

Prevent Child Abuse Calaveras Council
March 21, 2008
Minutes

Present: Kathryn Eustis, Marti Crane, Arleen Garland, Tammy Beilstein, Liseanne Wick, Karen Pekarcik, Jeanette O'Brien, Jennifer Goerlitz, Mike Carll, George Curtis, Kelly Graesch, Robin Bunch, Debby Brooks, and special guests Tina Marler of BACA and Peggy Mascaro.

Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Kris was unable to attend today's meeting but she gave Jeanette the Financial Reports for Dec. 2007, Jan.2008, Feb.2008, and March 2008.

The reports show that as of March 2008, PCACC has had a donation total of \$16,927.50. This is almost \$2000.00 over our projected donation amount.

The March 2008 Financial Report is only a DRAFT but it shows PCACC Current Month Expenses as being \$29,685.93, and the exact same amount for PCACC Expenses YTD. This is because up until now, there were no receipts/invoices from July 2007 until December 2007. The \$29,685.93 reflects ALL of PCACC's expenses for the past 5 months.

There is still an issue with getting receipts/invoices from HRC to CalWorks. Jeanette said that Kris still needs receipts/invoices from Jan.2008, on.

Michelle at HRC is in the process of updating expenses/receipts/etc. This should be completed either today or tomorrow. Michelle is attempting to figure out which grant the dollars should come from (CBCAP, PSSF, CAPIT) so that our accounts will be completely correct.

HRC is working with Jeanette. Once this is finalized, then Jeanette will work with First 5. First 5 will work with the Auditor-Controllers Office.

It is estimated that \$61,000 is needed by HRC to keep going until June 30,2008.

We were told that \$30,000 + will be transferred to First 5 after June 30, 2008.

Karen said that expense projections are very important to this process. PCACC members see no large expenditures coming any time soon.

Outreach Report:

- 1) On Monday, Feb 25th, Arleen and I met with Tina Marler of *BACA – Bikers Against Child Abuse*. Tina and her husband are from the Mother Lode Chapter and are interested in joining our council and doing some volunteer work when needed. This is a very interesting group and we are excited to have them join us in our work. To learn more about BACA, go to their web site at: <http://www.bacausa.com>
- 2) The *Baby Fair and Children's Day* event seems to be moving along very nicely. I will be filming that day so we need volunteers to help work the PCACC cookie decorating booth. If you can help, please call me (754-6110), or Arleen (754-1075). Thanks!
- 3) *Parent Leadership* nominations are in and I have already contacted those we will be honoring this year. Arleen and I will be securing a date and time for the BOS

presentation in April. I have typed up a press release for the media, located the correct districts for each of the honorees, I've written the short presentation statements for each honoree, and am working on the certificates and the other things that go along with our big presentation.

- 4) Next month is *Child Abuse Prevention Month*. We have hundreds of blue ribbon pins and about 75 +- blue rubber bracelets to give out. Many of these we can distribute at the Baby Fair Children's Day, but if you want to take any for your own office, etc., please do!
- 5) We also have some awesome *Child Abuse Prevention posters* at my office. I will be distributing these throughout the county during the next couple of weeks. If you'd like to have some for your office, please take them.
- 6) First 5 mistakenly ordered 700 *Resource booklets* for providers. These booklets are now in my office and I will be getting them out to the community next month as part of our Child Abuse Prevention month outreach. Again, PLEASE take and distribute these if you are able. It would be a great help!!
- 7) The *Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA) Dinner Dance* will be held this Saturday, March 22nd, 5:30pm-Midnight, at the San Andreas Town Hall, \$20.00 per person. Call Rick DiBasilio at 728-5018 or Tracy Busby at 610-8950 for tickets.

Cookie Decorating Booth: We need volunteers for Saturday, March 29th to help with the PCACC Cookie Decorating Booth. Possible volunteers for the event are George Curtis, Tina Marler and BACA, and mentors from the Youth Mentoring Program. Any help this day would be greatly appreciated!

Resource Booklets: Kathryn asked for an additional 30 Resource Booklets. I will get those to her asap.

BACA – Bikers Against Child Abuse: We were thrilled to have Tina Marler come to today's meeting and tell us about her group. BACA has been in existence since 1995 and has over 200 chapters in the U.S. and 12 chapters in Australia. Tina is the secretary for the Mother Lode Chapter and she is actively recruiting members from Calaveras County. Tina told us a bit about the BACA group and its members. The work they do is amazing and very needed. Tina handed out brochures and gave away a few BACA Informational DVD's to our PCACC members. She has more DVD's if we need them, but Tina mentioned that a new version would be available soon. BACA is a 501C3. Any money raised is put toward child therapy costs, child summer camp, doctor visits, etc.

**The Mother Lode Chapter of BACA is going to have a 100 Mile Honor Ride for Abused Children on April 26th. The group will start and end at Blondie's Frosty at the top of Mokelumne Hill, Hwy 49. Registration is at 11:00am - Kickstands up at Noon. The cost is \$10.00 a hand for the Poker Ride with precedes going to abused children in the Mother Lode. For more information contact the Mother Lode Hotline at (209) 217-4300. To learn more about BACA, go to their web site at www.bacausa.com.

Name Tags: George suggested we wear nametags during our PCACC meetings.

OCAP Conference call: PCACC members Arleen, Jeanette, Robin and Karen participated in a conference call regarding the CAPIT, CBCAP and PSSF grants. Patty Harper from OCAP said that every county gets these 3 grants. Small counties receive smaller grant amounts/Large counties receive larger grant amounts. The grants run on a three-year cycle with this being the last year. As the cycle ends, the county needs to come up with a new 3-year Plan. After this is completed, an RFP goes out (Request For Proposal). Parent Education/Differential Response/etc. are paid for with these grant monies.

The problem all counties are facing right now is no one knows what the budget amount will be. We do know that there will be a 10% cut across the board from the State. It is difficult – if not impossible – to extend grants when we do not know the amount we are working with. Many agencies will need to “Zero Out” and then start up again when/if the funds are available. This year there is no cash carryover to support agencies. It was reported that we might not have an answer from the State until September or October. The State suggested we all look at our Strategic Plan and SIP (Service Improvement Plan) to find what our real priorities are. This will help us to know where to focus our outreach. Expect big Federal changes later down the line.

Special Committee Meetings:

By-Laws Meeting – Jeanette, Robin, Mike and Arleen attended the last By-Laws meeting. Jeanette wrote the new PCACC By-Laws and Karen added a few notations. Arleen handed out copies of the new By-Laws with notations to all PCACC members. Jeanette reported that the Brown Act language was added to make PCACC more “county supported”. There were refinements made to the Conflict of Interest statement and to the Membership area.

Kathryn agrees that PCACC needs more structure but she does not want it to become too cumbersome. Kathryn asked if we could back off the structure a little?

Karen explained that the B.O.S. can “approve” our members but does not need to “appoint” our members. Part of the B.O.S. job is to make sure people on our council do not have any conflict of interest. Not every decision made by PCACC needs to go before the B.O.S.

Karen said this is all part of a “positive structure” for PCACC and that the wording is the same as in our Welfare and Institution Code.

Kathryn asked if we may change the Membership wording to “at least 7” appointed members, in the representation area of the By-Laws? Karen advised to be careful about this, stating that “7” is a good number for a council of our size.

Arleen asked if we could change the wording of “shall” to “may” in this same area? Most PCACC members expressed worry that if we become too rigid we may lose what we have worked so hard for. Karen said that this entire wording defines who our decision makers are and gives us responsible leaders who are reliable.

These By-Laws must be adopted in May.

**We were running late on time and need to table this discussion until next meeting.

**Council members said they would read the By-Laws before next meeting and note any questions for discussion.

Program Sharing: There was no time for program sharing today.

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CRP Quarterly Report: Karen was asked if she felt we should address the CRP (Citizen's Review Panel) in our By-Laws? Karen advised, No, keep CRP listed as a project.

Arleen said that the CRP Report would be sent to Louanne by 4/15/08. The Report is due to the State by 4/30/08.

Arleen asked group if we should include this report in our PCACC Informational packet given to the B.O.S.? Group said, Yes, but only the revised version.

**Arleen would like to meet one day next week to refine and shorten the State response to the CRP Report.

**Tammy will send this report to Tim Hildabrand for posting on our PCACC web site.

Member Updates:

George said he is going to be filming an episode of Kathy's Window on April 17th at 6:30pm. George would also like to attend the upcoming Regional Coalition meeting with Arleen, Tammy and Mike on Tuesday, March 25th in Sacramento.

Liseanne told us about a television show titled Crystal Darkness that will air simultaneously on every major station, Wednesday, March 26th at 6:30pm. This is a documentary style program that will address the serious Methamphetamine issues plaguing our State.

For more information on this program, go to: crystalmeth.org.

Tina answered questions about the BACA 100 Mile Ride. Call her at (209) 217-4300 for more information.

Jennifer announced that the VW Club raised \$480.00 for Hospice!

Kathryn said that the Cowell *Collaborative* Grant was unsuccessful for the Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program.

Next PCACC meeting will be held on April 17, 2008
Minutes submitted by Tammy Beilstein