



Contra Costa County Head Start Meeting **Minutes**

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



Date: 01-22-09

Time Convened: 06:00

Time Terminated: 7:15

Recorder: Tina Rahmani

Attendees: Tracy Fraas (Chair), Fred Jackson (Vice-Chair), Ed Lerman, Caylin Patterson, John Jewell, Jerome La Torre, Domingo Delgadillo, Deborah Polk, , James Sullivan, Delphine Smith, Domingo Delgadillo (on Conference call)

Absent: Kathy Jones

TOPIC	RECOMMENDATION / SUMMARY
Desired Outcomes, Agenda, Roles, Ground Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tracy Fraas reviewed the desired outcomes and ground rules.
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None.
Chairperson's Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tracy recommended sending Mark Goldberg a thank you letter for his time served on the EOC. Ed will draft the letter.
Vice Chairperson's Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fred shared the experience of his trip to the inauguration in Washington DC. He stated how proud he was to be there in the VIP section and to see Obama sworn in as 44th president of USA.

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<p>Staff Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caylin announced that Mark Goldberg, delegate for Supervisor Bonilla, Public Sector Seat District IV, resigned from his seat. • Caylin mentioned that Ed submitted the application to the State for discretionary funds (\$5,000) during the cold snap emergency. The funds will go to the homeless program and they will distribute to the youth shelter for additional capacity. • Ed handed out the bylaws to the EOC members. He talked about the action plan to fill vacancies especially for the low-income sector and the action plan for recruitment, which was part of the corrective action plan from the state.. The major concern is in our selection process for the low-income seats, The EOC needs to employ a democratic process for selecting members for the low-income seats. The EOC members will need to vote on the recommended changes. • Caylin Discussed the RFP. She mentioned 26 different agencies came to the Bidder’s Conference for the Request for Proposal. Twelve of them went to fiscal and program review and Ed, Caylin, Deborah, Tracy, Domingo, and Kathy are part of the review team. • Caylin talked about her trip to Washington DC in connection with the G2g grant - Supporting Grandparents Raising Head Start Grandchildren. <p>Tracy wants to know if anyone from CSB will be participating in the upcoming homeless count. Caylin stated that she will follow-up to see which CSB staff member will be participating.</p>
<p>Article of Interest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Rethinking The Safety Net, Gaps And Instability In Help For The Working Poor</i>- talks about social welfare program which can be thought of as the bundle of government and nongovernment antipoverty programs intended to help the roughly 60 million low-income Americans who lack adequate income, food, housing, or access to health care. Jerome noted that a lot of people are leaving the area and Ed commented on the observation that there is often a mismatch between the area where services are located and where clients reside.

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<p>Delegate Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delphine Smith, had the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>West County Newsletter</i>- talks about John Gioia’s message regarding \$28 billion deficit over the next 18 months and during these challenging times, he is inspired that our community comes together to help those most in need. - <i>Your Loan Will Be Modified</i>- workshop and information to help community members modify their home loans. - <i>CCC Redevelopment Housing</i>- for the project areas in Bay Point, Montalvin Manor, North Richmond, and Rodeo - <i>Stop Foreclosures, Help Save Our Communities</i>-2 million families have lost their homes to foreclosure this year, and million more will be threatened in the coming year. Contact John Adams at ACORN to register to volunteer to help the community. - <i>Help Us Plan For North Richmond’s Future</i> –Contra Costa County has initiated a process to re-plan a portion of the north Richmond Community
<p>Review and Approve Minutes of October 9th and November 13th Meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from November 13, 2008 approved with the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vice Chairperson’s Report - Fred mentioned that there was a house fire in Richmond in which an African American resident and a Latino resident rescued the family that was inside the house. Fred noted the action of the residents and the connection between the black/brown community by contacting Supervisor Gioia and asking him to honor the two residents. - Staff Items – Time for another EOC retreat - possibly April, 2009. More details to come.
<p>Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:15