



**August 9, 2004 Meeting
Minutes**

Commission Members Present in Ukiah:

David Colfax Alison Glassey Carol Mordhorst
Tammy Scott Diane Pauli

Commission Members Present in Ft. Bragg:

Betty Smith

Staff Present:

Anne Molgaard, Executive Director
Lisa Westfall, Administrative Manager

Others Present in Ukiah:

Janet Kukulinsky

I. Welcome and Introductions by Alison Glassey

II. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items

None.

III. Consent Calendar

Motion made to accept the Consent Calendar. Motion/Pauli; second/Scott. Passed.

IV. Business Items

A. Commissioner Appointment Status

Commissioner Betty Smith emphasized creating a full 9 member Commission; various names were suggested for staff to pursue.

B. Director's Report

CHIS (California Health Interview Survey) conducted by UCLA, is gearing up for its 2005 Report. The 2003 Report will be out in November. CHIS is offering to negotiate with counties to oversample and ask additional questions. Commissioners expressed some concern about methodology and statistical validity. Various regions have various questions regarding costs using CHIS. Staff to find out Humboldt's additional questions and approximate costs.

Whole Child Conference

Theme is Family Life Choices—those decisions that parents can make that directly improve their children's lives (versus the societal challenges that we can't easily influence). Need key speakers for this effort which will be held at Grace Hudson Elementary on Saturday, November 6th. Group discussion regarding ways to get more parents involved. Next Whole Child committee meeting is Thursday, August 19th at

NCO @ 1:30pm. Workshop suggestions: “What Your Pediatrician Wants You to Know;” Carols Jacinto to conduct a storytelling breakout session; working with Martin Martinez; importance of grandparent generation.

C. Fiscal Report/Budget

Independent auditor is set to come Sept. 15th. We will act as fiscal agent for State First 5 Technical Assistance training; we will have a contract with a Regional TA Consultant.

Motion to approve May 2004 fiscal report. Motion/Mordhorst; second/Scott. Passed.

State Senator Flores asked the Legislative Audit Committee to audit First 5. Audit conducted on State First 5 and six sample counties. Findings were generally very good. State may ask some Counties to take closer look at financial processes. Brief discussion of Best Practices. Sen. Flores stated he will introduce legislation that increases state oversight of county commissions; State Commission and First 5 Association considering if it would be best to introduce our own legislation first. Government Finance Officers’ Association (GFOA) surveyed all counties, visited some, and is preparing a report for counties’ consideration.

D. Access to Healthcare

Mendocino Healthy Kids. Jung Fitzpatrick is meeting with Laytonville players and is planning Phase 1 and determining how much this will cost. Commissioner Mordhorst stated that the Healthy Families premium was raised from \$9 to \$15 a month under the new state budget.

E. Project Reports

- **Plug Into Parenting.** New in 2004: (1) Gave out 550 bakers boxes; (2) also gave out coupons to local bookstores. All of this comes in on budget.
- **C.A.R.E.S.** Fourth year of CARES went very well. 177 childcare providers applied with a big jump in Family Child Care Providers. Only 3 appeals. We are entering the fifth and final year of the program. Year five informational mailers went out last week and five conference calls are scheduled this week. Commissioner Smith requested a query on child care providers covered by AB212 funds and those who are not.

F. Request For Proposal

- Discussion of RFP (Traditional) vs. Request For Results (Alternative)
- Distribute funds to 6 regions or 7?
 - Try to do ‘Affirmative Action’-type grant giving?
 - Need to focus on relative costs for both, especially since amount per child really drops for the central region.
 - Fair Access – Discussed access, as most resources are still located in Ukiah.
- Many options for Scope:
 - Focus on some specific topics that we have been successful at in the first three years, e.g., Behavioral Coaching, Breastfeeding
 - Also leave some funds for regional needs

Commission directed Staff to prepare and expand two scenarios for a vote at the September meeting.

V. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Smith discussed 19th Annual Zero to Three training in December. Discussed the possibility of 3-4 caregivers attending. Maybe send those who could be the 'trainers' for others in their facilities. Staff will cost out 3-4 slots for discussion at next meeting.

Carol passed out posters for public awareness and education regarding West Nile Virus.

Commissioner Diane Pauli is very pleased with the Governor's suggestion of all children being 5 years old before starting Kindergarten. She is also hoping for a tour of various child care centers.

Commissioner Alison Glassey mentioned that the assessment tools and shared forms for Willits Family Connections are being developed among the partners. We have Family Resource Centers in every region except Covelo.

VI. General Announcement

South Coast Wellness Fair is Oct. 16th in Gualala at the Gualala Arts building; there will be Healthy Family signups.