

UMATILLA COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & FAMILIES
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March 31, 2010

Members present: Larry Hanson, Crystal Long, Anne Doherty, Kim Noisey, Sheri Maze, Arron Swenson, Nora Kramer & Theresa Elisoff.

Members absent: Regina Marks & Joyce Turner (both excused)

Staff present: Shelley Ena & Melvalee Carter

Meeting minutes: The minutes of the February 3, 2010 and March 3, 2010 were approved with a motion being made by Crystal and seconded by Theresa. Motion was approved.

Reports:

- Shelley gave the new members a pin wheel that represents child abuse awareness. She talked about the group that she's a part of called safe kids. They deal with car seats, bike helmets and other safety items that deal with children.
- Theresa is interested in the Youth Suicide Prevention Board. She would like to know if the tribe is represented on this committee. Shelley will forward her the e-mail address listing she has.
- Crystal talked about an issue that happened at a local elementary school regarding bullet casing brought to school by a student. Apparently the casings were given back to the student who then passed them out amongst friends.

Comprehensive community, planning & implementation: (leading strategically):

- Comprehensive plan update was discussed. Joyce asked that DHS be a part of the partnership list. The board was told about a few other changes that were made after the copy was forwarded to them last week. Peg Vanderzanden is also going to look it over prior to submission to the BOCC. If approved by the CCF board tonight it will then be forwarded to the BOCC for final approval. No other suggestions or recommendations were given by the board to Shelley. Motion made by Theresa and seconded by Sheri to submit this document to the Board of County Commissioners.
- Member recruitment committee: Larry talked about his and Regina's term being up on 6/30/10. Larry cannot serve another term according to County and CCF policy and Regina hasn't mentioned whether or not she's interested in getting special permission to serve again. Shelley asked everyone to please mention the commission to at least one person and see if they might be interested in joining. Larry was concerned about our lack of a youth member especially.

Policy Development (shaping policy & law):

- Partnership agreement signed was signed by the BOCC in the past few weeks. Shelley read what the agreement contains as far as what the BOCC is responsible for, what the Commission staff & board is responsible for and what the State is responsible for. This was forwarded to the State as soon as the BOCC signed it. Larry asked the group if they have a full understanding of what's required by them regarding this partnership agreement. All present nodded and stated they understood. Shelley will forward a copy of the agreement via e-mail to members.
- JCP progress: Milton-Freewater and Pendleton follow up meetings need to happen within the next month if possible. Shelley will notify members when dates are set.
- Client specific JCP funding for the period of 11/09 – 6/30/10 was talked about. It is the feeling of the CCF staff, and other involved community partners that the way the funding was approved by the BOCC isn't working well. The client specific form is being used by some and a few of the other programs are still complaining about having to do the paperwork and billing to get the funding. Kim and Arron are very adamant about having the programs fill out the application form and do their own billing if they wish to receive funding from JCP. This is the way the BOCC decided the funding would happen and we have to hold the programs accountable.
- RFP committee – We would like to have the RFP looked at with changes being made if necessary. Any volunteers? It was also discussed that we need to look at whether we want to put out an RFP again for funding from 10/1/10 – 6/30/11. We need to remember that the BOCC wanted to look at collaborative funding for the next year. Staff will contact other counties within the State and find out if and how they do collaborative funding. Arron volunteered to sit on the committee to look at options, Nora and Anne also volunteered for this group. Motion to accept Arron, Nora and Anne to the RFP committee made by Kim and seconded by Sheri. Motion was approved. (it might be appropriate to change the name of the committee to the funding committee or money group)

System Development (bringing services together):

- None at this time

Community Mobilization (organizing change):

- April is alcohol awareness and child abuse prevention month. A shoe drive "Heels to Heal" is being organized again this year. Contact Darcie Kilsdonk at Head Start if you want to donate shoes for kids in foster care.

Service delivery improvements (ensuring quality & accountability):

- CASA contract expires June 30, 2010. CASA Coordinator Chris Cooper will be at the May meeting to talk about this program and to answer member's questions. Discussion about contract extension will be an agenda item later in the meeting. **(note: Mel found out today (4/1/10) that the CASA contract doesn't expire until 6/30/11. Apparently our copy was a draft form and we now have a final signed copy) Sorry for the confusion.**
- Healthy Start site assessment will take place in the near future.
- CCF members volunteered to be program liaisons for the following programs:

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| 1) Healthy Start: | Nora Kramer |
| 2) CAPECO – Family Support Advocate: | |
| 3) Lost & Found: | Sheri Maze |
| 4) Pioneer Relief Nursery: | Crystal Long |
| 5) Marigold: | |
| 6) Take-Off program: | Anne Doherty |
| 7) Umatilla County CASA program: | Theresa Elisoff |

Next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2010. Place to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melvalee Carter