

*Our Children, Our Community*  
**Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, October 24, 2007  
 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Mark Twain St Joseph’s Hospital, Classroom 2, 768 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas  
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**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/FOLLOW-UP
1	Welcome & Introductions - Mike Kriletich, Chair		
2	Review and Approve Agenda Mike Kriletich		
3	Review and Approve Minutes Mike Kriletich	No minutes were made for the September 26, 2007 meeting.	
4	Announcements	<p>M. Crane announced that the Volunteer Center will have an entry in the Soroptimist Club’s Festival of the Trees event at Kautz Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys. The tree displays are open for public viewing during the week of Thanksgiving.</p> <p>M. Kriletich will be a representative on the new state level Child Welfare Council. The Council was recently established by Governor Schwarzeneger to review state level systems and outcomes impacting children and families.</p> <p>K. Williams shared “Choices for a Vital Community,” a document available through the League of Women Voters website, and the “Communities Committed to Children” guide available through the Action Alliance for Children.</p> <p>K. Pekarcik announced that a Children’s Services Coordinator position will begin recruitment over the next week or so. This is a First 5 Calaveras position through Calaveras County employment to support the OCOC Strategic Plan goals for systems integration.</p>	

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5	OCOC Website Update Tim Hildabrand	The Children’s Summit maps will be added to the website over the next month. They will be set-up to be interactive, allowing greater access to information organized by community or content topics.	
6	General Plan Study Session Update 08/23/07 Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share outcomes/concerns as they relate to OCOC Goals:</li> </ul> <p>K Williams described the 10/23 County BOS session introducing the next nine steps of the General Plan process. They will be conducting a second round of community meetings scheduled to occur in Nov/Dec.</p> <p>Mintier &amp; Associates’ baseline report of the first phase General Plan activity should be available for review in November.</p> <p>BOS shared their vision of the county issues and priorities as presented in the discussion slides. K Williams and K Pekarcik made public comments regarding the need to prioritize children’s issues and needs.</p> <p>Supv. Thomas shared his appreciation for the participation of OCOC members and community in the process. He noted that the purpose of the meeting was well scoped by Brent Harrington, interim County Administrative Officer. He shared that it was important for the planning staff to hear from the BOS regarding their views, philosophy and direction as to what would be important in the process.</p> <p>Supv Thomas shared that the stage is being set for consideration of Children’s elements into the general plan. P Debaldo emphasized his interest in participating in the effort to make this happen. M. Krietch added that this relates specifically to the HSRA consultation efforts which will be addressed in Agenda Item 7.</p> <p>Supv. Thomas described the general plan process as an opportunity to link child focused elements and land use together. The timing is right to include codified language into the plan that addresses children’s needs either through developer supports/fees, or other strategies.</p> <p>All of the slides presented at the session will be available on the Planning Department website.</p>	

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<p>7 High Sierra Rural Alliance Consultation</p> <p>Mike Kriletich</p>	<p>M. Kriletich shared that Stevie at HSRA has agreed to work on translating the OCOC Strategic Plan language into a format that will ease inclusion into the general plan. She informed M. Kriletich that she's having trouble getting information from the planning dept staff.</p> <p>M. Kriletich reported his struggle to develop a relationship with the Planning Dept to help facilitate this effort. Stevie prefers to put information in the format required by the Planning Dept, but neither Mike nor Stevie are successful getting return calls or emails from the department. Supv. Thomas suggested Mike contact Christine Poe as a means of getting through to the appropriate department staff. He explained his experience that Christine is a direct support to Stephanie Moreno and may be able to facilitate the process. Mike disagreed that the efforts to receive a return call or email should require such intervention.</p> <p>K Williams will be meeting with Lin O'Connor and Stephanie Moreno on Friday, 10/26, to identify how the Planning Dept wants Constructing Connections to proceed with childcare facilities and land use planning language and process. We might be able to use the same guidance and structure developed by LIF for childcare facility development for the OCOC/HSRA children's issues/strategic plan goals proposal. K. Williams is anticipating the likelihood of the General Plan having a matrix for language to be included in every mandatory element. The matrix may be a guide for submitting children's language for consideration.</p> <p>K. Williams will also be asking who will be identified as a direct contact in Planning for submitting proposed language to (i.e., L. O'Connor or Mintier?), and the steps for that process. He'll ask about the health and human services element mentioned repeatedly by Supv Wilensky, which might also be a place for inclusion of children's element language.</p> <p>OCOC Council members agreed that location of child element language isn't as much an issue as the concern that the language is included somewhere in the general plan.</p> <p>M. Kriletich shared that Stevie was able to see the Master Plan as easily tied to the mandatory elements.</p> <p>Supv Thomas shared that if we can't get a stand alone element under health and</p>	

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	<p>human services terms, we might consider renaming it to Health and Community Services, which might be a better fit. He would be a proponent of getting a stand-alone Health and Community Services element that includes as a sub-set the expectations for developers to meet with regard to children’s issues. He’s likely to propose a general plan update committee that reviews an element each year to ensure the document is a “living,” relevant document. The expectation is that all of the intentions of the general plan are to be implemented as soon as the plan is adopted. As language and concerns are addressed over time, the committee may recommend refinements and changes to elements as they are reviewed.</p> <p>OCOC Council members agreed that Stevie’s planning expertise should result in OCOC receiving a draft of language that is structured to meet general legal planning expectations, even if the Planning Department does not provide a specific template or format for such. OCOC members will develop a plan for presenting any draft for consideration to the BOS and keeping the issue alive in the general plan process.</p> <p>Supv Thomas made the suggestion that OCOC review other general plans for design and language. M. Kruletich and K. Williams shared that they have done that. M. Kruletich shared that he’s had contact with the Governor, who is aware of what OCOC is proposing and is interested in the work being done to include a children’s element into the plan. The Governor’s referrals have supported and shared information with M. Kruletich in this regard. Mike’s concern is that as the work begins, he’s finding it difficult to make contacts and get guidance from the Planning Dept and recommendations for a process to do this work.</p>	
<p>8 Child Care Planning Meeting Update Kerry Williams</p>	<p>K. Williams described how he has represented the Child Care Planning Council and Constructing Connections child care facilities planning project in the General Plan process over the past two years. The purpose is to influence and encourage the construction of child care facilities in the county.</p> <p>The Planning Council recognizes the Child Care Planning Council as a point of review and input in the planning process. K. Williams and planning council members did meet with S. Moreno, who has been very supportive of child care facilities and land use issues. K. Williams will be meeting with S. Moreno on Friday, 10/26 to identify the next steps for ensuring childcare facilities development language is included in the general</p>	

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		<p>plan. His perception is that it should follow that other child-focused language should be included in the general plan.</p> <p>Supervisor Thomas asked about the progress in partnership with a local developer to build a new Copperopolis Head Start child care center. K. Pekarcik and M. Kriletich shared that they understood Head Starts needs and timing were such that Head Start was not able to pursue the private development that had been approached in Copper. Instead Head Start developed a relationship with a local church in order to meet the immediate needs for a care site. Supervisor Thomas expressed his concern that he wasn't aware of the change and that the effort for a private partnership should not be abandoned.</p>	
			K. Williams will contact N. Tiffany for center development updates and suggest she also contact Supv Thomas to share an update with him.
9	<p>First 5 Calaveras – Children’s Dental Network Opportunity</p> <p>Karen Pekarcik</p>	<p>K. Pekarcik shared that First 5 Calaveras is requesting a proposal from the Children’s Dental Project to enhance establishment of a Children’s Dental Network within Calaveras County. Marsha Larrabee will be working with a representative group on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the First 5 Office to develop a proposal for the potential \$47,000 funding. OCOC is being proposed as an advisory group to the network, as it begins working toward more sustainable and integrated services.</p>	<p>OCOC members agreed that they will serve as an advisory group to the Children’s Dental Network.</p>
10	Adjourn		<p>Next Scheduled Meeting:  <del>November 28, 2007</del>  <b>Wed, January 23, 2008</b>  3:30-5:00 p.m., MTSJ Hospital</p>