

**UMATILLA COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & FAMILIES**  
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**January 6, 2010**

Members present: Larry Hanson, Regina Marks, Charles Logan-Belford, Crystal Long, Joyce Turner & Theresa Elisoff

Members absent: Arron Swenson, Sheri Maze & Nora Kramer (all excused)

Staff present: Shelley Ena & Melvalee Carter

Guests: Connie Caplinger, Commissioner Dennis Doherty, Commissioner Larry Givens & Jenni Galloway

Welcome to our new member Crystal Long.

Meeting minutes: The minutes of the December 2, 2009 were approved with a motion being made by Theresa and seconded by Regina. Motion was approved.

**Reports:**

- Shelley talked about recent activities she's been involved with. She told everyone that she had e-mailed a one-pager report update from the State OCCF.
- Larry had a phone meeting with the budget committee today and all of the counties are saying that they can't take any more reductions. Some discussions about a reduction to the CASA and Relief Nurseries were discussed. The State OCCF offices will be taking a reduction also.

**Old business:**

- JCP plan that's due to the State OCCF at the end of January 2010 was passed around. This is only in draft form and will be updated after the JCP open forum meeting in Milton Freewater, OR after this meeting tonight. Shelley explained what some of the highlights in the plan are. Larry asked when the Pendleton forum was scheduled for. Charles said that catching up with Chief Roberts is almost impossible at this time and he does not have a date at this time. He also explained to the group to remember that this document is a living document and will be changed after the follow up meetings in Hermiston & Milton Freewater take place. He doesn't consider it a plan that has to be approved or signed off on and thinks that the State knows that it will be changed several times in the next few months.

Shelley told the group that the State OCCF is requiring the BOCC to sign off on this plan prior to submission to the State.

Commissioner Doherty told the group that what the plan should include what's been done to date and let the State know that we want this to be a living, working document that can be changed and updated as needed.

He told Larry that the motion for approval/recommendation should include the above in it.

Charles stated that his conversations with the JCPAC group and the State OCCF staff were that they want the plan done as to what's taken place and if it's not complete, they understand. Shelley stated that the State plans to report to the legislators in February based on what is in each county's JCP plan. We don't want Umatilla County to be lacking and our State Representatives and Senator to receive an incomplete report. "Let's not make it harder on them than it already is" said Commissioner Doherty.

Larry asked the group if what's in the plan now reflects accurately what's been done. Charles likes the executive summary but the rest of it doesn't tell the story about what the risk factors, issues, gaps and needs are for the county. He doesn't feel it reflects information from the public forums, and that is correct because it was copied from the 2008 comprehensive community plan. That information was only included to show the format that will be used to articulate the issues, gaps, barriers and strategies.

Between now and January 22 the plan will need to be transferred to the database and the executive summary expanded to include all of the other required elements.

Shelley would like to transmit the final report to the State no later than Tuesday January 26, 2010. The BOCC will draft a letter with their approval after the CCF executive committee approves the plan.

The motion to approve that the final document is to be reviewed by the CCF executive committee and not the full board was made by Joyce and seconded by Theresa. Motion was approved.

**New business:**

- Follow up JCP meetings will be scheduled for February 2010.
- Community resource guide was discussed. A copy of the webpage for the wraparound Umatilla resource guide was shared. More discussion in February.
- CCF retreat and new member orientation was tabled until a future meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2010. Location to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melvalee Carter

