



Mariposa

Local Child Care Planning Council

5065 Jones Street
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February 22, 2010 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Amber Chambers	LPC Staff	Darcy Matlock	Health Dept.
Debbie Smith	Agency Rep.	Susan Johnson	Guest
Gwen Nitta	Community Rep.	Gussie Kidd	Alternate
Marcia Price	Provider Rep.	Jeane Hetland	First 5
Angie Steele	ICES	Nancy Damm	MCUSD

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Coordinator Amber Chambers at 1:07.
Introductions were made around the table.

AGENDA/MINUTES

The Agenda was approved with no additions or corrections. 1st:Debbie Smith
2nd:Gwen Nitta and the council carried.

The January minutes were approved without comment or correction.
1st:Nancy Damm 2nd:Debbie Smith and the council carried.

COUNCIL INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENT/PUBLIC INPUT/CORRESPONDENCE

- The council welcomed new Provider Rep., Marcia Price. Marcia is the Director of Catheys Valley Preschool. In the past, Marcia has also worked at Head Start and has done licensed Family Child Care in her home. Lydia Woolsey was also newly appointed to the council as a Community Rep. Lydia was unable to make our meeting but we welcome her aboard as she has done invaluable work for the FRC and LCCPC in the past. Thanks ladies!
- The council recognized many years of dedication by Susan Johnson to the council. We were happy to have Susan at our meeting and present her with a plaque of appreciation.
- The council was informed of two new council members (Jeane Hetland & Andrea Rogerson) to be approved and appointed by the BOS on February 23, 2010.
- Darcy Matlock of the Mariposa Co. Health Dept. shared information about the Dental Health Program funded by First 5 they have going on right now. Most of the dollars are for prevention but they do have some monies for actual dental work. The services are being offered to children 0-5, and visits have begun to happen at local preschools.

BRAINSTORMING

Council members spent some time thinking about ways to most effectively spend some of the LCCPC funds before the end of the year. Suggestions included, look back at Priorities, go back to the Needs Assessment for ideas and only purchase promotional items that are landfill approved. Training on the Brown Act for all members and desired trainings for Coordinator were ideas thrown on the table. Council members will continue to brainstorm and share ideas.

FIRST 5 REPORT

Jeanne Hetland reported that the commission would be funding four grants this year, Acorn, Kiwanis, Smart Start and Dental Oral Health. Jeanne was also happy to report the Commission is looking forward to collaborating with ICES to bring training to Child Care providers in the spring.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Amber Chambers reported on the state annual membership report. Currently the report is at the BOS for their signature and then it will be mailed to California Department of Education. The Coordinator shared her attendance at meetings for the month, such as, a Safe at Home planning meeting, Directors meeting at Kiwanis Preschool, Calaveras/Mariposa Community Action Agency, LCCPC budget meeting, meeting with Deb Ciapponi of Dept. of Human Services and a meeting with the fiscal department at the school district. Amber also reported being part of the MSF panel of judges for the Parent Leader / Professional Leader selection committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Olga was unable to attend the meeting, but did drop off financial reports in time. Gwen Nitta gave a brief report about the budget committee meeting held. The budget committee/ Coordinator will continue to meet with the school district to expedite payments for services and guidelines to follow.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Bridges Out of Poverty:** Council members voted to advertise at the event and give CASA \$500 for advertisement purposes. 1st:Gussie Kidd 2nd: Gwen Nitta and the council carried.
- **FEASIBILITY STUDY:** The council reviewed a letter drafted by Chevon regarding the findings of the study. Chevon will create a presentation for the community and BOS on the results of the Feasibility Study. Amber Chambers will deliver the presentation for the BOS and community members.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Grahams Story:** The council voted to have the presentation on Autistic Like behavior. The council committed up to \$2000 to bring the presenter here and purchase the film. 1st:Gwen Nitta 2nd: Nancy Damm and the council carried.
- **Safe at Home:** The council agreed to spend up to \$499 on supplies for the Safe at Home event. We will have a pledge for kids to sign promising to wear their bike helmets and in return they will get a wristband that says "I've Got the Helmet Habit" LCCPC 1st:Gwen Nitta 2nd:Debbie Smith and the council carried.

- **Provider Appreciation:** Council members voted to order 60 stainless steel water bottles for Provider Appreciation day May 7, 2010. The coordinator will make sure they are free of BPA and safe for all. 1st:Nancy Damm 2nd:Gussie Kidd and the council carried.
- **Projects on the horizon:** The council discussed, but did not take action on the following projects, new LCCPC brochures, newspaper articles, a LCCPC photo and Provider/Membership spotlights.

ADVERTISING:

- **Placemats/Crayons:** Council members discussed the importance of having the placemats at local businesses. Many local restaurants have called to get more as their younger patrons enjoy them so much. Members approved \$250 for printing of new placemats with new statistics from the Needs Assessment. 1st: Gwen Nitta 2nd: Debbie Smith and the council carried. Members also approved up to \$499 to purchase crayons to go along with the placemats. 1st:Nancy Damm 2nd: Gussie Kidd and the council carried.
- **Relay for Life:** The council voted to advertise at the Relay for Life event May 15, 2010 in the amount of \$350. 1st:Debbie Smith 2nd:Gussie Kidd and the council carried.
- **Mariposa Little League:** After reviewing the budget, council members voted to advertise thru Little League this year in the amount of \$250. The coordinator will let Little League know this may be the last year we have funds to do such things. 1st:Gussie Kidd 2nd: Marcia Price and the council carried.

NEXT MEETING- March 15, 2010 @ 1:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 3:20 PM 1st:Debbie Smith 2nd:Nancy Damm

Respectfully submitted,

**Amber Chambers
LCCPC Coordinator**