

Advisory Committee To The
Riverside County Children & Families Commission
(RCCFC)
Wednesday, October 17, 2001
Portola Community Center
Palm Desert, California

I. Call to Order

Chair Jean Benson called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present were Advisory Members Jean Benson, Georgann Koenig, Gary Melton, Judy Nieburger, and Helen Sisson

Staff Present: Penny Pietrasiewicz, Grants and Contracts Administrator; Marjorie Franzen-Weiss, Community Resource Analyst and Petrina Knox, Commission Secretary.

III. Introductions and Committee Member Comments

There were no member comments.

IV. Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2001

MOTION: Ms. Nieburger moved to approve the September 19, 2001 minutes. Mr. Melton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VOTE: The motion to approve the September 19, 2001 minutes carried by a voice call vote of 5-0-8 with Advisory Members Benson, Koenig, Melton, Nieburger and Sisson voting "YES", no "NO" and eight (8) Advisory Members absent: Block, Botts, Edwards, Rohm, Shafai, Tavaglione, Wood and Youth Commission Representative.

V. Presentation

A. "Raising A Reader" – Concept for Riverside County – Gerald Agnes, President/Chief Executive Officer– The Community Foundation

Mr. Agnes, President/Chief Executive Officer of the Community Foundation gave a PowerPoint presentation on "Raising A Reader". (A copy is on file with the Official Minutes.)

"Raising A Reader" is an award-winning, take-home book bag program for children 0-5. The book bag rotates from families' home via child care providers.

Their goal is to substantially increase the amount of lap reading time parents spend with their children and for the children to fall in love with books. They would like to also expand the program from school to home.

VI. Staff Report – Penny Pietrasiewicz

Ms. Pietrasiewicz reviewed the Pass Through Dollars for the 2001/2002 fiscal year and the Fiscal Allocation report with the Commission. (A copy is on file with the Official Minutes.) About of 50.72% of total allocation is going to Government agencies, 45.13% to Non-profit agencies and CBO's, and 4.15% to For-Profit Agencies. A large percentage of the funds allocated to the Government agencies will be passed through to Community Based Organizations (CBO's) via subcontracts.

Ms. Pietrasiewicz introduced Marjorie Franzen-Weiss to the Advisory Committee as the new Community Resource Analyst for the Riverside County Children and Families Commission.

Ms. Franzen-Weiss gave the Advisory Committee a summary of her background and some of the areas she observed where her involvement could be of service to the Advisory Committee.

VII. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

- New agenda and locations
- New roles for the Advisory Committee Members
- Change of Bylaws

IX. Adjournment to next meeting of the Committee – November 19, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. Riverside County Children and Families Commission, 2020 Iowa Avenue, Suite 101, Riverside

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.