

Riverside County Children and Families Commission
Special Meeting of the Advisory Committee to the
Riverside County Children and Families Commission
Wednesday, August 8, 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 1:55 p.m. by Advisory Chair Carla Lidner

Advisory Committee Members Present: Chair Carla Lidner, Donna Johnston for Supervisor Tavaglione (arrived at 2:07 p.m.) and Judy Wood

Absent: Lynne Craig, Betty Folsom, Donna Greene, Aurora Kerr, Debbie Lauda, Touraj Shafai

Vacant: One position open in District III, one open position in Districts IV and one position open in District V

Staff Present: Harry Freedman, Executive Director; Stella Smith, Deputy Director; Ginette Lillibrige, Administrator, Fiscal Services; Michelle Victor, Commission Secretary

II. Chair and Committee Member Comments

Mr. Freedman shared that he had received an e-mail from Advisory Committee member Lynne Craig earlier today when she became aware she would not be able to attend the meeting that indicated she had a question about a possible \$5 million dollar surplus of funds referenced during the previous Commission meeting. Mr. Freedman explained that any surplus of funds is far less than the \$5 million and is largely artificial due to the 18 month contracting cycle. In addition, surplus funds not set-aside are placed into the Commission approved sustainability fund as approved by resolution.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January 17, 2007 and April 19, 2007 Advisory Committee meetings were held over until the next meeting, currently scheduled for October 17, 2007, due to lack of a quorum.

IV. Discussion Items

Commissioner Retreat

Mr. Freedman advised the Advisory Committee members that the Commission will hold its annual policy retreat in October. For the past two years, the policy retreat has been held on a Saturday. This allows uninterrupted time for the Commissioners to focus on and discuss Commission policy. Once a date is determined, the Advisory Committee members will be notified.

Mental Health Initiative

The next sub-committee meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2007. Consultant Todd Sosna, Ph.D. will begin facilitating the discussions in order to help the group arrive at a recommendation that will be presented to the Commission at the meeting scheduled for August 27.

Advisory member Judy Wood asked who participates in the meeting and Mr. Freedman said that Carla Lidner, DDS, Eric Frykman, MD, Jerry Wengerd along with several representatives from local Community Based Organizations. Dr. Lidner will not be able to attend the next meeting and so Ms. Wood has volunteered to go in her place.

Supervisor Tavaglione's representative, Donna Johnston arrived for the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

Ms. Johnston commented on how important early intervention for children with mental health issues is and applauded the efforts being made by the Commission.

V. Public Comments

No public comments

VI. Adjournment at 2:30 p.m. to the regular meeting of the Advisory Committee scheduled for Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. at a location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.