

Sacramento County Children's Coalition

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, June 21, 2010

Members in Attendance: Roy Alexander, David Ballard, Ernie Brown, Mali Currington, Laura Kerr, Trinette Marquis, Michael Minnick, Virginia Mulfair, Craig Pierini, Tanya Tran, Elizabeth Sterba

Members Not in Attendance: Staci Anderson, William Aydlett, Joyce Bilyeu, Ethan Cutts, Monica Gonzalez-Williams, Beth Hassett, Donna Sneeringer

Guests in Attendance: Janice Montgomery (Sacramento Child Advocates), Stormy Morton (Sacramento Area Emergency Housing), Gina Roberson (applicant), Ginger Swigart (applicant)

Meeting was called to order at 4:05. Items were addressed out of agenda sequence until quorum was achieved later in the meeting.

Minutes of the April 19, 2010 meeting were MSA unanimously.

Applicant Gina Roberson was approved for Coalition membership MSA unanimously.

Committee Reports

Grant Review Committee

Sterba updated the Coalition on the status of the Committee's efforts in reviewing current grantees, assessing the submitted invoices and looking at both monthly and quarterly reports.

Outreach and Advocacy Committee

Marquis reviewed the efforts of the Committee to this point. Discussion ensued regarding the Committee's advocacy efforts which were of particular importance as it related to the Coalitions need for a more focused advocacy position. Most of this discussion took place in the context of County Budget Round Table Discussion, later in this meeting.

Oversight Committee

Alexander noted that the Committee had not met this month but would be meeting for a now annual event upcoming. Meetings with Alexander and other Committee members with CPS have continued to take place. Focus of the Committee will be to further refine its work plan, discuss the staffing issue, and focus on the Crenshaw case which continues to reverberate within the county. Discussion took place regarding an upcoming QA overview of the case which might contain some difficult information and conclusions. Discussion also took place with Marquis noting that much of the mandated

reporting had come out of the Twin Rivers District with the Sacramento Bee website publicly noting the mandated reporters names and reporting information. It was agreed that this seeming violation of mandated reporting law would be discussed and pursued further.

Report Card Committee

A review of the status of these efforts was given.

County Budget Round Table Discussion

A lengthy and vibrant discussion took place regarding the impact of recent County budget cuts, the effect this is having on services provided for children and families, and the role and status of the Coalition in this surrounding context. There was a great deal of discussion regarding the slashing of the safety net and what could, should and can be done in looking to the future.

Frank dialogue ensued regarding the role of the Coalition in the community, the impact that staffing losses have caused, and what needs to be done to both keep the Coalition moving forward as well as supporting the work of the Oversight Committee.

After this discussion it was proposed that:

1. Given this input from the members, Executive Committee meet to come up with some suggested ideas and frameworks for what the Coalition can do, what changes it should consider in order to accomplish its work, and how it can best function given the loss of resources.
2. The Coalition not go dark in July but instead meet to review and discuss these Executive Committee proposals.

Other Business

Many members noted upcoming events and efforts related to their agencies.

Ballard noted the need for all members to take Ethics training on a biannual basis, as the Member Advisory Board members are being noticed to do so.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.