

Riverside County Children and Families Commission
Special Meeting of the Advisory Committee to the
Riverside County Children and Families Commission
Thursday April 19, 2007 – 1:30 p.m.
Riverside County Children and Families Commission
2002 Iowa Avenue, Suite 100
Riverside, CA 92507

I. Call to Order

The special meeting of the Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Advisory Chair Carla Lidner

Advisory Committee Members Present: Chair Carla Lidner, Lynne Craig, Aurora Kerr, Donna Johnston for Supervisor Tavaglione, Betty Folsom, Debbie Lauda, Randon Lane, Touraj Shafai, Judy Wood

Absent: Donna Greene

Vacant: One open position in Districts IV

Staff Present: Harry Freedman, Executive Director; Stella Smith, Deputy Director; Michelle Victor, Executive Assistant/Commission Secretary

II. Chair and Committee Member Comments

Dr. Lidner introduced the newest Advisory Committee member, Betty Folsom who will be representing Supervisor Tavaglione's district. Ms. Folsom retired from the Riverside County Office of Education and is currently a consultant for them.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January 17, 2007 Committee were held over for completion of the Advisory Committee member comments.

IV. Staff Report

Commission Meeting Agenda Overview

Mr. Freedman went over the agenda for Monday's Commission meeting in detail.

The Resource Center has merged with the Volunteer Center and had submitted an unsolicited request for funds.

One of the presentations includes a proposal by UCR to partner with First 5 Riverside to apply for a grant.

V. Discussion Items

SB 893

The Commission took a position in opposition to SB 893 and the Board of Supervisors did the same.

Letter of concern sent to Senate health Committee and the Senator – executive committee of CVAG

The Role of the Advisory Committee

A copy of the Advisory Committee Bylaws were distributed and Dr. Lidner asked for honest input from the other members as to what they thought about

Ms. Craig commented that each Advisory member should be providing feedback to their appointing Supervisor about the needs in their community. Ms. Johnston concurred and commented that there needs to be good communication in order for things to work most efficiently. Ms. Johnston said one of the comments she hears from the Second District is that First 5 Riverside is focusing more on child care and less money is put towards mental health.

Dr. Lidner said that it is up to the Advisory member to up the interface with the Community and bring back information to First 5 Riverside and their district Supervisors and provide detailed, tangible ideas for what needs to be done with funds.

Mr. Freedman commented that funds have been fully allocated by the Commission and any funding beyond that would require cutting another area. Mr. Freedman also said that there will always be a shortage of funds to meet the needs and that when people don't receive funding, there is certain to be a level of frustration.

The discussion continued and the subject of the Medical Home Initiative was brought up again when Dr. Lidner stated that one particular area that the Advisory Committee could be involved in is the Medical Home discussion currently on the agenda for the next Commission meeting. There was additional discussion regarding what a Medical Home was and a little of the history behind it. Mr. Freedman commented that initially the concept of a "medical home" started as a program for children with special needs and then it grew into something that all children could benefit from.

At this point in the meeting Mr. Freedman left to attend another meeting.

Mr. Lane suggested that staff could let the Commissioners know the Advisory Committee would be interested in providing help and support with regard to Medical Home Concept.

Motion: Lynne Craig made the motion that Carla Lidner be authorized to go to the Commission and offer the help of the Advisory Committee. Donna Johnston seconded the motion.

After a brief discussion it was decided that a motion could not be made on this matter as it was an agenda item. The motion was withdrawn and the item will be held over until the next meeting.

VI. Public Comments

No public comments

VII. Adjournment at 3:00 p.m. to the regular meeting of the Advisory Committee scheduled for Wednesday, July 18, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.

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Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.