



**October 6, 2003 Meeting
Minutes**

Commission Members Present:

Diane Pauli Alison Glassey David Colfax
Carol Mordhorst Paul Tichinin

Commission Members Present in Ft. Bragg:

Betty Smith

Staff Present:

Anne Molgaard, Executive Director
Laura Franklin, Administrative Assistant

Others Present in Ukiah:

Linda Bouskill Nagel

I. Welcome by Board Chairman, Paul Tichinin

II. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items

None

III. Consent Calendar

Motion made to accept the Consent Calendar (Colfax, Glassey): Mordhorst, yes; Pauli, yes; Smith, yes; Glassey, yes; Colfax, yes; Tichinin, yes. Passed.

IV. Business Items

A. Election of Officers

The Commission nominated and elected new officers per the by-laws. Nominations and those elected were as follows: Jeremy Mann, Chairperson; First Vice-Chairperson, David Colfax; Second Vice-Chairperson, Alison Glassey; additional Executive Committee member, Paul Tichinin. Mordhorst, yes; Pauli, yes; Smith, yes; Glassey, yes; Colfax, yes; Tichinin, yes. Passed.

B. Commissioner Appointment Status

Commissioners Pauli and Glassey whose terms expired in August, 2003 are still working through the Board of Supervisors appointment process. Director Molgaard reported that one Latina person had been contacted to fill the vacant Commissioner spot but that she had not heard back as of this meeting.

C. Director's Report

Items specifically discussed from the Director's Report were as follows:

Home Safety

Director Molgaard announced that week of October 5-10 is Fire Prevention Week and FIRST 5 will have media coverage for our Smoke Alarm Project.

Leadership Mendocino

Commission received thank you note from FIRST 5 Children's Advocate, Annemarie Weibel. Discussion followed about locally trained advocates and outreach.

North Coast Pediatric Dentistry Initiative

Viable clinic site has been located in Healdsburg—an empty Sutter building. There is also a dentist who is interested in locating to the area and supports the proposed program. John Knapp, Director of the Alliance for Rural Community Health, is currently drafting an Oral Health Prevention Plan that the Commission can discuss at an upcoming meeting.

Asthma

Asthma Coalition of Sonoma County handout made available to Commissioners. The Children's Health Committee of the Policy Council on Children and Youth has been discussing and are trying to get better data on this. Sonoma is finding the biggest cause to be indoor pollution, i.e., mold, pesticides.

Tobacco Ordinance

Copies of letter sent to Board of Supervisors and Willits City Council given to Commissioners. Hearings for Tobacco Ordinance to be Tuesday, October 7 at BOS and Wednesday October 8th in Willits. Ordinance would provide a local mechanism to enforce regulations that ban selling tobacco to minors.

D. Fiscal Report

Motion made to approve monthly fiscal reports for July and August, 2003 (Mordhorst, Colfax): Mordhorst, yes; Pauli, yes; Smith, yes; Glassey, yes; Colfax, yes; Tichinin, yes. Passed.

E. Strategic Plan Updating

There has been no public comment received to date. A motion was made to adopt the Strategic Plan (2003-2005) with tentative changes to the Community Asset Map 2003-2005 in concurrence with Director Molgaard (Mordhorst, Smith): Mordhorst, yes; Pauli, yes; Smith, yes; Glassey, yes; Colfax, yes; Tichinin, yes. Passed.

F. Local Systemic Approach to Serve Young Children

MCOE/NCO Regional Grant collaborative presented to Policy Council on Children and Youth (PCCY) September 26, 2003 requesting support for pursuing sustainability funds for which they received support. PCCY members also saw this as opportunity to stress systems integration which is also a FIRST 5 priority as well. Younger children who don't have a diagnosis or IEP is larger problem. The earlier we can intervene the better. Commissioners Glassey and Mordhorst had suggested that FIRST 5 Director organize a meeting with them and a SELPA and Mental Health representative to discuss this issue. Director Molgaard

approached Commission as to their thoughts. Agencies would be able to determine what needs exist and could bring the right parties (those with the big checkbooks!) to the table to make it happen through advocating, leveraging and pulling down various matching funds to develop a system of caring for young children aged 0-5. Currently the Commission has monies that could be used as matching funds. Director Molgaard to report back to Commission in December after first meeting.

G. Grant Status Update and Grantee Presentation

The Commission decided to have a mix of Commissioners and Community Members to comprise the Grant Review Committee that will make funding recommendations to the Commission. October 10, 2003 is deadline for grant applications. Commissioners Pauli and Smith will be on this committee. Director Molgaard would like to have full commission in November to approve grants (since some Commissioners could be unable to vote due to conflicts of interest).

H. Reports

Commissioner Smith: Attended event in Ft. Bragg. Positive feedback from child care training provided through FIRST 5 grant.

Commissioner Pauli: Think about transportation for dentistry for people in unpopulated areas.

Commissioner Mordhorst: Mendocino Coast Clinic building now closed and new one opened. Clinic will now have more space and resources.

Commissioner Glassey: Reported on status of 211; waiting on SBC for cost and a time-line.

V. Next Meetings

After discussion, the next Commission meeting to be video-conferenced between Mendocino County Office of Education with main meeting to be at Mendocino Coast Clinics in Ft. Bragg. Commissioners will meet for lunch at Mendocino Café to view photo exhibit of Caspar Children's Garden and then proceed to Ft. Bragg for 2 p.m. meeting that day.

FIRST 5 Mendocino Policy Event is Friday, November 7 at Saturday Afternoon Club in Ukiah.

Whole Child Summit is Saturday, November 8, 2003 at Willits High School.