

UMATILLA COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & FAMILIES
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April 1, 2009

Members present: Larry Hanson, Arron Swenson & Joyce Turner

Members absent: Regina Marks, Sheri Maze, Charles Logan-Belford, Teresa Elisoff & Toni Sloan (all excused)

Staff present: Shelley Ena & Melvalee Carter

Guests present: Kathy Beck – BMCC

March 4, 2009 meeting minutes: Didn't have a quorum so the meeting minutes will be addressed at the May 2009 meeting.

Reports:

- 1) Shelley shared her activities for April and all upcoming meetings and trainings she may be involved with.
- 2) 4/7/09 the State budget work group will review the county budgets as presented. Larry will attend this via phone conference. He is keeping up with all the e-mails and information coming from the State OCCF. He feels that the counties are going to have to combine some of the work and money from the State in order to keep the offices open with the proposed cuts.
- 3) Kathy Beck asked for an explanation about how the local CCF office is funded and what would happen if funding deteriorated.
- 4) Shelley attended the State Coalition of CCF's meeting in March 2009. Most of the meeting revolved around the budget and other funding bill opportunities that the counties may consider supporting. Shelley reminded everyone how important it is to contact our local legislators about what our counties needs are. She also attended the evidence based practices training on the second day.
- 5) Joyce did her sight visit of the CAPECO / Family Resource Coordinator. She brought a lot of material about the program back to be filed at the CCF. Joyce feels that the program is doing what their grant stated they would do. Lots of success stories were shared. One thing that CAPECO doesn't feel is working well is the length of time it takes their agency to process the payments for the clients/providers. But that is an internal issue that they are working on.
- 6) Arron reported on his site visit to the Washington after school program. He reported that all accounting is correct and done well. They have worries about funding for the 09-10 school year. He stressed to them that funding cuts to our agency are almost a given according to State reports and encouraged them to look for other monies. Feels it's an excellent program.

Old business:

- None at this time.

New business:

- Community project fund application received from Lost & Found in the amount of \$969. Regina feels that this one should be considered for funding to support alternative activities for youth.
- Lost & Found also turned in a second request for \$ 858.96 for a pressure washer. Regina feels that this request should be denied and maybe the group needs to look to the business community or service organizations like Rotary or Kiwanis since they will get the most benefit from it.
- Pendleton High School class of 2009 alcohol & drug free family is requesting money for the all night party dinner. **Motion made by Arron to fund this and any other requests for A&D free all night graduation celebrations that may come in until the money runs out. He feels that this is a priority over the community project funds that have been received. Seconded by Joyce. The May 2009 meeting will address the applications from Lost & Found listed above.**
- The possibility of cuts to Healthy Start programs was shared by Shelley. She also talked about the proposal of the Umatilla County Health Division to the BOCC stating that they no longer plan to run this program due to severe cuts to personnel and costs in that department during the 2009-2011 biennium. There are a couple of local agencies who may be interested in continuing and running this much needed program. Pioneer Relief Nursery and Umatilla/Morrow County Head Start are both interested and participated in a phone conference on 3/30/09 with the State OCCF healthy start program team.
- Data base training for Shelley & Mel will be taken on April 9, 2009. The JCP reporting training was done via phone on 3/31/09. All programs using this data base were invited to participate. Shelley and Jenni Galloway of CARE were the only ones on that phone conference.
- Child abuse awareness pinwheels were given to all in attendance.
- Deschutes County CCF has decided that they want to do a car license plate bill. The plates that they are working on is kid oriented and probably will have children's hand prints on them. These would cost a little more to purchase. The difference in the cost of these would go back to the County in which it was purchased. A letter of support was drafted by Shelley and asked the group for their thoughts. Those in attendance decided to support this bill and signed a letter stating this. Motion to approve made by Joyce and seconded by Arron.

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Next meeting is May 6, 2009;

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melvalee Carter