

Sacramento County Children's Coalition

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Board of Supervisors*

**General Coalition Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2009
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
DHHS Training Room B (Room 153)
925 Del Paso Blvd., Ste. 500, Sacramento**

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Guests Present</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
David Ballard	Roy Alexander	Stephanie Biegler	
Ernest Brown	William Aydlett	Sara Fung	
Jeff Cuneo	Staci Anderson	Gina Robertson	
Mali Currington	Joyce Bilyeu	Dee Anne Thornton	
Ethan Cutts	Virginia D'Amico		
Monica Gonzalez	Laura Kerr		
Beth Hassett	Trinette Marquis		
Mary Lynn Kagen	Le'Reca Monik		
Michael Minnick	Deborah Richardson		
Virginia Maulfair	Elizabeth Sterba		
Craig Pierini			
Donna Sneeringer			
Tanya Tran			

Issues	Discussion	Action/Recommendations
Welcome & Introductions	The meeting was called to order by Coalition Chair Donna Sneeringer. Quorum was achieved.	
Consent Calendar	July 2009 minutes were approved. No committee minutes were approved as in the transition between Coalition staffing coverage these minutes had not been sent to members.	
Update on Staffing & Next Steps	Chair Donna Sneeringer reviewed the status of staffing through the Community Services Planning Council. Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services has agreed to provide staffing for the Coalition and the Coalitions Executive Committee met with Laura Williams from the department last month to discuss the logistics of this coverage. Laura	The Coalitions Executive Committee will meet with Williams and DHHS staff ASAP to work out the details and report back at the next Coalition meeting.

	<p>herself will not provide the staffing but will designate an employee of DHHS to do so. That specific staff person is yet to be determined and staffing hours through DHHS for the Coalition will be in the 10 hours per month range.</p>	
<p>Report Care Modification Discussion</p>	<p>Ethan Cutts led this discussion. With recent Sacramento County cutbacks funding for the Children’s Report Care has evaporated. Examining feasible fundraising strategies therefore becomes paramount. Approaching local health care agencies such as Kaiser, Sutter, UC Davis and Mercy is a conceivable strategy. Moving the Report Card largely online, with some hard copy handouts could save \$10,000. Sara Fung asked for details regarding the overall cost of the Report Card. Seeking out and appointing honorary chairs, possibly City and County officials was explored. A discussion took place regarding ideas about changing the format and the very infrastructure of the Report Card. It was noted that the loss of County support for the Report Card could in fact yield a more free rein in how the Report Card is produced.</p>	
<p>Strategy Discussion & Next Steps</p>	<p>David Ballard led this discussion. A review took place regarding how last year the Coalition had agreed to start pursuing budget advocacy immediately and not end up on the opposite side of a divide with law enforcement when budget talks took place this year. Neither of these goals had been achieved and a post-mortem discussion took place regarding how the Coalition could avoid this happening again. A broad and vibrant discussion took place among members. Mali Currington noted the importance of approaching this issue politically, from both sides of the aisle. Many members gave input on how to approach this issue better from their perspective.</p>	<p>It was agreed that the issue was a critical one, not just one that members could task to the Advocacy Committee alone, and that a plan where all Coalition members were involved and activated needed to take place. Further discussion on this issue was put on the agenda for the next Coalition meeting.</p>
<p>Chairs Report</p>	<p>Donna Sneeringer reviewed the</p>	

	context of ongoing County budget cuts and possible Coalition response to same.	
Grant Review Committee	The grant application process for this years applicants and potential awardees is taking place.	Site visits are being scheduled.
Outreach & Advocacy Committee	The status of the process for developing the new logo for the Children's Coalition was reviewed.	
Oversight Committee	There are no current updates as the Committee will be meeting the day after this meeting.	
Report Card Committee	The prior report and discussion regarding the Report Card will serve as the committees report.	
Human Services Coordinating Committee	Currington gave the report on HSCC activities which include focusing on the countywide disaster preparedness efforts.	
Public Comments	Mary Lynn Kagen noted an upcoming Emerge event to be held at the Colonial Theatre with local mayors and supervisors. Stephanie Biegler from CAPC noted that an upcoming Coalition meeting will feature the Child Death Review Team report.	
Adjournment	There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.	