

**FIRST 5 SISKIYOU CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
PUBLIC HEARING and COMMISSION MEETING  
Behavioral Health Department  
2060 Campus Dr., Yreka  
Wednesday, April 28, 2010**

Commission Chair Rhoades opened the Public Hearing at 8:35 a.m.

**Commissioners Present:** , Chair Rhoades, Vice Chair Noda, Commissioner Armstrong, Commissioner Perlman, Commissioner Roselli, and Commissioner Walters

**Commissioners Absent:** none

**Also Present:** Executive Director Karen Pautz and Administrative Services Coordinator Cheryl Sanchez

**Public Hearing:**

1. Acceptance of First 5 California Children & Families Commission Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2008-2009
2. Approval of Annual Report and Audit for First 5 Siskiyou for Fiscal Year 2008-2009
3. Approval of revisions to First 5 Siskiyou Children & Families Commission's Strategic Plan as of October 2009

**Action:** It was moved by Commissioner Armstrong and seconded by Commissioner Perlman to accept Items #1, #2 and #3 above as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Regular Meeting:**

**Public Information:** Deca GibsonCriss introduced herself as the interim Director at the Butte Valley CRC. She will assume the position for three months and lives in McCloud. She described a benefit dinner held for Donna and about \$17,000 was donated to help with Donna's medical bills with more coming in – a strong testament to the work she has done in the Butte Valley community. Commissioner Armstrong thanked Deca for taking on the interim position and making sure the Resource Center stays rooted in the community.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

1. **Approval of minutes for the March 24, 2010 Commission Meeting:** The minutes were reviewed and no corrections were noted.

**Action:** It was moved by Commissioner Walters and seconded by Commissioner Perlman to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2010 Commission meeting as presented. Motion was approved with Commissioner Roselli abstaining as she was not present.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:** A report covering the period from March through April was previously distributed to the Commissioners.

- The State Commission just approved CARES Plus funding for all counties for preschool teachers and educators to provide more development opportunities with a 2:1 match for small counties. That RFP should be out as early as next month to apply for those funds. ED Pautz has reviewed

the announcement and forwarded it to Emily Lacroix. She feels it is best for us to wait for the RFP to come out and work with SCOE on a plan for transition to the new CARES project.

- The CARES program continues to be successful. Emily Lacroix will present a PowerPoint program in July highlighting services. Her leadership and progress has been commendable.
- The Fatherhood Conference and partnership with LPC, Early Head Start and Head Starts throughout the County, as well as the Resource Centers, was a great success. 77 people participated and the majority were dads. It was held at COS and parents gave feedback on topics for future events. This was a follow up because of all the father involvement initiatives supported by Early Head Start and Head Start and the momentum created in our region.
- The Child Abuse Prevention Walk/Run was very successful. Not as many participated as last year but over 300 people registered this year through both events. Happy Camp had over 50 people who actually walked – 17 were under 10 years old. They also had a very successful community celebration of their Resource Center. Supervisor Marcia Armstrong and ED Pautz attended the celebration of the Center's 10<sup>th</sup> year. It was a good emotional time to reinforce the exceptional work the FRC, under the leadership of Karen Derry, has done in the community. After so many moves over the years it is wonderful to see the Center in such a good position. The volunteerism is commendable.
- A California VISTA partner informed Michelle O'Gorman last week that we were cut from the requested positions of ten to only two. The entire northern California region was cut to 17 slots – down to only two in our county – a huge impact for us. Close to 40 applicants had expressed interest in coming to Siskiyou County for our 10 slots. There are no VISTA opportunities in the State of Washington! It could be that ARRA slots have impacted the states. FRCs will have opportunities to pay for a VISTA if they have the funds which is almost \$11,000. This is about the same cost as an AmeriCorps.
- Oral Health Project: Elizabeth Mitchell-Collord and the Dental Task Force worked in partnership to continue to provide training related to pediatric oral health for both north and south Siskiyou County providers. It was wonderful to have so many dentists and medical providers who had the opportunity to receive training from a Pediatric dental provider on “first year, first tooth” to share with staff and the public.
- The packets contained information on an upcoming event – we had the opportunity to bring back the “Hands on Health” van to Siskiyou County, which is twice in the past four years. They had a cancellation and we were able to connect at the Weed CRC on Mother's Day, using it as a day to encourage dads to bring kids to the health van and and come as a family.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Commissioner Roselli – Extend date of resignation to 5/1/10:** Commissioner Roselli has been with the Commission since December 2003 and consented to attending one more meeting in an official capacity. She has retired and is making documentary films. She suggested that the Resource Center directors should work together to recommend potential candidates for the Commissioner position as they are actively engaged in working with children 0-5. She will be showcasing her first effort in film – a half-hour picture on the Weed community – at the Weed CRC Friday evening. The commissioners, FRC representatives and staff shared their appreciation for her many years of outstanding service to the First 5 Commission.

**Action:** It was moved by Commissioner Armstrong and seconded by Commissioner Perlman to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Budget Report for March 2010:** The Budget Report for March was reviewed. ED Pautz stated that the augmentation funds formula for small counties has been revised by the State, and Siskiyou funds will be maintained for an additional two years. Without the augmentation we would be left with only around \$300,000. If small counties are not included in the Legacy program the impact will be great for our county. In addition to CARES, the State is looking at system level funding for research and study in early childhood. As a region, ED Pautz said it has been wonderful to have a united front as a small county group. They were able to negotiate with the State Commission to support some of the small counties. State can review their decision at any time because there is no legal commitment. If as a new commission next year they decide it is not the best investment of State funds, they can come back and choose a new structure for SCA. They will review in two years based on their annual allocation. We have solid data that has the level of accountability of the parenting program, definitely have data included in the regional impact report through the PEDS program, and the next best success will be the partnership with CalState Monterrey Bay doing the Matrix evaluations. Commissioner Armstrong stated she has spoken with Doug LaMalfa, who is working on his election but agreed to talk after.

**Action:** It was moved by Commissioner Roselli and seconded by Commissioner Walters to approve the budget report for March as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

2. **Request for funds for Arts Bus – Happy Camp – up to \$350:** Happy Camp will be hosting its 10<sup>th</sup> annual children's fair in June. They are requesting to use a portion of the school readiness funds to bring the Arts Bus to Happy Camp and offer activities and programs during the children's fair.

**Action:** It was moved by Commissioner Roselli and seconded by Commissioner Perlman to approve funding up to \$350 to cover the cost of bringing the Arts Bus to Happy Camp for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Children's Fair. Motion was approved unanimously.

## **TEAM/PROGRAM REPORTS**

1. **FRC Highlight Report – McCloud CRC:** Emily Warn, Executive Director, presented a slide show of the Center's activities and progress during the past year. She introduced Geeia Dexter and Kathaleen McGowan. Geeia has moved from Program Coordinator to Personal Services Coordinator at the Center and Kat, who has been with the Center for 3-1/2 years, will be leaving to open a much needed family childcare home in the community. Kat will graduate with an AA degree in Early Childhood Education this May.

## **COMMISSIONER' REPORTS**

1. Chair Rhoades reported that the Dannon plant in Mt. Shasta is closing its doors at the end of this year and the care center at Mercy will be closing as well. Commissioner Armstrong stated that the County of Siskiyou must cut \$2.7 million from its budget next year.

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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Rick Rhoades, Commission Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl E. Sanchez, Recording Secretary