



LASSEN COUNTY
CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting, April 2, 2015
336 Alexander Avenue, Susanville, CA

ATTENDANCE:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Chapman, Commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annette Sandborg, Commissioner |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melody Brawley, Commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joanna Zimmermann, Commissioner |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anita Osborn, Commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katherine Nielson, Alternate Commissioner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Ann Murin, Commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Roberts, Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gene Smith, Commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Boxx |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wendy Blackmon, Commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Jones |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mae Sherman, commissioner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bethany Edholm |

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. p.m. Everyone was welcomed.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Commissioner Brawley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed with no abstentions.

INFORMATION AND CONSENT CALENDAR: The Minutes of February 5, 2014 were corrected to show that “the Kinship Care presentation at Lassen College is to be held on October 30, 2014” rather than 2015. The fiscal reports were updated also. Commissioner Osborn made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as corrected and updated. Commissioner Brawley seconded the motion. The motion passed with no abstentions. Items approved on the Consent Calendar were the Minutes of February 5, 2015, the Fiscal Reports of March and April FY 2014-15, and transfer of funds from trust account and payment of obligations listed below:

March 2015 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015		
<i>Transfer of Funds Request</i>		
Lassen Diversified Mgmt	\$7,000.00	Coordination and Implementation Contract for March 2015. Inv. 4799
Lassen Diversified Mgmt	\$338.85	Duplication & Postage for February 2015. Inv. 4800
Smiles for Life, Inc.	\$2,163.99	Unreimbursed Services & Expenses. Inv. 295
Modoc County Office of Ed	\$111.40	Adin State Preschool February Days for One Child. AR15-0055
Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.	\$1,733.17	Consulting & Evaluation Services. Inv. 3179
Total	\$11,347.41	

April 2 2015 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015		
<i>Transfer of Funds Request</i>		
Lassen Diversified Mgmt	\$7,000.00	Coordination and Implementation Contract for April 2015. Inv. 4803
Lassen Diversified Mgmt	\$51.30	Duplication & Postage & expense for March 2015. Inv. 4804
Lassen County Office of Ed	\$50.00	Booth Rental for Children's Fair May 2015
Smiles for Life, Inc.	\$1,728.00	Unreimbursed services. Inv. 296
Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.	\$3,382.50	Consulting Services. Inv. 3186
Total	\$12,211.80	

ANNUAL REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLAN AND LONG RANGE FINANCIAL PLAN: Sarah Boxx of Social Entrepreneurs provided an update on Small Population county Funding Augmentation (SPCFA) Framework Implementation plan and also provided opening comments on the Strategic Plan and Long Range Financial Plans. The plan for the day is to review trends and forces affecting the strategic and long range financial plans.

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Community Survey results were presented. Commissioner Chapman commented on a community health survey by www.Californiahealthrankings.org. New results were released at the start of the month. Many of the indicators show Lassen kids are somewhat healthier than children in large cities. Lassen data and smaller county data in general often have their data blended with other small counties. Further results of the community survey were reviewed. Comments were made about the results and areas of concern such as child abuse and neglect.

Provider Survey results were reviewed. There were 118 surveys collected. A correction was made in the respondent's profile. Barriers identified were long wait lists, lack of staff, lack of resources, and system design. The effectiveness of the referral network was commented on. Most respondents (85%) felt that the referral network was effective or somewhat effective. Partnership Health took over health insurance for the northern counties in November. There were struggles setting up the network of specialists so this may contribute to the concern expressed by respondents about access to specialists. Commissioner Brawley indicated that the network is getting better as they work out the process of how the network of providers works.

The Home Visiting (HV) and Oral Health (OH) reports were provided and reviewed. Comments were made on OH and HV. Questions regarding screening arose. ASQ and ASQ-se screening services are provided by Pathways and mirror the statewide screening initiative. The First 5 Association prepared a report "Investing in California's Children" which was well received. With permission of the Association, the same format is being used to present both the statewide data and a similar profile of Lassen's children. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes and incorporated as if set forth in full. Questions arose on updating local policies to mirror the State First 5 Commission and the First 5 Association, at least as much as it practical.

The Mission and Vision Statements were reviewed. Modifications were made to both the Vision and Mission Statements. Extensive discussion pointed out areas of needed change in the Goals, Objectives and Indicators. Suggested revisions are to be incorporated into a new draft document for review at the May meeting.

Lunch was provided and strategies were discussed during lunch. The implication of trends and forces on existing strategies was commented on. Existing strategies were reviewed. Opportunities to reaffirm or modify existing strategies were provided. Mini Grants were eliminated from the allocation process under funding priorities. Home Visiting, Oral Health, and Emerging Initiatives (Systems Change) remained as the funding priorities.

The Long Range Financial Plan (LRFP) was reviewed. The Strategic Plan and Long Range Financial Plan are presented as a single integrated document. Financial projections based on the previous forecast were presented. Questions addressed during the discussions were whether the Commission wanted to continue its current strategy for funding existing initiatives; whether funding should be expended at current levels to maintain service delivery numbers and reach, or should funding be further targeted to subpopulations or needs; implications of their decisions; and, what is their plan when the funding is no longer sufficient to fund programs and contract for executive services, where would the Commission want their decreased revenues to go for programs and services. Discussion was extensive. Next steps were discussed.

A final draft of the newly integrated Strategic Plan and Long Range Financial Plan will be prepared for the May 7th meeting.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m. The next meeting will be on April 2, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura J. Roberts
Executive Director