

Family and Children's Trust Committee
January 6, 2014
Minutes of Meeting

Members Present

Mary Kay Miller, chair, Belinda Lucey, Alicia Coleman-Clark, Olga Jones, Joe DeLuca, Simone Gikanga, Marianne Gagen, Debra Vinson, Lisa Johnson.

Staff Present

Mary Jane Harris, Elaine Burren

Call to order:

Meeting was called to order at 9:32

Review of Minutes (8/12/13)

Olga moved to accept as amended. Belinda seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

Membership Update

Karin's application will not be approved until February. Debra contacted John Gioia to remind him to appoint a representative from his district.

Policies and Procedures Update

The School Representative has been approved as an official member of FACT.

Site Visit Reports

Simone, Joe, and Mary Kay reported on the **Child Abuse Prevention Council's Nurturing Parent Program**. In addition to the site visit, they also attended a graduation. The staff is very impressive: dedicated, passionate about their work and very cohesive in their approach to helping parents cope with positive discipline and nurture their children. Their attendance for a 17week class is very high and many parents take the class more than once. The ethnic composition of the class is 40% African American, 26% Latino, 32% Caucasian. The course is very interactive. The facilitators were a couple who were very experienced and skilled in engaging the parents in active conversation and introspection.

Data-Oriented Evaluation Process Discussion

How do we know when we are effective and how do we use that info for getting more money? Although we could always require more data, we need to be careful about overburdening an agency considering the minimal amount of money that we fund them with. Pre and post-tests are helpful for some programs. Self-evaluations can be done. Observation of a program in action could also be arranged in the proper circumstances.

As far as using the information to increase our funding, many suggestions were made: adding data to the brochure, writing an article to appear in the local newspapers, and especially updating our link on the CCC website.

Open Discussion/Additions

Mary Kay passed out the brochure from the Child Abuse Prevention Council. She also passed out the roster for members to update their personal info. She also announced that Rhonda is now working for Solano County.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36.

NEXT MEETING:

February 3, 2014, 9:30-11:30 PM, 40 Douglas Drive, Room 101/102

