

**UMATILLA COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & FAMILIES**  
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**October 7, 2009**

Members present: Larry Hanson, Arron Swenson, Sheri Maze, Theresa Elisoff, Regina Marks & Toni Lehman

Members absent: Joyce Turner (excused) & Charles Logan-Belford

Staff present: Shelley Ena & Melvalee Carter

Guests: Darla Hanson, Commissioner Bill Hansell, Commissioner Dennis Doherty, Lisa Swenson, David Marks, Nels Swenson, Scott Swenson & Amy Swenson

**Meeting minutes:** The minutes of the September 9, 2009 meeting were approved with a motion being made by Regina and seconded by Toni. Motion was approved.

All present enjoyed a fabulous BBQ dinner hosted, catered and cooked by Arron and Lisa Swenson. Thank you for everything. Also, thanks to everyone for the yummy potluck items.

**Reports:**

- Shelley reported on the September OCCF meeting held in Wilsonville. She mentioned that the CFF in Pendleton is scheduled to be held on November 14, 2009 at the Convention Center. We need volunteers to work that day. Let us know what you can do ASAP.
- Larry reported on a camping trip with his granddaughter.

**Old Business:**

- The recent BOCC meeting regarding RFP funding awards was discussed. Theresa has many questions about the reasoning behind the funding recommendation changes. Commissioner Doherty explained that the Commissioners would like to see a more collaborative approach to these funds in the future. This discussion has to take place in the next few months because unspent funds will be available in Fall 2010. As soon as the comprehensive plan is complete is when this should happen. He would also like to see distribution of services to all areas of the county. Toni stated that the need appears to be in the Pendleton area because other areas of the county didn't make application. Arron stated that collaboration with the Hermiston area was tough when we tried to bring the celebration of the family to the community.

- JCP funding update was discussed. The JCP group is meeting on Monday October 19, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in room #316 of the Pendleton courthouse. Shelley reminded us about what they approved at the 9/9/09 meeting regarding JCP funding. At the BOCC meeting Charles recommended funding the 5 programs differently than what was approved by both the JCP committee and CCF boards. He stated that CAPECO / Girls Circle wasn't going to be doing their programs and that the CARE program should be exempt from having to fill out client specific vouchers to receive funding. Commissioner Hansell asked why this proposal was different than the one addressed earlier in the month and asked if the changes were approved by the JCP and CCF boards. He then told Charles that if there were changes it needed to be discussed and approved by these boards before any approval by the BOCC was made. (Note: later that day Deborah from CAPECO called Shelley and told her that they were still planning on doing girls circle) Commissioner Hansell will inform Connie of this discussion and ask her to address it with Charles concerning fully vetting the process through the JCP committee and the CCF board before the 11/10/09 BOCC meeting.

**New Business:**

- A community project fund application was received from Pendleton Parks & Recreation asking for \$1,000 to help support the annual children's Halloween party in Pendleton. Motion to approve made by Regina and seconded by Sheri. Motion was approved. This is a biennial amount. (after discussion with them on 10/8/09 they will take \$500 now and \$500 in 2010.)
- The Hermiston Chamber of Commerce is selling ads in their magazine for \$395 for a 1/8 page ad. At this point CCF is a member and their contact info is in the book. Regina asked Shelley if there is a non-profit rate, it appears not. After further discussion a motion was made by Sheri to continue to support the chamber as is and to try and attend their luncheons on a regular basis, but not purchase the ad. Seconded by Arron. Motion was passed.
- Arron asked the two County Commissioners present what this board needs to do to have a better working relationship with them. Commissioner Doherty stated that his goal is to make a better effort to attend CCF meetings now and then.
- Theresa noted that she would like to see more people of color on this board and member recruitment, including youth members.

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Small gifts of appreciation were given to all board members by Shelley.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday November 4, 2009. Place to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Melvalee Carter