\*note: February is Library Lovers Month). This program promotes early literacy and language development. She and Ken Reading do a program self-assessment annually. The goal is to serve 1000 children and 60 sites in a year. This year they’ve served 48 sites, most are migrant head start, day care centers, 2 early head start, 9 regular head start, 4 pre-schools, Pioneer Relief Nursery, & 7 home day care sites. She has a special affinity to the home daycare providers. She organizes standard book boxes and special theme boxes, also bi-lingual boxes. She brought a sample book box to show us. She also has “toddlers only” boxes that are in high demand. Each box contains board books, bilingual or Spanish only books, books about numbers and letters and a musical CD. There is a folder that contains an inventory of the boxes contents and each provider gets a lending checkout list so that they can request items that Chris can take to them on the next visit. On that list are DVDs, training modules, games and miscellaneous learning materials as well as books. Every year she gives each site a special book selected especially for their needs. She picks up delivers the boxes during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of each month. Chris has also been very involved with the Early Childhood Partnership Team.

**CCF BUSINESS**

- Approval of Jan, 2011 minutes: Sheri moved to approve and Joyce seconded. Motion carried.
- 2011 calendar for CCF meetings: Shelley reminded board of decision to change times and locations of meetings in 2011. The first Wednesday of each month starting at 4:00. June and October will be in Milton-Freewater at OCDC (Migrant Head Start). March, May, July, Sept & November will be in Pendleton in the Courthouse basement. Meetings in April, August, and December will be in Hermiston at Umatilla Morrow Head Start, Inc.
- CPF Grant application: no grant requests were submitted this month.

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

- Early Childhood: Next ECPT meeting is next week, Feb. 10, 9:00 at ESD. The governor’s budget was released yesterday; it was developed with consideration of the Early Childhood Transition Team’s report which was forwarded to members. Governor wants to invest in Prevention of Child Abuse. What it all means to CCF? More details to follow soon. This is just the beginning. Shelley will keep them informed of changes as they occur. Theresa stated that her department was able to use ARRA funds to upgrade the homes of tribal families doing foster care with learning tools; toys, books, etc. She also will encourage in home day care providers to access the Take Off program.

- Parenting Education Hub: The partners in this effort have submitted the grant and are waiting to hear back from OCF to see results.
- JCP/Positive Youth Development (Business & Juvenile Justice Partner Meeting in Salem on March 16): Kim and Shelley are planning on attending this. Business partners are also invited and Chamber Directors are being contacted to attend. Any other business person that would like to go is also welcome.

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

- Faith Based & Community Partnerships Training: The church contact list has grown to 97 and Jim Glover is helping out with making sure that accurate contact information is on it. Propose to set a date in late spring.

**COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION (ORGANIZING CHANGE):**

- Raising Community Awareness: Progress on Agape House' Homeless Shelter in Hermiston. The county will donate the land for it. Also, OCCF has announced a "Raise Me Up" PSA campaign that promotes volunteering to help youth in Foster Care. Safe Kids is promoting February as Child Passenger Safety Awareness Month. Contact a car seat technician at Head Start, State Police Office, Good Shepherd Hospital, and Hermiston Fire & Police for help.

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

- Coalition of CCF & OCCF system, governor's budget, proposed legislative concepts, License Plate legislation: Members discussed the challenges that the legislature has before them to provide for vital services as the state is trying to climb out of the recession. By consensus it was determined that this board would not support the license plate legislation being proposed by Deschutes County because they felt that revenue generating bills would simply be a distraction and divert the state from taking the time needed to enact legislation that would be more vitally important to vulnerable populations.

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

- Local Program Liaison Evaluations: None at this time.
- Wraparound Program Progress: Theresa is on the Governance Committee and remarked that they want to apply for the Safe School Healthy Students grant to help sustain this program. The grant writer they want to use will charge \$5000. No idea where the money will come from to pay for that at this time. This committee will meet on Feb. 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43.

(Many thanks to Nora for hosting us at your lovely facility.)

Respectfully submitted by Shelley Ena, CCF Coordinator