Mono County Child Care Council

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May 4, 2017 Minutes
9:30AM-12:00PM

1. **Call to Order:** Dyanna Hernandez, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:37AM

2. **Establish Quorum:** Quorum established: 7 of 10 members present
   Members Present: Dyanna Hernandez, Nancy Mahannah, Molly DesBaillets, Brooke Bien, Debbie Teller, Julie Winslow, Didi Tergesen
   LPC Coordinator: Queenie Barnard
   IMACA Staff: Nancy Carrillo
   Guests: Sarah Vigilante, HR Director for Mammoth Hospital, and Olivia Moffett, HR staff

3. **Public Comment:** Sarah Vigilante, HR Director for Mammoth Hospital, and Olivia Moffett, HR staff, expressed their concerns regarding the lack of child care in the Mono County and how it is becoming a crisis affecting many employees working at Mammoth Hospital. Sarah shared that they have lost employees due to difficulties finding child care. Sarah explained that she has been tasked with opening a center for hospital employees and starting small with the possibility of expanding to the public in the future. She had sent out a survey to all hospital employees regarding child care needs and has received 43 responses so far. The early results are showing that 90% of the respondents need child care, with 46% needing care for children under 18 months and 35% needing care for children between 18 months-3 years old.

4. **Agency Round Table:**
   IMPACT Update: Didi Tergesen, First 5 Mono, gave an update on the IMPACT program, which provides support to the in-home family child care providers and private centers. Elvira Felix de Cecena, First 5 Mono child care provider visitor, and Didi have been conducting the year end visits and they have been going very well. Didi shared that having worked the CARES Plus program last year and working with the IMACT program this year, she feels that the IMACT program is a better a program. There is more one-on-one support and there was 100% completion of the program by all participants this year. 15 sites participated and completed the program this year. Didi also shared that two Spanish-speaking child care providers have volunteered to be observed and assessed with the CLASS (Classroom Assessment Scoring System) Tool this week.

   First 5 Update: Molly Desbaillets, First 5 Mono, shared flyers with the Council members for the Mammoth Health and Safety Fair, which will take place Saturday, June 3rd, at Shady Rest Park. First 5 is contributing $1,000 towards advertising for a quarter page ad in the Mammoth Times, El Sol, and The Sheet for a week. If any agencies would like their logo added through advertising, please let Molly know. Molly also shared that First 5 has a new commissioner from Mammoth Lakes Housing who is serving under the category as an agency interested in child development. (Continued on next page)

Molly shared that they are doing regional work as well. In terms of the assessors, it is being paid by their regional work. This year, they only had access to the Spanish speaking assessors through that funding. Molly is hoping that sometime down the road, either they are going to spend local dollars or get the regional dollars for Inyo, Mono, Alpine county to pay for assessors.

Mammoth Unified School District Update: Brooke Bien, MUSD Chief Business & Financial Officer, shared that Husky Club is starting up their summer activities. The new enrollment packets will be handed out towards the end of May. The full summer program starts on June 19th. Brooke shared that they had their first audit in 7 years directly for child care, the one thing that they were not covering were free and reduced meals for those who are on the Subsidized Program. They did start implementing that this year, but it has had a big impact financially. They are hoping to receive funding for food from the State by 7/1.

Mono County Health Department Update: Nancy Mahannah, Mono County Health Department, shared that Linda Salcido has retired from the Health Department, her last day was 28th. As of now, Sandra Pearce is the acting Director. Nancy will be going to the Board of Supervisors on June 13th to ask them to make multi-housing smoke free and require at least 25 feet away from the doorway and common areas. She also shared that she had spoken to 6th graders the other day about tobacco. Lastly, Nancy suggested looking into getting the Sugary Drink Tax passed in Mammoth and using the funds for child care.

IMACA Alternative Payment and Resource and Referral: Queenie Barnard, LPC Coordinator, shared with the Council members the statistics for the AP program wait list. The only change is that one of the children aged out of the preschool age group and was placed into the school age group. Queenie shared that she has not received any new applications for the AP program. The AP program is at its maximum contract level for monthly provider payments. As of now, Queenie is not enrolling anyone in the program. She is in the process of recertifying families that are already in the program. Some slots may become available if some families are terminated for no longer meeting eligibility requirements. Queenie also shared with the Council members that they have been receiving more calls for child care referrals since receiving news about 3 child care providers closing. She will have a better update for Resource and Referral at the September meeting.

Mammoth Mountain Child Care / Kids Corner Update: Debbie Teller, Director of Mammoth Mountain Child Care, shared that the child care center at The Village is now closed but there is a possibility they may open it part-time during the summer. The Main Lodge center will remain open until Memorial Day weekend. Julie Winslow, Kids Corner, expressed her gratitude to Molly DesBaillets and Didi Tergesen for all the support they have been receiving through the IMPACT program this year.

5. **Minutes:** Didi Tergesen requested that her affiliated organization only be listed as First 5 Mono. While she does do work with MCOE, she gives updates to the Council on IMPACT work, which is fully funded through First 5 Mono. Her role in the Council will be representing First 5 Mono. Didi requested the following changes to the wording of her update under #4 Agency Round Table: 1.) Remove "and" in the sentence "… she has completed all of her advisor ~~and~~ mid-year meetings…"; 2.) Completely remove the sentence "This year, Didi will take on administrator role as well as advising some sites" as she has already been doing that this year; 3.) Change "Collaborative" to "Center" in "The California ~~Collaborative~~ Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning." Didi requested changes be made to #11 Needs Assessment minutes to give a better picture of why the initial approach to Provider Survey distribution did not work. Suggested edit was to add, "Council reviewed the draft Needs Assessment and was disappointed by the number of Provider Surveys returned. It was determined that it would be more successful to give Provider Surveys in person than through the mail." Nancy Mahannah made a motion to approve the March 16,2017 meeting minutes with the requested corrections. Dyanna Hernandez seconded. Vote: 6 yes; 0 no; 1 abstained. **Motion carried.**

6. **Membership Update:** Queenie Barnard introduced Brooke Bien as the new Council member. She was appointed by MCOE under the Discretionary Appointee category and will be representing Mammoth Unified School District. MCOE also approved moving Julie Winslow from the Discretionary Appointee position over to the Child Care Provider position. As of now, the Council is at full member capacity.

7. **Budget Update:** Queenie Barnard shared the updated Council budget with the Council members. There are no major updates on the budget, there is still $6,100 remaining. Molly DesBaillets asked about using remaining funds for two upcoming child care provider trainings in August. As the Budget Update line item was informational only, it was requested that the Budget Update line item be an action item on the June meeting agenda.

8. **Advertising:** The Council reviewed the flyer to promote becoming a licensed child care provider in Mono County. Molly DesBaillets requested that the First 5 logo be removed as they will send any clients with questions about becoming licensed to IMACA and their logo does not need to be on the flyer. Nancy Mahannah reviewed the Media Plan with the Council. Molly DesBaillets made a motion to approve the flyer with the removal of the First 5 logo. Julie Winslow seconded. Vote: 6 yes; 0 no; 1 temporarily not present. **Motion carried.**

9. **Sponsorship Request:** Didi Tergesen made a motion to table the Clubhouse Live sponsorship request until the June meeting or a special meeting if one if scheduled where the requested breakdown of budget will be reviewed. Dyanna Hernandez seconded. Vote: 7 yes; 0 no. **Motion Carried.**

10. **Setting Priorities:** Queenie Barnard requested more time to set the Priorities while she waits to hear back from her State consultant regarding several questions she has. Dyanna Hernandez made a motion to table the Priorities until the special meeting. Molly DesBaillets seconded. Vote: 7 yes; 0 no. **Motion Carried.**

11. **Provider Appreciation Event:** The Provider Appreciation Event is scheduled for May 19th, 2017. Queenie Barnard and Didi Tergesen shared that they have been working with Courtney Singer, the Love & Logic trainer for the event, to figure which Love & Logic curriculum she would like to use and how it's going to work for the Spanish speaking providers because Love & Logic does not have a curriculum available in both English and Spanish. For the most part, everything is well on track.

12. **Needs Assessment:** Molly DesBaillets requested the inclusion of the "Mono & Alpine Counties Childcare Quality System Plan" to the Needs Assessment. She will send the documents to Nancy Mahannah to be added.

13. **Analysis of Child Care & Preschool Proposals:** Tabled.

14. **Meeting Schedule:** Council discussed setting a Special Meeting limited to one hour for the next week. Queenie Barnard will send out a Doodle poll for the Special Meeting. The agenda for the Special Meeting will include: Needs Assessment, Advertising/Media Plan – Key Points, Setting Priorities, and Clubhouse Live Sponsorship request. The Council requested that all future agendas have a line item for setting a Special Meeting if necessary. The last meeting of the year will be on June 15, 2017 from 9:30AM-12:00PM in the IMACA Conference Room.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:12PM

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