



Local Child Care Planning Council of Colusa County Minutes

Date: May 26th 2020
Time: 12:00-1:00
Location: Colusa County Office of Education (Via Zoom)
345 Fifth Street
Colusa, CA 95932

Members in attendance:

- Carissa Bowers (*Community Representative*, Program Manager Community Advocates for Parents and Children)
 - Ginger Harlow (*Community Representative*, Executive Director First 5-Colusa)
 - Stacey Zwald Costello (*Consumer*, Colusa County Librarian)
 - Susan Hodges (*Child Care Provider*)
 - Vicki Markss (*Public Agency Representative*, Division Director ECE Supervisor – Children’s Services)
 - Danielle Padilla (*Public Agency Representative*, Department of Health and Human Services)
 - Pam Niehues (*Discretionary*, Appointed Community Resident – Colusa)
 - Gloria Estrada (*Discretionary*)
- Other People in Attendance:
- Kayla Kennedy (Colusa County Coordinator for Local Planning Council)

I. Call to order: by Susan Hodges at 12:12 PM

II. Welcome and Introductions

III. Public Comment

No public comment made

IV. Review and Approve the January 28th 2020 LPC Meeting Minutes (*Action Item*)

Result: Approved
Motion: Pam Niehues
Second: Ginger Harlow
Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Abstained: 0

V. Council Reports and Updates

Members Reports

- **Stacey Zwald Costello-** Did not attend
- **Danielle Padilla-** Did not attend
- **Ginger Harlow-** Opening up FRC by appointment only. Stagger the people coming in. People will come in and linger and kids are playing. Put chairs up and only doing appointments. Still doing the food distributions by phone or setting up an account. Encouraging those methods. Not doing any children's programming with the exception Kinder Camp. Burchfield moving forward and going to contract with them. Haven't heard from the rest of the schools but will be flexible. Support virtually with a lot of flexibility. Received grant for COVID-19 resources. Wanted supplies for 75 but got supplies for 12. Competing with everyone else in the state. Got masks and children's books. More supplies coming later. Received word that we are losing a contract. The state is pulling resources but will still provide service. First time pulling form reserves to off set FRC'S and staffing. Having issues with own staff and lack of childcare. There is no where to take kids. Trying to flexible with staff because everyone is in a bind. In contact with Hand-in-hand. No open date yet. Children's programming will be online with developmental screenings. Children will have access and won't require direct contact with families. Just a hired a new program assistant for Arbuckle Family Resource Center. She starts June 1st.
- **Pam Niehues-** No updates at this time. Waiting for things to go back to normal.
- **Susan Hodges-** Doing online enrollment. Not sure if they are opening at all. Material exchange. Not much going on besides getting ready to close out.

- **Vicki Markss-** Things are starting to open back up. WCC is open and serving 10 children. Staff returned to work today. Waiting to hear from funding sources and following all guidelines. Center are dividing children up by family. Keeping the siblings together even though children without siblings can't play. Centers are establishing working kits. There is a Summer school program for those students that missed the academic year.
- **Carissa Bowers-** Reported that office has been closed. Mobile food pantry has been continuing through drop off and drive through. Linked in the Yuba Sutter task force for funding and included in the food bank distribution. Next round of funding has been released. Will be applying for that funding and find out that that allocation is by June 1st. Teamed up with Ginger for COVID-19 release funds. Been awarded a little over \$46,000 to spread out among family resource centers. Off set staff time and unexpected expenses and materials. Office is slowly reopening and running programs virtually. Teaching online nurturing parenting program through google classrooms. 11 students been referred through CPS. Opened office this week. Office hours Tuesday-Thursday for now. Summer camps offered virtually. Plan to have virtually and have curb side pickup for activity kits. Everything looks different but still giving back to the community.
- **Gloria Estrada-** Did not attend

LPC Coordinator Report

- AB212 Update – Submitted the Fall stipend and Spring Stipend in process.
- Had to cancel family fair this year. Hopefully can plan next year depending on how things go.
- Next LPC meeting July 28th Not sure if it will be through Zoom or in person.

X. Advance Planning

- a. Next LPC Meeting: July 28th 2020

XI. Adjourn: 12:43 PM

Submitted by Kayla Kennedy, LPC Coordinator

<p>Agenda, minutes, and supporting documents are available for review at the Colusa County Local Child Care Planning Council Office</p>

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