

Commission on Children & Families

April 17, 2007

5:30 p.m.—ESD Conference Room

Minutes

Member's Present: Lois Allen, Dave Lee, Bruce Justis, Barbara Matthews, Bonnie Ford, Les Esparza, Stiles Gunn, and Dan Forbess,

Member's Absent: Sandi Smick

Other's Present: Commissioner Joe Laurance, Fred Smith, Evelyn Smith, Vic Falgout, Roy Spurgeon, Pauline Martel, Judy Robertson, Debbie Wilson, Candice Long-Voynick, Karin Hardin, Kim Deck, Joanna Byford, Sam Moore, Elizabeth Droscher, Evelyn Badger-Nores, Jerry Waybrant, Sharon Sawicki, Cheryl Smith, Chirs Gray, and John Ayer

Staff Present: Gillian Wesenberg, Debbie Wheeler, and Gail Phillips

Lois called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.

Minutes: Lois asked Commission members to review minutes from the March 20, 2007 meeting. Barbara Matthews made a motion to accept the minutes as written, David Lee seconded the motion and it carried.

Chair's Report: Lois had no report.

Director's Report: Gillian provided a legislative update. On April 13, she and Barbara Matthew's gave testimony before the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee in Eugene. Gillian testified on behalf of Pastor Steve Schenewerk of Winston and Barbara testified on behalf of Superintendent Dave Gianotti of Riddle. Their testimonies concerned the role the Commission has played in each of their respective communities.

Youth Advisory Board Update – Stiles Gunn reported the Keystone Club postponed the date for their dance to raise funds for "Adopt a Child". He reported the YAB is seeking volunteer activities for its members. Also, Stiles spoke about the upcoming event "Truth Lies & Video Tapes" on Friday, April 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Featured Topic: *Together, We Can Prevent Child Abuse* ~ Guest speakers: *Members of the Child Abuse Prevention Partnership.* Judy Robertson, a retired school administrator, shared the history of the Child Abuse Prevention Partnership (CAPP). She said the first step to prevent abuse is increasing awareness and empowering people to make a difference. With that in mind, over the years, individual organizations in Douglas County have made efforts to increase community awareness of abuse and neglect. In 2004, a small group of agencies came together around this issue. The momentum has increased and a coalition has been formed. The Child Abuse Prevention Partnership (CAPP) is an alliance between more than 20 local agencies and organizations who share a strong commitment to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Various members of CAPP then discussed their involvement with the coalition. Those present were:

- ✓ **Candice Long-Voynick** of Battered Person Advocate addressed the calendar of events for the month of April – highlighting “National Denim Day” on Wednesday, April 25th. National Denim Day is in support of those who are victims of family violence.
- ✓ **Karin Hardin** of Healthy Start spoke about the annual “Celebrate Children” event at Wildlife Safari. Last year, approximately 1500 families attended this free event held in the Village at Wildlife Safari. Twenty two organizations and agencies will have booths this year providing activities for the children, educational materials for the adults, and lots of fun give away items.
- ✓ **Debbie Wilson** of CASA is new to Roseburg and is looking forward to serving on the Child Abuse Prevention Partnership committee.
- ✓ **Kim Deck** of the Douglas County Early Childhood Planning Coalition (DCECPC) spoke about “Making Parenting a Pleasure” – which is a free parenting class offered throughout Douglas County. She reported the classes are well attended and many parenting support groups have developed as a result of these classes.
- ✓ **Joanna Byford** of the Family Development Center shared about their involvement with CAPPs.
- ✓ **Victoria Kost** of the YMCA Childcare Program spoke about the “Healthy Kids Day” event held at the YMCA.
- ✓ **Elizabeth Droscher** is with Phoenix School. She provided information about the Child Abuse Prevention Partnership’s fall conference. The conference will feature Dave Ziegler, Ph.D., LMFT, LPC. and will be held on September 14.
- ✓ **Evelyn Badger-Nores** is the new director of Douglas C.A.R.E.S. and is excited about working with the partnership.
- ✓ **Jerry Waybrant** of the Department of Humans Services shared about his agencies involvement in the partnership.
- ✓ **Sharon Sawicki** concluded the discussion by distributing baskets of “Blue Ribbons” -- the symbol of Child Abuse Prevention month. She shared that young people from several schools helped make these ribbons.

Adjournment: Lois adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Phillips
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