

UMATILLA COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & FAMILIES
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November 4, 2009

Members present: Larry Hanson, Regina Marks, Arron Swenson, Charles Logan-Belford, Joyce Turner & Toni Sloan

Members absent: Sheri Maze (excused) & Teresa Elisoff

Staff present: Shelley Ena & Melvalee Carter

Guests:

Meeting minutes: The minutes of the October 7, 2009 were approved with a motion being made by Regina and seconded by Toni. Motion was approved.

Reports:

- Shelley talked about recent activities she's been involved with. She shared upcoming dates of important meetings to the group. Passed out a 2 month calendar. Talked about the approval process of our Healthy Start proposal to the State. We have a couple of questions to respond to.
- Larry did the domestic violence walk in Hermiston to show support for that cause.

Old business:

- **BACKGROUND:** JCP committee funding plan recommendations. The 10/19/09 meeting of the JCP committee forwarded their recommendation to this board. It was to give up to \$10,000 to each of the 5 programs through 6/30/09. They include Marigold, Umatilla County A&D, CARE, TM Counseling and Girls Circle. This was voted on and by consensus agreed on. Shelley has had several discussions with Commissioner Doherty who is not comfortable with the makeup of the JCP committee. Why isn't anyone else on that committee? It was explained that others are invited but many aren't attending. Charles questioned the JCP prevention report Shelley submitted that identify program participation, risk factors & program analysis. The number that the State has is lower than what the Data manager reports. Shelley explained that the State count includes youth who received both an assessment and reassessment within 6 months. That number differs from youth that were assessed and provided services but dropped out or for whatever reason didn't complete services, and did not receive a reassessment within 6 months. Charles also asked that the amount of money granted should be shared so that the cost per kid can be figured. Lots of questions and discussions. Shelley asked the group what they would like to recommend to the BOCC on Tuesday November 10, 2009.

Larry asked the question of: If this money is given to these programs can we require them to serve all of Umatilla County equally? Another option that was discussed is not funding any programs until after the February 2010 special session. Word is that there will be reduction to funding. Toni still likes the client specific/voucher process because it's a way to hold the program accountable. She does however feel that ALL programs should do it. All programs can do this without exception. A recommendation was made as follows: Toni made a motion to fund programs that provide A&D treatment, A&D prevention, functional family therapy, Girls circles/boys council and CARE requiring them to use a client specific application form that they had initially agreed to the 1st time that they had recommended a funding plan. This would be a maximum of \$10,000 for each type of service through 6/30/10. Seconded by Regina. DISCUSSION: Arron still questions why do we have to do all this when the BOCC make the decision and doesn't really consider our boards thoughts, ideas and identified needs. He wants to see the MOU that was signed by the BOCC with the school districts stating that the money for CARE comes from CCF. What about the other county programs that have been cut/reduced due to funding cuts. Programs that were general funds and completely cut or closed down. Vote was 3 for, 1 against and 1 abstained from voting. Motion passed. Joyce volunteered to take the recommendation to the BOCC on 11/10/09 @ 9:00 am.

- Final details of the November 14, 2009 Celebrate Family Festival were discussed. Board members Charles Logan-Belford and Arron Swenson are unable to be there due to other obligations. Press release out – school flyers out. Shelley asked Charles about having the JCP survey available at this function. Shelley wants to get dates for the JCP forums ASAP.

New business:

- Hermiston festival of lights float was discussed. Larry wanted to know if anyone was interested in doing this again. It is scheduled for the Friday after Thanksgiving. Larry will fill out the form stating we want to do it. Everyone should help this year if possible. He will provide the tractor & trailer but will be out of town so if members or staff can assist you should contact his ASAP.
- Toni Lehman is resigning from this board effective 12/31/09. She is leaving the area and will be missed. She will talk to her replacement about being part of this board.
- If you have names for a Christmas family please let Mel and/or Shelley know within the next week.
- Mirror reporting/listening circles need to be done in the community. Shelley will facilitate the discussion at tomorrow's CIN meeting. Handout explaining it was given to all.

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Next meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2009. This is our holiday celebration so please bring your favorite holiday hors d'oeuvres or treats to share. This meeting is scheduled to be held in Hermiston. Place to be announced at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melvalee Carter