

**Marion County
Children and Families Commission**

*To assure every child and family an equal
opportunity to attain their full potential*

**“SPECIAL” MEETING
MINUTES**

February 10, 2005

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PRESENT: Debra Baker, Jan Calvin, Janet Carlson, ~~Craig Christoff (Cathy Heisen)~~, Jody
Burnham, Marilyn Dedrick, ~~Karen Elliott~~, Randy Franke, ~~Tina Garcia~~, Marilyn
Gense, Ruth Hewett, ~~Kent Klewitz~~, Bill Lytle, Pete McCallum, ~~Joyce Peters~~,
Shanti Platt, Neil Sherwood, ~~Thomas Smith (Dennis McMahan)~~, ~~Wendy Bruun~~,
(Loren Calkins), Carol Talley, ~~Larry Oglesby~~, ~~Terry Dailey (Jeanette Bricket)~~,
Steve Kuhn

STAFF: Tami Goettsch, Cathy Crocker, Sherry Lintner, Marguerite Kenagy, Pat Sims

VISITORS: Jennifer Strutz, Pam Miller

Agenda

1. Opening
2. Consider Recommendation to Rescind the CPT Allocations Decision from January 25, 2005
3. Staff Report
4. Ad Hoc Committee's Charge and Expectations
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1. Opening

-Introductions Thanks for coming back, after the long, long meeting in January. Purpose of this meeting is to have a more thorough discussion on the CPT issue, come to some closure. When the commission was first formed, they told the state that people knew what was best for their counties. The same thing happened, communities knew better what works for them. It wasn't an easy process. What would it look like? Could you ask citizens to do all this work with no recognition. Worked for over a year, having meetings to come up with a model. Every year at the Advance the same decision was made, save staff and save CPTs. We were lucky at that time, we had huge flexible \$. Decided to save out 25% for CPT's. Also held back 10,000 per community for specific projects. For the first time at the advance someone said we need to take a look at our cpt model. The urban models are not working. In the process of looking at our budget a decision was made. Outcomes and evidenced base are the buzz words at the legislature. They want to know that the money is going to be used to make a difference Randy added said Pinna Arnold was the person who brought up the . Back in 1994 the Carnege report was stressing the community and engaging all to meet the needs of children. If there is strong Community cohesion even children living in a dysfunctional family. Bruce Perry said There is a population limit. Around 10,000 seems to be the breaking point, he also gave a square mile limit. There is a lot of good information. This session is so focused on outcomes, that if we can't clearly demonstrate the difference we are making in children and families lives, we are no longer going to be around. There was a lot of discussion early on that this would be happening. Tried to bring together the schools, Neighborhood Associations, but the solutions eluded us. Ruth asked if Marion County is the only county that uses their flexible funds for this. Yes. Polk has something similar with Service Integration. Yamhill took on the model but did it differently. It has not proven to work well.

The task today is to reconsider what we did at the last CFC meeting in January. The reason we can talk about this today is because this money does not go out for RFP. The three scenarios did not list CPT's alone, that is no longer up for discussion. That is why we can reconsider our decisions.

Jan ask everyone to look at the handout with the discussion from last meeting. Scenario 3 was approved. She asked members to look at the sheet with the scenarios on them. What we did was two things. After establishing an Ad Hoc Committee. In rescinding the ID of rural and urban, not tying the hands of the Ad Hoc Committee. Let them take a look at the model and make the decisions at what is going to work best. CPTs are not the only community mobilization the commission does. Put good people with good information together and you get good outcomes. The recommendation before the commission is to rescind the decision made in January. Carol apologies for missing last months meeting. Why did the question come to the commission in the first place? It was one of the options to look at. This was not the only policy we were addressing, there were 5, we had only one urban cpt member at the Ad Hoc and Thomas was not there at the time the Ad Hoc group decided to bring it to the commission. Neil said what we are proposing makes a lot of sense, and he signed up for the Ad Hoc C. if we don't have something to play with, what is the purpose. Debra asked what the timeline is? It is actually listed on the agenda. She asked if this is the same chunk of money, it is just about how it is divided up. Vote taken Pete said, when it came out of the budget ad hoc rural cpt was a certain amount. But now the . Shanti asked if this was only about dividing the money or would we making decision about what they do with the money? There are policies we must follow from the state regarding community

mobilization. Pete had a question about process...the ad hoc comes back with a decision to the commission and then it goes to the Board? Tami said this is a how, not a what, our macro-budget has already went to the board. The decisions stop at this table. Janet clarified that anytime the amount is under \$50,000 it does not go to the Board. Tami said in the past we always just pushed CPT contracts with the rest of the commission budget. It might be a good idea to go to the board and give cpts some press.

Steve said he missed last meeting, but at the advance cpts were a core part of our capacity. He is concerned about the volunteer morale. Are we really saying that what we are going to do is say we are going to decide what community mobilization means? That is a much bigger project. Jan said if it was split evenly it is only a cut of 10,050 per cpt. Ruth gave Steve some history, since he missed the last meeting. This was the very last issue dealt with and it was 7:15pm. Marilyn said the only problem with voting on it now is because the idea of just "dumping" it all on the table. The full \$246,000 be set aside for CPT's. Pete, Steve, Janet Marilyn D. were twos. Janet said when we were in the budget adhoc committee there was a parameter of the rural cpts not getting less than 10500. Steve said he would keep the rural cpts stable and let the ad hoc committee change the urban model. The rural is working, don't change it. Jan asked what is stable? 11,000. Jan said your really voting 3. He said he thinks there should be ways to look at the urban separate. Neil asked did he hear someone say that not all the rural models are doing well? Maybe it is the standards that need to be changed at ALL of them. Marilyn said she is having a real problem with the talk about putting more pressure on the cpts as far as reports. She has been working 50-60 hours a week as a volunteer. She said when you start talking about adding the faith committee and them and them. How small are you going to make it? She is frustrated with what people want for the amount of money they are willing to give. Jan said she was not insinuating that the CPT money would be divided between someone else. Janet said the cpt model is not synonymous with community mobilization. She now agrees with what Randy said about using elementary schools as the geographic. There are many different communities within the urban boundary. There is a lot of community mobilization going on and not all of it is good. When we start talking about what community mobilization is. If you consider Sparague high school as a community like Silverton. It is not the same. Within those areas there are several different communities. Marilyn said she didn't believe cpts were suppose to get everything. They were suppose to make the connections with others to help get it done. Jan said the ad hoc committee could address the concerns about reporting. Marilyn said she wants to make sure that if we are going to have Cpts they are going to have enough money to make a difference in the community, certainly not less than 10,500. Shanti said she is looking at the numbers and Gervais is very small, she has to go to the urban area to do her grocery shopping, pay extra to use the library. To hear that the money is going to be cut and then your board needs to get liability insurance. The light at the tunnel is becoming a speck. She sees a line of division everyone saying the responsibility is someone else's, she feels it is her job to erase that line in the sand and show that everyone needs to work together. The smaller areas effectiveness is because they are small, she said what little is there, hang on to it. Shanti said allow the cpts the flexibility they had. She filled out the report forms this week, and created her own. For them to keep it alive and make it work. Bill said he is having a little problem now that he understands the process. Pete said who would have thought that he would have to answer questions about pool fees. Pete said his background is as a rural representative. He remembers that when he first joined the commission, he heard that yes you are representing a cpt, but you need to take a look at the big picture, what's best for all. Yes we are all in this together.. We will have two chances to vote on

the decisions. We are not here to protect our turf. He heard a number of things , like reporting, you get less money, and more reporting. He doesn't think that should be an issue for the ad hoc committee. How do we bring a sense of community throughout the whole county. He will feel comfortable sending it to the Ad hoc. Recommendation approved.

Vote to rescind the decision made Steve, Marilyn, Janet were all twos.

-Notes from January 24th CFC Meeting

-Review of CPT Model

2. Consider Recommendation to Rescind The CPT Allocations Decision From January 25, 2005

-Set aside \$246,000 for Community Mobilization/CPTs

3. Staff Report

-Review Community Mobilization Policy- Looking at the policy passed by the commission to setup an Ad Hoc committee.

-CPT Model guiding documents-

-Memorandum of Collaboration- took a year to agree around the table these were the values and the vision. Parameter guidelines for forming CPTs. The commitment. Referenced by Jan earlier is the language in SB555 on community mobilization. About what community mobilization looks like. State policy says that no more than 10% of total budget can be put into mini-grants.. The goldenrod is supplementary materials on community mobilization, and what it looks like around the state. Ruth asked if there was any questions. Bill said he needs more clarification on mini-grants. If he gives the golf tournament a donation of 1100 that is all he can pay for? Tami said that you need to decide what is your outcome?? Bill said each year the cpt gets involved with community events. When he joined the cpt he was told that go forth and do good for the children and families in your community. He did calendars, health, alcohol and drugs, smoking. Tami said then in theory the gold tournament isn't a mini-grant, its an investment..right? It's a partnership. Tami said we need faces, data, not just partnerships to take to the legislature. Janet said in Douglas County they do a mini-grant process, that is what they are talking about. The problem is if your giving \$50 here, \$100 there, it is so diluted that you can not go back and show the impact to the legislature. There are ways to partner with others to .

-States definition of Community Mobilization

-Other Community Mobilization Efforts

4. AD HOC COMMITTEE'S CHARGE AND EXPECTATIONS

-Does the CFC want to develop minimum thresh-hold for effective CPT rural and urban work? .What would the commission see as a process for dealing with cpts that are not meeting the thresh-hold. Randy said if the group comes up with some good research on effective models then the commission should adopt standards. Steve said Silverton said there is dedicated staff for cpts, should that role be different in light of the difference. Loren would like to take a look at some of the synergy happening that isn't counted as leverage. They are making things happen, but its not

counted. . Janet said that the same problems. Marilyn said she thinks the meeting should be started by defining what leveraging is. When you start explaining what your doing. Randy said he doesn't know how detailed we want to get, but he would hope that we look at the urban model and all of the energies at the school district, the city, the county and get some connection. We should get more coordination and collaboration. He said it is a staff assignment to find out where the group starts. Do some research come up with some materials that group members could read as homework. The context of what we are doing in communities is to help families and kids. We need to start on the same page. Pete said that this has a May deadline, that is a lot of work to do by then. Staff look at what is needed immediately and then we could work on the rest longer. Cathy said she would like to know what to say to communities that come forward and say they would like to start up, should they be included? Randy said need some kind of "readiness assessment" are they really ready? Do they really understand? Are they ready to do this? Tami has a handout, it changes the consideration of the ad hoc committee in how they split up the money. There has always been launching dollars. Should money be held out? It needs to be part of the ad hoc charge. Shanti said as a cpt she would like to see an annual or bi-annual. Jan said that she thinks it would be healthy if the group could decide the cpt support teams charge. Randy said that it seems to him that in part of this review need to look at what the best practices there is about supporting this effort. Steve said he would like the committee to find away to get input from current board members and cpt members, early on. Janet said she would like to add to avoid duplication. There are all of these efforts going on and inviting the same people. We need to connect the dots better. Jennifer said that the state is asking for one benchmark that has to be met, that wouldn't be bad. What ever you do on top of that would be their business. Jennifer agreed with janets comment. Friends of the Family have been around for over 10 years and there are still people that have no idea who they are. Loren said he was getting a little nervous because Keizer United was not listed. Cathy asked Steve how he would like the committee to get information from current cpts and their members? Randy said open ended questions, web-based survey. Alberts research

-What's CFC's expectations and specific charge for the Ad hoc Committee?

Jan has two: Recommend the function in the urban area and how it relates to community mobilization.

Steve would like to see some staff work done on best practices and how it relates to community mobilization, Neil agreed, need to look at some outcomes

-Does the Ad hoc Committee have the liberty to consider the whole CPT allocation in their plan?

-Who should comprise the Ad hoc Committee? (CPTs, business leaders, partners, experts Willamette University or WOU, others?) Ruth said it looks like a fairly substantial time committment, we need to give a lot of time for report back

CPTs, , diversity, CPT members, ideally those that have some history, someone from a unitversity that has some of this in their curriculum, if looking at synergy he hopes that we

have someone who are from those groups that create synergy. Debra said that in this room you get the impression that urban is bad and rural is good, they are two different animals. Jan said one of her recommendations is to come up with macro standards. Carol said when you are talking about division of funds and all over functions. But when it comes to making that decision it's the folks in the urban cpts that it would be more effective to have them involved in those decisions. Janet said someone from the Neighborhood Ass. Someone for Stand for children, someone from faith community and someone from NO METH. Steve said another good resource would be Jennifer Robin. Randy said Holly Berry, tami said they have talked about using her as a facilitator. Marilyn when you talk about bringing in people with history, there really isn't many, we are on the cutting edge. Maybe Janet Bubl, Becca,. Pete said this could end up being a Huge committee. Maybe should be limited to commission, staff, cpts, maybe use the other people as consultants. Janet said it will be up to staff to structure the how. If you have 4-6 meetings, decide what the topic is going to be each time and then invite the other people, some of them you would be lucky to get them for one meeting. Ruth said we really need critical thinking. Tami said is what we don't have at this meeting is a non-cpt. Yes, Randy and Jan Calvin. Ruth has a question regarding the Healthy Start allocation. Do members want to meet prior to the regular commission meeting? Tami said watch your email for dates for committee meetings.

Are there other questions. Jan said what can they bring back

5. PROPOSED TIMELINE

February – May: Chart work to be completed by Ad hoc Committee

March 28: Provide update to Coordinating Committee

April 18: Provide preliminary recommendations & seek specific input or clarification, as needed

May 16: Present recommendation for adoption to CFC

The meeting was adjourned at 6: