

Sacramento County Local Child Care and Development Planning Council
Minutes of Meeting of Quality/CARES Committee
September 13, 2006 9:00 a.m.
Child Action, Inc., 9961 Horn Road, Sacramento

Members present: Anne Kress (Chair), Loretta Smith, Kathleen Tibbals
Staff present: Marianne Knoy, Tracey Slater

1. PAS Training

- Committee members approved the proposal for co-sponsorship to bring before the Executive Committee. Staff will present on behalf of the committee at the next Executive Committee meeting on September 27, 2006.
- Staff has confirmed the training dates with the trainers.
- Staff submitted to the committee for review, revised donation and invitation letters and attachments. Members approved the forms.
- Staff recommended sending the letters of donation to school districts and other identified agencies, and then following up with phone calls to secure additional donations for the event. Members agreed.
- Staff reported that Jaci White, Child Action, Inc., is working with Sheryl Gessford, Dean, Health and Education Division, Early Childhood Education at American River College to offer a college unit for the training. Anne Kress, will begin the paperwork for the curriculum review committee.
- Staff reported the event will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel.
- Anne Kress noted that the Community College Consortium will hold a conference October 19 and 20 with over 109 community colleges in attendance, and suggested that flyers announcing the workshops be provided.
- Suggestions for incentives for attendees included:
 - drawings for curriculum kits
 - QCCC adaptation kits
 - Lakeshore – coupons and/or centerpieces
 - Kaplan – Steve Irwin
- Staff will follow up on contracts with the trainers and the hotel.

2. CARES Update

Tracey Slater, Child Action, Inc., reported applications have been distributed via check distribution events in June and July, upon request to interested parties and through three application workshops, including one in Russian.

Approximately 170 ECERS evaluations must be completed by November 30 by 12 trained ECERS evaluators. Committee members volunteered to assist in conducting the evaluations. Tracey will forward a contact name to each volunteering member who will then be responsible for setting an appointment with the contact.

Committee members requested feedback regarding the ECERS evaluations and process. Tracey noted that some evaluations she receives have scores that conflict with the written comments. Discussion ensued about how to address the discrepancies and possible changes to the approach in teaching the scoring to ECERS students. Anne Kress requested antidotal information on successful outcomes of ECERS evaluations.

3. The next meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Child Action, Inc. offices at 9961 Horn Road.