

**Prevent Child Abuse Calaveras Council**  
**February 21, 2008**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Kathryn Eustis, Arleen Garland, Jennifer Goerlitz, Jeanette O'Brien, Debby Brooks, Mike Carll, Tammy Beilstein, Robin Bunch, and special guests George Curtis, Louanne Shahandeh, Barry Fisher, and Ruben Robles.

**CITIZEN'S REVIEW PANEL MEETING 11:00-12:00**

**Approval of Minutes:** Approved

**OCAP Representatives for CRP:** Introductions were made and the members welcomed Ruben Robles, our CRP consultant from OCAP, Barry Fisher, Manager for CRP from OCAP and Louanne Shahandeh, private consultant for CRP Grantees. Ruben Robles said that our CRP report looks good. If he were to request *anything* it would be for us to have a more "global look at what CRP's are all about", but said it bears repeating that we did a very good job all around.

Louanne said our first report was extremely well put together, intense and in-depth. Our county response is the quickest she has ever seen! (Counties have 6 months to respond)

**CRP'S – GREAT EDUCATIONAL TOOL:** Louanne reminded us that CRP's are a great educational tool and that both sides (CRP and CHWS) handled the process very well and any small glitches will be worked out over time.

Mike Carll reported that many recommendations have already taken place. He said he was surprised by how quickly that happened and said that parents and families have responded very well. They are beginning to understand that they need to be more involved with their case plans, conferences, etc.

Arleen said that parents felt they had no voice but now that is NOT the case, She said they feel heard and valued.

Louanne said to be sure to note this (Mike and Arleen's comments) in our Quarterly Report!

Louanne said she noticed a reduction in Foster care Re-entry but Kathryn pointed out that we were not alone in this because CWHS was already working on that issue before CRP began, Louanne said she feels we are a piece of the puzzle.

**FORMAT OF FINAL REPORT:** Arleen and Kathryn asked what form the Final Report needs to take? Ruben replied that the county could do what they wish with the report locally. A summary of the report and county response should be sufficient.

Barry suggested we ask the county how they feel about including the county response in the final public document. Our group said they would like to have a summary of both the report and the county response in the final public document.

Louanne said we are simply looking for public response and ideas.

Group decided we would like to have this document out by April for Child Abuse Prevention Month. All agreed. This would be great P.R. for PCACC/CRP.

**Volunteers for the REPORT TEAM are:** Arleen, Kathryn, Mikey and Tammy. Ruben feels that others will view the CRP process as “remarkable”. We have a problem or issue – discussion – reporting and documentation – response and commitments.

**CRP SELF-EVALUATION:** Arleen said she would email the CRP self-evaluation to every CRP member.

**FUTURE CRP FUNDING:** Arleen asked if State/Federal budgets would affect CRP funds? Ruben replied, “No. These funds will not be affected”. Ruben then added that there could be an additional 12 months added to the 3-year cycle. Ruben said the State must have at least 3 CRP’s and the same counties may continue over and over again. He also said that CWHS does not have to be the fiscal agent for our CRP. Kathryn asked if another agent might take over without much hassle. Ruben replied, “It is premature to say, but did not feel it would be a problem, as long as CWS agreed.”

**STATE CRP REPS:** Mike, who is a State CRP Representative, reported that the State said we are allowed 2 representatives at the State CRP meetings. Mike would like to see us offer a stipend to parents to attend both CRP and PCACC meetings. According to Mike, Tuolumne County does this.

**SAN MATEO REPORT:** Lounanne reported that she brought the San Mateo CRP report for Arleen and she gave San Mateo our CRP report – the idea is that we can help each other.

**CRP ON PCACC WEB SITE:** Tammy will ask Tim Hildabrand to add a CRP tab to our web site. We will publish our report here and refer the public to this site for more information.

## **LUNCH**

### **PREVENT CHILD ABUSE CALAVERAS COUNCIL MEETING: 12:00-1:00**

**Approval of Minutes:** Approved with 2 changes – Kathryn said the date of the Follies is April 12, 2008, not February 12, 2008. Robin said she is “just beginning” the Safely Surrender Baby Resource List, not currently working on that list.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Kris was unable to attend today’s meeting so Jeanette filled in for her. Jeanette reported that after a meeting with HRC and CWHS, she thought that HRC’s budget would be \$62,100 instead of \$ 67,500.

Jeanette said that she needs to know exactly how much money we will need for the remainder of this fiscal year. She needs this figure by the end of February. She is looking to finalize actions by April/May.

Kathryn asked if PCACC might leave an amount for “mad money” so we may have some “wobble room”. Jeanette said, “No” to that, but added that we could estimate “over” what we believe we might actually need.

Jeanette said she will not be attending PCACC/CRP meetings after June 30<sup>th</sup> but Mikey Habbestad will stay as CWHS/CPS representative.

**Outreach Coordinator's Report:**

- 1) Our brochures are done! Please take a handful and display them in your office and around your town. They look great!
- 2) We have a few Parent Leadership Nominations in, but could use many more. Please submit your nomination form asap. We are asking others to do this, so I think it is important that our own Council members nominate special people. Awards will be given out at the April B.O.S. meeting. Please mail your nominations to me at: PCACC, P.O. Box 872, San Andreas, Ca. 95249. *Nominations are due Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>.*
- 3) The Baby Fair and Children's Day event will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-2pm at the Calaveras County Fairgrounds. If you need a booth or would like to volunteer for that event please contact Cathy Wagner at (209) 754-1075.
- 4) Tim Hildabrand has been on the ball with our PCACC web site! We are all up to date and looking great! Tim is posting our meeting minutes, meeting calendar, and everything else we send him.
- 5) Arleen and I attended the Sierra Sacramento Regional Coalition meeting last month where we updated our information on the Regional Coalition's web site, learned a bit about Shaken baby Syndrome, and quite a few other things.
- 6) HRC has expanded their newsletter and we now share a large page with Arleen and "Parent Education". I have submitted 2 articles for the PCACC page as well as an expanded definition of what we do for the "About Us" section.
- 7) The Calaveras Enterprise printed a Valentines Day article I wrote for our column. It got a very nice response.
- 8) The Gold Country Times will print this same article along with a couple of other smaller articles I sent in (Parent Leadership Month, etc) and our PCACC, "It Only Takes A Minute" ad.
- 9) Arleen, Mike and I attended the Child Abuse Prevention Summit in Sacramento on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. We all found it to be fun and very educational. We attended different workshops so we could share what we learned with each other. The afternoon speaker was wonderful and made this Summit one I will never forget.

Kathryn asked that Mike, Arleen and Tammy make up a short report of what we each learned at the State Summit.

**PCACC Special Committee:** Arleen, Robin, Jeanette and Karen Pekarcik met for the last Special Committee meeting. PCACC By-Laws were reviewed and Jeanette re-wrote

the entire document with help from Karen. Jeanette will have this new document available to our group at the March PCACC meeting. Jeanette and Robin both said that the new By-Laws look very sharp and that we will be proud to own them.

**Baby Fair and Children's Day event:** PCACC will give \$300.00 to the Baby Fair and Children's Day event to help with the cost of food. Our council will also have our popular Cookie Decorating Booth at this event. Tammy reported that she will be filming the event this year for local TV and will not be able to work the booth for part of the day. Volunteers are needed. Kathryn said that she may be able to provide us with Mentor/Mentee volunteers, and Arleen said there is a possibility that BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) may be able to help out as well.

**Special Guest:** We were *very* happy to have George Curtis of Angels Camp join us! George wrote a book titled "Tennessee Tears" which tells about the childhood trauma he experienced as a child sold by the Tennessee Children's Home Society. George suffered extreme child abuse while at the orphanage and again by his adoptive parents. George knew nothing of his origins until he saw a "60 Minutes" episode about Georgia Tann and the Tennessee Children's Home scandal in 1992. After some research, George found his biological father and discovered he has a biological sister. His mother died shortly before George discovered the truth. George said he wrote this book as a way to heal his wounds and is not in it for profit. He came to our PCACC meeting today to learn more about us. We are so happy he did...

**Our next PCACC meeting will be held on March 20,2008**  
**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND THIS MEETING**

Minutes submitted by Tammy Beilstein