Mono County Child Care Council

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November 17, 2016 Minutes
9:30AM-12:00PM

1. **Call to Order:** Dyanna Hernandez, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:34 am

2. **Establish Quorum:** Quorum established: 7 of 9 members present
   Members Present: Nancy Mahannah, Debbie Teller, Dyanna Hernandez, Salvador Montanez, Molly DesBaillets, Julie Winslow, Sandra Villalpando
   LPC Coordinator: Queenie Barnard
   IMACA Staff: Nancy Carrillo
   Guests: Dr. Stacey Adler

3. **Public Comment:** Dr. Stacey Adler, Mono County Superintendent of Schools, shared with the Council members that there is a possibility of building a child care center with 24-hour and weekend child care. There is interest from other agencies about opening the center. She is still waiting to hear back about the Early Head Start Grant, if the grant is granted then they are eligible for federal facility funding. She also talked about Footsteps2Brilliance which is an early literacy program. This program offers an opportunity for every family and every child in Mono County to have access to the application. All of the data is housed by the Footsteps2Brilliance company. They provide all the access as part of the grant that Stacey has applied for and received. She hopes to start the trial in January and have a more complete roll out next spring. She is looking for some financial partners. This program has showed a tremendous improvement in literacy in young children, particularly English learners, many of whom they don't have access to child care or are at home with mom. The program is available in English and in Spanish.

4. **Agency Round Table:**
   First 5 Update: Molly DesBaillets, First 5, shared with the council members that First 5, with the help of IMACA, held an ASQ (Ages and Stages Questionnaire that is completed by the parent) training for the providers. She shared the overall results with the Council members and shared a pie chart that was given to each provider. Each provider has a sheet specifically with their sites and lets them know how many children need support. The ASQs helped with communication between the provider and parent. Didi Tergesen, First 5, was not present at the meeting, but asked Molly DesBaillets to share with the Council members the Save the Date for the Provider Appreciation Dinner on Friday, May 19, 2017.

   Tobacco Update: Nancy Mahannah, Mono County Health Department, shared with the Council members that the Health Department is now finished with their immunization clinic at all the schools and child care centers. She shared with the Council some of the results from her tobacco survey. The support for tobacco control policy has gone up on all different indicators. Sugary drinks are still an issue. The most favorable is to prevent pharmacies from selling tobacco. She also finished doing multi-unit housing surveys of the incorporated area. There have been a lot of complaints in the incorporated area. We have 70% of the home owners, who were surveyed in the incorporated area, who said that they would like a law that dealt with the smoking in multi-unit housing.

Mono County Behavioral Health Update: Salvador Montanez, Mono County Behavioral Health, shared with the Council members that he is in the works with the Department of Probation to expand the Clubhouse Live program. They are going to expand the program and also use it for divergent kids going through probation. The details still

haven't been worked on and who exactly would be referred. As of now, Salvador Montanez is still working on expanding and getting a designated vehicle for transportation and staying open until 6:00pm or 7:00pm and providing meals. Those are just some of the ideas that have been thrown around right now, still don't know if they are going to work. He is going to need to find staff to work late or at least 3-4 days a week. As a result of the summer program, they have a lot of participation in the afterschool program. They are not big numbers, but are consistent, about 10-12 youth a day. They are only doing two days a week as of now. Mostly females are attending, but they do have a couple boys that attend regularly after school. He also shared with the Council members that he got his kids to volunteer in community work at the Benton Center.

Kids Corner Update: Debbie Teller, Mammoth Mountain Child Care Director, expressed that one of her biggest issues is not having enough qualified staff. Julie Winslow, Kids Corner, shared with the Council members that they are going to be moving some children to the toddler option room at the beginning of December. The toddler option room is basically for children that are 18 months and older that they feel are socially and emotionally ready to be in the other room. Most of the time that is the case or children have out grown the infant room. T

Social Services Update: Sandra Villalpando, Mono County Social Services, shared with the Council members that the Department of Social Services will be holding a Foster Family Recruitment Night on December 8th 5:30- 7:00pm over at the Sierra Center Mall. California is switching from the traditional foster family set up that we have now. There are licensed homes, relative care givers, and neighbors or friends. At the moment, they are all kind of separated and California is trying to mainstream this and provide more support to all families, all of the same training, all of the same standards for housing and t to protect the children and to protect any individual. Food will be provided as well as child care upon request. The current foster families in the county will be there. There will be staff from child welfare and interpreter services will be available if requested. Sandra Villalpando also talked about how they were working on a new way to do business. They will be partnering up with the Child Welfare and Probation Department. They are trying to create the types of Resource Families who are willing to either work with children for a day, months, years, or if they are willing to adopt. What the State is now saying is that this child is part of your community. How are you going to make this work for them?

IMACA Update: Queenie Barnard, LPC Coordinator and program manager for the Alternative Payment Program, shared with the Council members that there are currently 21 families enrolled in the Alternative Payment Program, which is equivalent to 40 children. She is in the process of enrolling a family of 2, one adult and one child. That will soon be 22 families enrolled with 42 children enrolled. There are currently 2 infants enrolled ages 0-1, 6 enrolled between the ages of 1-3, 12 (soon to be 13) enrolled between the ages of 3-5, and 20 school aged children enrolled. There are 41 families on the Wait List, which is equivalent to 68 children. She is going through the whole Wait List and calling every single family to confirm need because she realized that some families have been on the wait list since 2012-2013 and those families might not even be in the area anymore or no longer have a need. She also shared with the Council members the R&R program data report. It shows a breakdown of the 2015-16 fiscal year and the quarters and the child care requests received.

5. **Sponsorships:** Molly DesBaillets made a motion to table the Sponsorship Applications for the January meeting when the Council will hopefully have more information about allowable/non-allowable expenses for LPCs. Dyanna Hernandez seconded. Vote: 7 yes; 0 no. **Motion carried.**

6. **Minutes:** Molly DesBaillets made a motion to approve the September 15, 2016 meeting minutes. Dyanna Hernandez seconded. Vote: 7 yes; 0 no. **Motion carried.**

7. **Membership Update:** Molly DesBaillets made a motion to reappoint Sandra Villalpando and Dyanna Hernandez to the Mono County Child Council for another 2-year term. Nancy Mahannah seconded. Vote: 5 yes; 0 no; 2 abstained. **Motion carried.** Queenie Barnard informed the Council that Molly DesBaillets had been reappointed for another 2-year term beginning November 1, 2016. She will also send out the recruitment flyer to all Council members for distribution to try to get new Council members.

8. **Budget Update:** Queenie Barnard gave the Council an update on the budget.

9. **Website Changes:** Queenie Barnard shared with the Council members a proposal to transfer over the current Council website to a website hosted by Square Space. That would allow IMACA employees to upload and manage the content themselves. Queenie has reached out to the consultant and hasn't received a quote back yet. His time is $75 per hour, but it would just be the one time charge for transferring the content. Technical assistance to IMACA staff will be provided so they know how to do the additions, updates, and uploads. From there on out, there would just be a yearly fee to up keep the website. She anticipates that this will allow her to keep the Council website more up to date and be able to share a lot more information. The Council would like to see a quote from the contractor. Molly DesBaillets made a motion to allow the Executive Committee to take action on the website changeover once a quote from the contractor has been received. Sandra Villalpando seconded. Vote: 7 yes; 0 no. **Motion carried.**

10. **Needs Assessment:** Nancy Mahannah gave an update to the Council on the progress made so far on the Needs Assessment. Employer Surveys have been sent out. The EC would like to move forward with using the Center for Evaluation and Research, LLC (CER) to evaluate and report on the NA by 1/1/17 for $5,000. Molly DesBaillets suggested getting bids from at least 2 other companies before committing to CER. Sandra Villalpando made a motion to allow the Executive Committee to review the bids from other companies and make the decision. Debbie Teller seconded. Vote: 7 yes; 0 no. **Motion carried.**

11. **Setting Priorities:** Molly DesBaillets made a motion to table this to the January meeting and requested that Queenie Barnard gather data and present it to the Council at the January meeting. Sandra Villalpando seconded. Vote: 7 yes; 0 no. **Motion carried.**

12. **Provider Appreciation Trainer Proposal:** Sandra Villalpando made a motion to approve the trainer proposal with the amendment that the Council will pay for the Love and Logic booklets. Molly DesBaillets seconded. Vote: 7 yes; 0 no. **Motion carried.**

13. **Annual Report FY 15-16**: Molly DesBaillets made a motion to approve the Annual Report FY 15-16 with the three edits: one on page 1, including the number of spaces under number one, one on page 3, number one to align the title of the document with the bullet and the same for number two. Dyanna Hernandez seconded. Vote: 7 yes; 0 no. **Motion carried.**

14. **Community Plan FY 16-17:** Salvador Montanez made a motion to keep the Community Plan as is until the allowable/non-allowable costs have been clarified. Debbie Teller seconded. Vote: 7 yes; 0 no. **Motion carried.**

15. **Meeting Schedule:** Sandra Villalpando made a motion to keep the location of future Council meetings at the IMACA Conference Room. Julie Winslow seconded. Vote: 7 yes; 0 no. **Motion carried.**

Meeting Adjourned: 11:54AM

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Carrillo, Bilingual Resource and Family Services Assistant