

Family and Children's Trust Committee
May 5, 2014
Minutes of Meeting

Members Present

Mary Kay Miller, chair, Belinda Lucey, Alicia Coleman-Clark, Olga Jones, Karin Kauzer, Joe DeLuca, Ana Cortez, Marianne Gagen, Ruth Fernandez, Carol Carillo, (non voting), Debra Vinson came after the meeting was started.

Members absent:

Lisa Johnson, Simone Gikanga

Staff Present: Elaine Burres, Mary Jane Harris, Natasha Paddock, program analyst

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:33.

Acceptance of Minutes

Ruth Fernandez moved that we accept the minutes. Karin Kauzer seconded. It passed unanimously. Ayes: Miller, Lucey, Coleman-Clark, Jones, Kauzer, DeLuca, Gagen, Fernandez; Abstain, Carillo; Nays: 0: Absent: Johnson, Vinson, Gikanga

Membership Update

Site Visit reports

Karin and Mary Kay reported on an excellent site visit with the **Care Parent Network**. They help parents and children with special needs. They have started IEP clinics to help parents with the process. FACT funds parents with children 6-12. They have started an African American support group. West and South County are underserved. They have outings for special needs and non-special needs children to help all members of the families. They promote interaction. They include children in the IEP training. A majority of parents come from the Brentwood, Antioch and San Ramon Valley. They conduct the clinics in Spanish and English. They are working on extending a program to West County. Mary Jane suggested that they work with Coronado Elementary School in WCCUSD to start with one school. Ana suggested that she could connect them with **Saffron Strands** that does outreach in Richmond.

Karin, Belinda, and Lisa attended the **COPE Parent Education Triple P program, Stepping Stones curriculum** for special needs children. By June, they will have done 4 sessions of 10 weeks, for 11 families, that helps parents of special needs children, including children with autism spectrum, with strategies to use in parenting. They do not have follow up with the parents. They do have monthly learning communities for the parents. There are only morning classes, no evening classes. They operate in Central and East County. Carol Carillo, because her agency is the fiscal agent, withdrew from the rest of the meeting. Ana asked that we ask someone from COPE to come and respond to our concerns. After a lengthy discussion there was confusion as to how many parents have been/will have been served in how many sessions. *Questions will be developed over email.*

Contract Renewal and Possible Funding Changes

We will have more money next year than what we had projected. It is suggested that we offer a 9% increase across the board to all agencies, for a total of \$45,648. In order to qualify, we will approve their new budget. That will leave us with a 9% reserve. Our requirement would be that the admin expenses are commensurate with an increase in services.

Debra moved that we renew all of the current contracts excepting COPE, pending the meeting with them. Alicia seconded. Motion passed unanimously: Ayes: Vinson, Coleman-Clark, Miller, Kauzer, Lucey, De Luca, Fernandez, Jones, Gagen. Abstain:0; Nays:0.

Belinda moved that we give all contractors, excepting COPE a 9% increase. Debra seconded. Unanimously passed: Vinson, Coleman-Clark, Miller, Kauzer, Lucey, De Luca, Fernandez, Jones, Gagen; Abstain:0; Nays:0.

Marianne amended the motion to say that a requirement is that services would be increased with a revised service plan and budget. Belinda seconded. Unanimously passed: Vinson, Coleman-Clark, Miller, Kauzer, Lucey, De Luca, Fernandez, Jones, Gagen; Abstain:0; Nays:0.

Child Care Affordability Update

There will be ~ \$120,000 available for Child Care Affordability. We are hoping that an additional RFP will not be required to be issued.

Olga moved that if the County forgoes a new RFP, we will contract with the Child Care Council. Ana seconded. Passed unanimously: Ayes: Vinson, Coleman-Clark, Miller, Kauzer, Lucey, De Luca, Fernandez, Jones, Gagen. Abstain:0; Nays:0.

Data oriented Evaluation Process Discussion

The website has been updated. It needs to mention that we have 2 vacancies as well as the dates of our meetings. Mary Jane will check. We will have a link from the County website to FACT. Alicia suggested that we ask the current contractors if they would like to have a reciprocal link to them on the FACT website.

Joe reported that he had 2 meetings with health agencies to do outreach for child abuse prevention services. They have connected him with their foundations.

The hope is that we could get a check for a multi year funding cycle to go into the Ann Adler Fund. If that should happen, we will need cases studies to present.

The committee expressed their gratitude to Joe for his herculean effort. *It was decided to have a sub committee to meet and discuss next steps. That meeting will be noticed.*

Discussion/Announcements/Additions/Public Comment

Karin asked for a copy of the service plans, contracts and budgets. Mary Jane provided them to her.

Marianne reported that she will not be attending in June.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21.

NEXT MEETING:

June 2, 2014, 9:30-11:30 PM, 40 Douglas Drive, Room 101/102