

TEHAMA COUNTY SELPA
Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
REGULAR MEETING
SELPA Conference Room
900 Palm Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080
Monday, April 8, 2019
12:30 PM TO 1:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Mark Pfaff, Lillian Smith (Evergreen), Teresa Manning (Richfield), Teresa Moyer (RBEL but next year RBH), Lora Weightman (Antelope)

GUESTS: Michelle Schmidt, Tehama County Public Health; Vici Mirnda, Soroptimist Chapter; Renee Kennedy

1. Call to Order

Mark Pfaff called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda

This section is generally approved collectively; however, any item in this section may be considered individually upon request. All items in this section request council approval.

2.1. Adoption of Agenda

2.2. Approval of December 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Lora Weightman motioned to adopt the agenda and approve the December 11, 2018 meeting minutes. Teresa Manning seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote in Favor: Lillian Smith, Teresa Manning, Teresa Moyer, Lora Weightman
0 opposed/0 abstained

3. Public Input

Committee members and guests introduced themselves. Michelle Schmidt from Tehama County Health Department was in attendance to present and gain information from stakeholders (parents) for Maternal Child Adolescent Health Program in relation to children with disabilities.

Vici Miranda from the Red Bluff Soroptimist Chapter present to provide information to the Committee on the Big Splash Park project which will support inclusion of children with disabilities in the community.

Corning Union High School District indicated there are plans to add Angel Raker as a CAC member and they are currently in the process of having the CUHSD Board approve her as a new member.

4. Local Plan Update

Advised the committee that the Local Plan was approved by the California Department of Education on December 12, 2018, and thanked the members for their hard work and assistance in the Local Plan review and approval process.

5. Public Health: Stakeholder Information

Michelle Schmidt from the Tehama County Public Health Department distributed a handout outlining the Maternal and Child Health Services program goals and core outcomes. The department is currently working on a five-year needs assessment and would like to gain information from parents (stakeholders) of children with disabilities and utilize the CAC as a focus group to identify some of the obstacles parents face daily.

Several issues discussed as listed below:

- There is a lack of services for students with ADHD, which is driving up identification of OHI. There is a lack of awareness and resources to families regarding other possible medical needs that may be a contributing factor, particularly Spanish speaking population. Solutions could be offering preventative services and increase awareness of resources to this population.
- Families that do not qualify for CCS (Medi-Cal) are having issues with private insurance covering the expensive equipment needed. Out-of-pocket expenses for needed equipment can be extremely expensive.
- Behavioral training and supports for families at home setting. Mention of possible observation of student at home environment as often students behave differently in each environment. Although parents are provided with written materials for resources, they often are not putting it into action and require modeling on how to implement. Possible solution is working with parents in their home environment and modeling what the action plan and solutions look like for student behavioral issues.
- There are access issues for children with disabilities in our county. The provider turnover rate is high which causes problems, especially with medication. A new provider will often change the treatment course and there is a need for consistency in care. The quality of care needs improvement as providers often lump students together with an Autism diagnosis, causing other medical issues to

be missed and undiagnosed. Pharmacies are not filling medications if there are changes in doctors due to turnover. Treatment plans and medications often change from doctor to doctor and students must go back through the process to obtain medications, causing a lapse in medicinal treatment. Possible solutions are focusing on retention of providers, working with providers and pharmacies to ensure there is not a gap in receiving medications and the necessity of students being required to start the entire process over each time there is a turnover.

- Oral health in the county requires a great deal from parents as dentists often don't have the skill set for students with disabilities. Some issues involve long wait times and the waiting room can also be an uncomfortable environment for some students. Possible solutions are educating oral health care providers with issues students with disabilities experience, the varying needs of students and possible alternatives to waiting rooms and other possible accommodations.

Michelle provided a handout with information for an online survey regarding Maternal Child Adolescent Health programs parents would like created.

6. The Big SPLASH: Splashground Project

Vici Miranda from the Soroptimist Chapter in Red Bluff presented on the project to bring an inclusive water park for children/people with disabilities to the community. Their group has been actively fundraising as well as advocating to local groups and policy makers.

Handouts were provided for the Big Splash Project to committee members. The group has reviewed several existing inclusive splash parks in other areas. The Red Bluff City Council approved the project and the group is now in the fundraising and grant process. Request for CAC members to share ideas on what they would like to see for the splash park and the entire Red Bluff City Park, as the goal is to make the entire City Park inclusive. Mention of possibly a music park and sensory area. A variety of swings were discussed and the project team has been researching various swings. Soft poles you can crawl through or walk through to provide pressure. Vici shared the splash park will have LED lighting for night usage. There was a question regarding what safety features will be in place. A divider will be in place to divide the area from the street, but it will not be a traditional fence. Other safety features will be towers with security cameras. Discussion regarding cost to operate sustainably with mention of solar panels being utilized. There is a shade structure which is engineered to support solar panels. Currently the plan does not include the costs for solar panels, but it is a future goal. Suggestion made for shade area to provide some under cooling. Request for a bathroom to change larger students and adults with disabilities.

Vici advised that currently the group has raised approximately \$65-\$70 thousand dollars towards the \$475,000 goal. Mention that the Red Bluff Fire Department chooses different local organizations to provide funds from their annual boot drive and

suggestion made for Soroptimists to meet with the Fire Department Chief. Volunteers are welcome and the group will meet at least once a month. There is a Tri-Tip dinner fundraiser being held on May 17, 2019 and Baskin Robbins is raffling off free ice cream for a year. The committee shared their appreciation of the Soroptimists for spearheading this project.

7. Next Meeting Date:

The next CAC meeting was scheduled for May 28, 2019 from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

8. Adjournment

Teresa Manning motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:33 p.m. Teresa Moyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote in Favor: Lillian Smith, Teresa Manning, Teresa Moyer, Lora Weightman
0 opposed/0 abstained