

Contra Costa County Head Start Meeting Minutes



Meeting: Economic Opportunity Council General Committee Location: Suite 110 Bisso

Date: 04-09-09 Time Convened: 06:00 Time Terminated: 7:15 Recorder: Kristin Cooke

Attendees: Tracy Fraas (Chair), Fred Jackson (Vice-Chair), Caylin Patterson, James Sullivan, Jerome LaTorre, John

Jewell, Florence Weiss, Domingo Delgadillo, Delphine Smith, Deborah Polk

Absent: Kathy Jones, Ed Lerman

TOPIC	RECOMMENDATION / SUMMARY
Desired Outcomes, Agenda, Roles, Ground Rules	Tracy Fraas reviewed the desired outcomes and ground rules.
Public Comment	• None
Chairperson's Item	• None
Vice Chairperson's Items	• None

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Staff Items	 There will be two presentations at the May 12th BOS meeting originating from EOC. First to declare May Community Action month and the second is a proclamation for the Faith-based community as requested by Fred.
	 Project Homeless Connect 4 will be in Richmond on June 17th, 2009. CSB will be present with outreach materials. If anyone would like to volunteer, please let Caylin know.
	 June 4th will be the joint PC/BOS/EOC training. The training will be held at the Lafayette Veteran's hall from 12-2pm. More information will follow.
	 The public forum meeting for the CAP will be held on May 20th at the Pacheco Community Center immediately following the Head Start Policy Council meeting. Details will follow. Pieces of the CAP will be reviewed and feedback gathered from the public.
	 Stimulus funding is coming soon. The common themes for all additional funds are job creation, accountability, and transparency. California is expecting approximately \$90 million in stimulus funding for CADCSD. Florence presented information on the "Green and Clean" cooperative project in Concord. Caylin, Ed, and Tracy have a meeting on April 21st with the Executive Director at Michael Chavez Center. An email will go out for those interested in assisting with the preliminary proposal process.
	A reminder was given to complete the Form 700 today if you have not already.
Article of Interest	This month's article was "Transforming the EITC to Reduce Poverty and Inequality" by Gordon Berlin.
	Tracy pointed out that employees must be notified if they may qualify for EITC.
	 The solution proposed in the article could theoretically work, but practically there are many holes and allowances for people to slip through. The suggestion seems simply to patch the problem rather than fixing the system.
	 Discussed the stimulus from last summer and how those who received are now required to report on their taxes. Many now owe money on their taxes and have since lost their jobs.

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Delegate Report	Delphine:
	 The County budget passed and major cuts will take place in health and public safety. Non- emergency health care will no longer be provided to undocumented immigrants. Sheriff and Health programs are the most expensive for the County to administer.
	The County's hiring freeze is still in effect.
	 Supervisor Gioia is hosting a breakfast at CSB's George Miller III site in Richmond on April 18th. He will review the current issues.
	 Crescent Park Community Center will have lecture on affordable housing on May 16th.
	 Asthma toolkits were distributed. There is a new law that allows students to have their inhaler on their person. All information is in English and Spanish.
	Florence:
	 A hair salon near Pacheco Community Center donated a day to homeless people. They will be doing it again soon. Florence will let us know the date.
Member Updates	 Tracy attended a training on the ARRA. She was impressed with the ideas that came out of the homeless RFP for Contra Costa County. The total will only be \$1.4 million maximum which will not go far.
	 Deborah reported that the State did not receive the ARRA amount expected. There will be 4.3% cut from the CalWorks grant. SSP/SSI will be cut by 3% and IHSS salaries will decrease by \$3.00/hour. Medical will no longer provide optometry or dental services for adults.
Approval of January Minutes	A motion to approve January's general meeting minutes was made by Fred Jackson and seconded by Delphine Smith.
Adjournment	• 7:00pm