



Lake County Child Care Planning Council

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January 20, 2011, 6:30p.m.

LCOE Kesey Room

1152 S Main Street, Lakeport

- **Call To Order:** 6:33p.m.; Gina Griffin, Co-Chair
- **Introductions:**
Present: Alexandra Holben, Conan McKay, Angela Cuellar, Cheryl Graves, Bonnie Bonnett*, Sara Brucker*, Wally Holbrook, Phil Mascari, Rosario Morris, Cindy Adams*, Mary Prather*, Katie Mansell, Shelly Mascari, Gina Griffin*, Katrina Hickey, Jami Kollenborn, Vicki Hays*, Louise Garrison*, Gloria Bradford*
*Denotes voting member
Members Absent: Racheal Breeze-Harmon, Christine Bartholomew, Chris Thomas, Kim Gentle, Laurie Daly, Joann Matz
- **Announcements/Correspondence:**
Sara Brucker will soon be working for a WestEd program that provides free behavioral assessments to schools. Sara will share more information on the program when available.
- **Additions to the Agenda:**
None
- **Public Expression:**
Phil Mascari with Environmental Alternatives Foster Family Agency shared the need for more foster families, as well as posters, and information on how to become a foster parent.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
Mary moved to approve the November meeting minutes; Bonnie seconded. Louise, Gina, Vicki and Cindy abstained. Motion carried.
- **Resource Library Highlight:**
How to Grow a School Garden was highlighted.
- **Program Updates:**
Due to budget cuts, the LCOE Child Development office will be moving in June. LCOE is conducting a review of all programs and services and will be putting together both short and long-term goals for the future. Easter Seals has completed assessments at the preschool programs and will be focusing on trainings in the upcoming months including a Steps to Leadership workshop in March. Angella Cuellar from Migrant Education shared program details such as months of operation, center hours, and application information. Vicki Hays shared information on the Mother Wise program, coordinated by Jaclyn Ley, including the recent receipt of a \$4000 grant. Upcoming Mother Wise trainings will be posted on the First 5 website. Vicky also shared details and flyers for a free online book program. Early Head Start will be having their Federal review next week, as will Head Start.
- **Thrivent Financial Donation and Thank You**
The LPC was recently awarded a \$1010 mini-grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for this year's award program. A thank you letter was passed around for council members to sign.



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- **Business:**

- Advocacy Walk/Art Festival:
Katrina Hickey will be taking the lead for the advocacy events to be held this year on April 2 in Clearlake and April 16 in Lakeport. A recap was given of last year's events including the paper doll project and media. This year's message will be broader and will address child abuse prevention and quality education for every child.
- Parent Resources Materials Project Update:
Shirley Littleton was unable to attend and will give an update on the parent resources project at a later date.
- LPC Advocacy letter/Brochure:
The California Child Care Coordinator's Association has secured the services of a lobbyist and is looking to have a bill sponsored to protect remaining LPC funds. Copies of the CCCCA brochure were shared as well as the statewide LPC policy statement. Additionally, Shelly shared a brochure that will be distributed at the REAEYC Winter Workshop regarding council goals and activities.
- Award Program/Award Dinner:
Enough donations have been received to move forward with award dinner plans; however, more donations are needed. The award dinner will be held at The Lodge at Blue Lakes on May 6. Support was requested for the nomination process.
- Family Resource Guide Project:
Rosario will be helping Shelly to proceed with an update and reprint of the Family Resource Guide. A number of Lake County agencies have indicated their willingness to support the project.
- Training Opportunities:
A Tribal Sensitivity training will be held at the February council meeting. Shelly is working with the Health Leadership Network on an upcoming CATCH training that will include CATCH materials for a limited number of programs.

- **Program Reports:**

- Steps to Leadership:
First 5 Lake has chosen to award the LPC as the lead agency for the CARES Plus Program. If received, this grant will allow the council to operate the Steps to Leadership program for an additional two years. Shelly gave an overview of the CARES Plus Program and grant application process including requirements, timelines, and funding. Shelly will be attending a three-day CLASS training for the CARES Plus Program in March. If awarded, the planning phase for the new grant will begin in February. Current Level II Steps to Leadership participants are going through *Strengths Based Leadership* and will have two additional cohort meetings in the coming months.
- Coordinator's Report:
A State budget update was given including current and proposed reductions. Handouts were shared with State legislature contact information. Possible impacts to programs were discussed. The LPC office will also be moving in June due to budget cuts.

- **Next LPC Meeting:** February 17, 2011; 6:30-8:00pm; Yuba College Room 701, Clearlake

Bonnie moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm; Cindy seconded. Meeting adjourned.