

Our Children, Our Community

Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2007

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Mark Twain St Joseph's Hospital, Classroom 2, 768 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas

Information: 209-754-1470 or www.calaverasococ.org

10 Year Master Plan for Children and Youth in Calaveras County (page 33):

The Coordinating Council meets at least quarterly to track progress, identify next steps and provide updates to the community.

Members of the Coordinating Council provide oversight of the Master Plan implementation, actively participate in Focus Area Committees, and are responsible for ensuring fiscal sustainability and evaluation results are implemented.

	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/DETAILS	ACTION
1	Welcome & Introductions - Mike Kriletich, Chair Attendees: Mike Kriletich, Chair; Mike Carll, Marti Crane, Paul De Baldo, Tim Hildabrand, Connie McLain, Sandy Morrill, Sheila Neal, Karen Pekarcik, Vice Chair; Mollie Rogers, Russ Thomas, Arlene Weissman		
2	Review and Approve Agenda Mike Kriletich	Sheila Neal, HRC Calaveras Head Start-State Preschool, requested an opportunity to <i>Kits for New Parents</i> share information about	Kits for New Parents will be discussed after Fiscal Report.
3	Review and Approve Minutes Mike Kriletich	June 27, 2007 Meeting Minutes available at www.calaverasococ.org	K Pekarcik requested correction to Other Business: Rita Downs should be on work group, not Rita Rush.
4	Fiscal Report	No Change to HRC's 06/27/07 Reported Balance of \$2,950 M Kriletich reminded the Council that agreement has been made to use the \$2950 balance to engage High Sierra Rural Alliance to facilitate continued effort in achieving a children's element for the General Plan revision.	
5	New Parent Kits	Sheila Neal shared an example of the First 5 California <i>Kits for New Parents</i> distributed by HRC Calaveras Head Start-State Preschool. She has asked for input regarding new items or information to be added to the kits which are given free to any new parent within the county. Suggestions included adding a local resource guide (websites and phone numbers), information about Shaken Baby Syndrome, information specifically for dads, information to help dads support breastfeeding; spot remover to encourage one more hug before parents leave baby in care; baby nutrition and home made babyfoods. Parents statewide can also contact the state office at 1-800-543-7025 to receive a KNP in English, or 1-800-506-4667 for Spanish. Locally, distribution will be made through hospitals, physicians, home visitors, etc. A trial item included in the KNPs is a Baby go to Sleep Heartbeat Therapy CD. More information about	

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		the music/heartbeat CD is available at babygotosleep.com people are interested in reviewing or purchasing it.	
6	OCOC Website Update Tim Hildabrand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to County Website <p>T Hildabrand is working with the county to have OCOC linked through their website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeless Survey <p>T Hildabrand has added the Homeless Survey to the OCOC website.</p> <p>Individuals shared their positive feedback regarding use of the website. M Kruletich shared that he was able to connect new county staff for information about OCOC. M Carll may have additional links or information for sharing through the website. M Carll mentioned MLJT holds an “agency collaborative” group meeting to connect people interested in grant writing and resource sharing.</p> <p>T Hildabrand is hoping the <i>Google Groups</i> feature will be used to help people connect and share information.</p>	
7	General Plan Study Session Update 7/24/07 Attendees	The actual session has been postponed to August 21, 1:30 at San Andreas Town Hall. K Pekarcik and M Crane attended the discussion which took place in lieu of the Community Plan Study Session. Stephanie Moreno, Community Development Director, answered questions of the individuals who were present and waiting for the actual session.	
8	Youth Event Mike Kruletich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September, Mike Pritchard Event <p>M Kruletich shared that the Pritchard event scheduled for 9/20 or 9/21 is still being developed. He also shared that Calaveras County Office of Education’s Mt Ranch Community School will begin on Monday, 7/30, with 51 children enrolled, 50 of whom are on independent study. They attend MRCS when they are expelled, or have serious issues which do not allow their return to the regular campus. These are students from all over the county who are bussed to the school. Generally they’re high school age, but have been as young as sixth grade.</p> <p>Pritchard will be asked to spend part of the day in a presentation with the students at MRCS addressing the idea of their social responsibility. The balance of the day with Pritchard will be used for the Youth Leadership Activity.</p> <p>M Crane shared a flyer from Mother Lode Job Training seeking youth interested in paid work experience. Contact Ernie at MLJT to find out about partnering a youth with supervisors for job shadowing. MLJT phone is 754-4242 x20.</p>	
9	Planning w/High Sierra Rural Alliance Mike Kruletich	M Kruletich explained the Council’s past interest in looking at how the revision to Calaveras County’s General Plan relates to development of a children’s element for the county. Autumn Bernstein, speaker at the Children’s Summit, was excited at the work done by OCOC, and recommended the High Sierra	

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	<p>Rural Alliance for further support in the effort to address children’s issues in the general plan. M Kriletich has shared OCOC and Summit information with Stevie at HSRA. Stevie, who has experience as a planner, said the work done on the Master Plan is “amazing,” and recommends introducing the 10 Year Master Plan as a stand alone element for inclusion in the General Plan. Her initial perception is that the work is already done in development.</p> <p>Stevie is looking at how the implementation plan is designed and would work with the General Plan. M Kriletich has referred Stevie to Lynn O’Connor, the newly hired Calaveras County General Plan Coordinator. He also noted that in his conversation with O’Connor, she had a positive response to the OCOC website, resources and documents.</p> <p>M Kriletich is facilitating a possible agreement to retain Stevie/HSRA to consult with OCOC. M Kriletich is suggesting use of possibly up to \$2000 of the \$2950 balance to support Stevie in this effort. No argument or discussion occurred to challenge the suggestion. Mike will work with HRC to develop the agreement, consulting expectations and product deliverables. He envisions that Stevie would likely come to OCOC to present a completed presentation draft to be considered in the GP.</p> <p>M Kriletich will bring the draft agreement between HRC & HSRA for review with the subcommittee working on the coordinating council make-up and implementation plans. Subcommittee participants will likely be M Kriletich, Kerry Williams, Rita Downs, K Pekarcik. P De Baldo has also expressed an interest in participating. K Pekarcik will email participants to convene the work group before the next OCOC meeting.</p>	
<p>10 Implementation Plan Update Karen Pekarcik</p>	<p>K Pekarcik shared how OCOC information and documents have changed hands over the years. As this has occurred, there is no solid information about who is Coordinating Council representation, and what they are clearly charged to do.</p> <p>Some individuals shared the struggle they’ve experienced trying to find meaningful results from attending OCOC meetings. Sharing information is useful to some, however, attending the meeting is not always seen as purposeful. Others present could identify many positive outcomes, particularly the information sharing and relationship building.</p> <p>Discussion was held around the perceptions of OCOC as a movement and as a group meeting.</p> <p>The workgroup should meet and be prepared to share next steps with the group at the August meeting.</p>	<p>K Pekarcik will get the Summit Maps, etc., from HRC.</p> <p>K Pekarcik will not be present for the August meeting.</p>

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11	Comments/Announcements	<p>M Carll shared that the Mountain Ranch Youth Alliance is now known as the Mountain Ranch Community Resource Center.</p> <p>Sandy Morrill shared that CalWORKS will be opening its sixth outstation to be held in Angels Camp. Outstations are also located in West Point, Valley Springs, Copperopolis, Mountain Ranch, and Arnold. Outstations provide community locations for eligibility workers to be available for information and enrollment in supportive services, food stamps, Healthy Families, MediCal, etc. Veterans representatives are present once a week to support veterans with benefit and resource information. Numbers of people accessing the outstations in all communities are greater than CalWORKS expected.</p> <p>Workers will also be available to share information with families at community events and back to school nights. CalWORKS is now seeing people they wouldn't have seen had the outstations not been in the local communities.</p> <p>R Thomas apologized for arriving late. Shared that there's no sense waiting for the General Plan for sharing the OCOC Master Plan with decision makers and leaders. He feels it is appropriate that a recommendation be made soon to the BOS that a mitigation be provided by developers for some of the priorities (childcare, children's facilities, etc.) noted in the plan. BOS is meeting with developers now and making decisions about development. With an OCOC recommendation of specific concerns and mitigations, each supervisor may be better prepared to respond to developers questions now. He shared the following example: Tuscany Hills will have 350 homes around a golf course. While the homes are generally expected to serve older couples, there could have been a mitigation for community need of a child care center. That opportunity has been missed. He suggested that contacting supervisors individually, rather than in BOS meetings, may be appropriate. This would ensure supervisors are sensitive to local needs.</p> <p>K Pekarcik shared that it's possible that the master plan can be boiled down to a checklist of critical needs for supervisors to use as they are asked to review and decide on developments. K Pekarcik will request that the workgroup develop a list of considerations—recommend that development not be approved unless it addresses some specific considerations.</p> <p>Upcoming Event: 9/10 – <i>I Don't Know Art Show</i> – Youth Masks Art Show (sponsored by Calaveras County Probation) Calaveras Arts Council, Main Street, San Andreas</p>	
12	Adjourn		<p>Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, August 22, 2007 3:30-5:00 p.m., MTSJ Hospital</p> <p>Go to www.calaverasococ.org and set Google Groups to email for automatic meeting reminders!</p>