



**LASSEN COUNTY**  
**CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION**

Date of Meeting: January 6, 2025

Time of Meeting: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Location: Lassen County Office of Education  
472-013 Johnstonville Road, Susanville, CA 96130

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**Meeting Call-In Number: +1 669 900 6833**

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**Minutes**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Jessica Stading</b>	Present	<b>Brie Buckler</b>	Present
<b>Jodi Neuenschwander</b>	Present	<b>Barbara Longo</b>	Present
<b>Ronda Hall</b>	Present	<b>Theresa Woodbury</b>	Absent
<b>Melissa Rakestraw</b>	Present	<b>Chris Gallagher</b>	Present
<b>Tim Clark</b>	Present		

**1. CALL TO ORDER — Welcome and Introductions**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Time</b>	
Ronda Hall	9:00	AM

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Members of the public are given the opportunity to address the Commission on items of interest and within the jurisdiction of the Commission as such items are discussed. This time is allowed for public input on any item not on the agenda. Time may be limited, depending on the number of speakers and items of business.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Hall	Senior Nutrition of Lassen County is starting at Susanville Assembly of God Church. They will have senior meals and activities Monday-Friday. They are asking for volunteers.
Longo	Longo is asking for stories of struggles to get food for nutrition in Lassen County.

### 3. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS, AND/OR DELETIONS

#### Action

<b>COMMENT: Head Start will be 6.1</b>			
Motion	Moved	Second	Pass
I approve the agenda.	Neuenschwander	Gallagher	Y

#### Record of Vote

Jessica Stading	Obstain	Brie Buckler	Approved
Jodi Neuenschwander	Approved	Barbara Longo	Approved
Ronda Hall	Approved	Theresa Woodbury	Absent
Melissa Rakestraw	Approved	Chris Gallagher	Approved

### 4. INFORMATION AND CONSENT CALENDAR

#### Action

Approval of Minutes of October 28, 2024 and December 9, 2024  
Approval of Fiscal Reports for January 2025

<b>COMMENT:</b>			
Motion	Moved	Second	Pass
Approve Minutes of October 28, 2024 and December 9, 2024 and Fiscal Reports for January 2024.	Longo	Gallagher	Yes

#### Record of Vote:

Jessica Stading	Approved	Brie Buckler	Approved
Jodi Neuenschwander	Approved	Barbara Longo	Approved
Ronda Hall	Approved	Theresa Woodbury	Absent
Melissa Rakestraw	Approved	Chris Gallagher	Approved

### 5. BUDGET FY 2024-2025

#### Discussion

<b>Summary</b>
Clark- The commission has approximately \$130,000 left to spend by the end of June that would have gone to home visiting.

### 6. PUBLIC HEALTH HOME VISITING PROGRAM

#### Discussion

<b>Summary</b>
Rakestraw- Public Health is working on opening a home visiting program. They have had applications submitted for each position. They are waiting to hire for each position.

## 6.1. HEAD START HERLONG PRESCHOOL

## Discussion

### Summary

Clark- Brenda Poteete is asking if we would like to help fund Head Start SCFO to start a preschool in Herlong. Depending on the needs of Public Health Home Visiting, we can consider helping HS start a preschool in Herlong.

Stading: It is set that Head Start will move slots from another county to Lassen. The numbers are questionable in Herlong. The funding SCFO is asking for is to cover start up costs to open the preschool. The location is undecided at this time. SCFO is finding one now.

Clark - Stading can have a request for funding in at the next commission meeting in February.

The commission has requested a hard number from Public Health Home Visiting and Sierra Cascade Family Opportunities (Head Start) and information on what the funding will support. It is requested that the numbers are given to Clark before the next February commission meeting so it can be presented to the commission in February.

## 7. LASSEN LINKS SUSTAINABILITY

## Discussion

### Summary

Clark- The funding that supports Lassen Links is going to stop. We need to know if this is something the commission would like to support. The expense is very minimal if the commission would like to support this. Keeping [lassenlinks.org](http://lassenlinks.org) running will be the main expense. Flyers and magnets would come out of this current budget and not next years.

Hall- Lassen links will be a part of the home visiting program. Hall wants to use the funding to keep the website running.

Clark- Annually it should cost around \$1,500.

Longo- Requests to have a budget line for the LL website.

Stading- Requests adding the flyers and magnets to budget.

Clark-Total amount for the grant is \$80,000.

**13. REPORTS AND UPDATES****Information**

<b>Report</b>	<b>Update</b>
Quality Counts North State	QCNS just started their 3rd quarter for this fiscal year.
Lassen HEARTS/MCAH	Hall- County Office of Education will present the “You Matter” conference on January 21-24 for middle to high school students. Public Health Home Visiting- Positions have been flown. They hope to have interviews soon.
Health Collaborative	Longo- There is a meeting February 21 from 9-11. They would like to invite speakers on nutrition.
Lassen Oral Health Program (LOHP)	None
Sierra Cascade Family Opportunities	Stading- reiterated presentation on Herlong versus other places to open centers for SCFO.
LPC	Jamie Schultz and Teanna Day are looking to build membership.
Northeastern Rural Clinic	None
Other	Reminder: At the next February Commission Meeting proposals will be ready for the amount of money requested by both Public Health and SCFO. Life Line Screening will be on Sunkist on the 24th of January for people over 60 years of age. It is \$159 for screening tests. You have to make an appointment.

**14. ADJOURN @ 9:55**

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**FY 24/25 Meetings: Feb. 24, 2025; April 28, 2025; June 23, 2025**