

UMATILLA COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & FAMILIES
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March 3, 2010

Members present: Larry Hanson, Ann Doherty, Regina Marks, Nora Kramer, Crystal Long, Joyce Turner & Theresa Elisoff.

Members absent: Charles Logan-Belford, Sheri Maze & Arron Swenson (all excused)

Staff present: Shelley Ena & Melvalee Carter

This meeting is our annual retreat for our board members. It was held at the home of Shelley Ena in Hermiston. Thank you Shelley for your hospitality.

Meeting the State OCCF family – who’s who:

- A copy of the State OCCF desk mate was given to all. Shelley also distributed a handout with pictures of the State Commission and Mickey Lansing so that everyone can put a face with the name.

Committee discussion:

- Functions of the Local Commission Self Assessment Tool. Handout needs to be completed and affirmed to the BOCC before October 2010.
- Navigating the internet: OCCF website and Oregon Legislature.
- Discussion of Ways and means committee recommendation of the budget note response. Group listened to excerpts of archived February 16, 2010 testimony.
- Copy of leverage from programs from 1999-2009. Lots of questions regarding how the funding works and how the process works. They asked that we send them a copy of the funded programs over the past few years via e-mail.

Community Project Fund Application:

- Umatilla County Health Division is seeking \$850. for use of the attendance of 3 health division nurses to attend a training in Seaside, OR and Bellevue, WA. Regina told the group that she feels this training is beneficial and one of the best offered. She'd like to see it funded. Lots of discussion amongst the group regarding whether the benefits of this training would be used county wide. Also, whether funding this grant was good protocol because staff training is something that should be covered within the Health Departments budget. It was explained by staff that deep budget cuts were made to their department mid-budget cycle due to the counties general fund showing a negative balance. Overall, consensus of the group was that we should be careful not to establish any protocol by granting coverage of something that should be included in the county budget.

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After much discussion a motion was made by Nora to fund this request. It was seconded by Regina. Motion was approved. It was requested that the attendees come to a commission meeting or make a written report as to how this training is going to be used within the community. Nora thinks that this should be part of the actual application.

- Regina asked for a volunteer to help with the community project funds application group. Ann Doherty volunteered to do this. Arron will continue to be on this committee also.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2010. Place to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melvalee Carter