



Meeting Minutes|
Monday, January 4, 2021

Call to Order by Erika Simmons, at 1:06

Present via Zoom: Donna Custodio, Angela Kessenich, Lori Martinez, Shannon Puente, Joni Drake, Sheri Noble and guests Karen Frazier and Misty Pegueros from the Resource Connection and Nina Machado from First 5 Amador.

Public Matters not on the agenda: No public matters not on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes Lori moved and Joni seconded that the minutes from November 9, 2020 meeting be approved. The motion passed

Approval of Agenda

Shannon moved and Lori Martinez second to approve today's agenda as presented. Passed unanimously.

Old Business: PDG-I expenditure opportunities were discussed. Erica, Shannon and Donna Custodio meet to discuss the funds and how we could spend the funds to best meet our community's needs. We felt that many children were missing out on early education because of the pandemic and wanted to get resources in the hands of the people that are currently educating children. We purchased materials for a preschool kit. Parents will be able to pick up the kits and use them with their children. Over the next couple of months Shannon Puente and Heather Hall will put together some parent videos that we will host on our Child Care Council website. The videos will be short videos on how to use the materials that parents will receive. The videos will also cover some parenting tips.

New Business:

Updates from the field:

Angela shared that she is still passing out kits to her playgroup and kindergarten group participants. Not as many are coming out most likely because of the weather. Up country has also had a lot of road construction lately. Angela distributed seventeen kits

this week.

TRC – There has been some personnel changes at TRC – Karen Frazier is the new R&R Supervisor, Misty Pegueros is the Quality Assurance Coordinator, and Sheri Noble is the new Director.

They have secured a new office location in Mokelumne Hill. The large 3,000 foot office space will be used for their Lending Library, workshops, office space, playgroups and a community space as well.

They are offering a couple of workshops in January Family Childcare at It's Best on the 12th 14th and Strengthening Families on the 19th.

They also received a grant and they will be offering some book club opportunities for providers. The first book will be "Being Child Centered" by Murphy. Meetings will be via zoom.

The Council still has not received any interest in The Workforce Pathways Grant Application (WPGA) Please get the word out for anyone interested in early education

For a summary from last month of what the WPGA is:

The focus of the WPGA will be on the early learning workforce that is perusing credit bearing courses. Various stipends will be available to all state subsidized programs. Each candidate needs to have a professional development advisor. Donna Custodio is a professional development advisor and will be able to help candidates. The QIP will be used for the early learning workforce for other stipends such as trainings and non-credit bearing classes.

Quality for Kids –

December 1st First 5 had a curbside pick-up for FFN providers. They are also offering first aid kits to providers if they participate in a first aide class. FFN providers can also participate in any professional development that First 5 or CPIN offers.

Shannon is offering twice monthly support meetings for providers. She is offering a raffle prize as an incentive to participants

If anyone wants to participate in the Quality for Kids Incentive Program they need to fill out a new application.

Adjournment: The meeting be adjourned at 1:49pm. The next meeting will be on

February 1, at 1:00. Meeting location to be determined.