

Fresno County **Economic Opportunities Commission**

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Moses Stites
Chairperson

Roger Palomino
Executive Director

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
EOC BOARD ROOM, SUITE 310
WEDNESDAY, October 22, 2008, 7:00 P.M.
AGENDA

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EOC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ROLL CALL 2008

(July & August Summer Recess)

Commissioner	Term Expiration	Target Area or Appointing/Nominating Org.	1/23	2/27	3/26	4/23	5/28	6/25	9/24	10/22	11/19	12/17
Tim Bakman	12/31/09	14 th Senatorial District	X	X	X	X	E	E	X			
Dr. Lee Farley	12/31/09	Community Colleges	E	X	X	E	X	X	E			
Kathleen Fernandez	12/31/08	Juvenile Court	E	X	X	E	X	E	E			
George A. Finley, Sr.	12/31/08	Board of Supervisors	X	X	X	X	X	E	E			
Pastor Rufus Fruge	12/31/08	Target Area E	E	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Charles Garabedian, Jr.	12/31/09	Malaga County Water District	E	X	X	X	X	X	E			
Theresa Hernandez	12/31/08	Foster Grandparents	E	X	X	E	X	X	X			
Randy Kevorkian	12/31/09	Target Area H	X	X	E	E	X	X	X			
J. Homer Leija	12/31/09	Target Area C	X	X	X	X	X	O	E			
Tito A. Lucero	12/31/08	Head Start County-Wide Policy Council	X	X	E	X	X	X	E			
Marina Magdaleno	12/31/09	Board of Supervisors	X	X	X	E	E	X	X			
Rev. Paul McCoy	12/31/09	NAACP	X	E	X	X	X	X	X			
Vongsavanh Mouanoutoua	12/31/09	Lao Evangelical Church of Fresno	E	E	X	E	X	E	E			
Esther Padilla	12/31/08	CA Transplant Donor Network	E	E	E	E	X	E	X			
Jose Antonio Ramirez	12/31/09	Target Area A	E	X	X	X	X	E	X			
Daniel Renteria	12/31/08	Target Area F	X	X	E	X	X	E	X			
Eugene Rico	12/31/09	Target Area G	X	E	E	X	E	E	X			
Jimi Rodgers	12/31/09	Association of Black Social Workers	E	X	X	X	X	X	E			
Jess Saldana	12/31/08	Target Area D	E	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Moses Stites	12/31/08	31 st Assembly District	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Rev. E. Swillis	12/31/09	Mayor's Appointment	X	E	X	X	X	X	X			
Peter Vang	12/31/08	30 th Assembly District	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Juanita Veliz	12/31/09	Target Area B	X	E	X	X	X	E	X			
John Paul Youel	12/31/08	Fresno County Housing Authority	X	X	X	X	E	X	X			
Present = X			14	18	19	17	20	14	16			
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(Rollcall.08)

**Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission
Board of Commissioners Meeting
EOC Board Room, Suite 310
Wednesday, September 24, 2008
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Stites at 7:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Executive Director Roger Palomino called roll. A quorum was present.

III. WELCOME CSD DIRECTOR LLOYD THRONE

Stites welcomed CSD Director Lloyd Throne on behalf of the EOC Board and staff. Throne thanked EOC Board and staff for the warm welcome, spoke briefly about his background and reported on government, the state budget, and effects on programs.

Stites requested the following:

- Add Substance Abuse Prevention County Rural Youth Prevention Project to the agenda and list as agenda item VI-A.7).
- List the green handout LCC Neighborhood Youth Center (NYC) Update as an addition to the September minutes as requested at the September Executive Committee meeting.
- Replace Agenda Item C.7) Upcoming Community Sector and Elected Officials Process (Information) with a revised yellow handout.

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

M/S/C – Swillis/Rico to approve June 25, 2008 Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Palomino reported/announced the following:

- Reported on government at the federal, state and local level and the impact on agency programs.
- Negotiations continue between the City and EOC on the purchase of the Neighborhood Youth Center (NYC) gymnasium. EOC is waiting for final approval from the state. The board will continue to be updated on the finalization of the sale. LCC is scheduled to move their administration offices to the NYC by December 2008.
- Reminded the board that board election application deadlines are coming up October 7th.
- Looking at incorporating Mental Health Services into the agency. Consultant Cheryl Chancellor-Freeland completed a mental health research project under funding from First 5 of Fresno, which studied mental health issues among EOC clients with children 1-5 years old. Discussion followed.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item C.5.b) Head Start Federal Follow Up Review (Information) was pulled for discussion.

M/S/C – Magdaleno/Swillis to approve/ratify the following: A) July 23, 2008 Meeting Minutes, A.1) Adolescent Family Life Program (AFLP) funding request to the Fresno Regional Foundation for teen

pregnancy prevention funds in the amount of \$50,000, A.2.a) LCC bid to the City of Fresno Public Works Department Streets Division for traffic median island maintenance services in the amount of \$315,900, A.2.b) LCC grant application to the State Department of Conservation for establishment of a beverage container collection program in the city of Madera in the amount of \$103,000, A.3.a) Head Start Attendance Procedure and Drop Policy Revisions, A.3.b) Head Start/Early Head Start 2008-2009 Program Options, A.3.c) Head Start Transportation Policy Revisions, A.3.d) Head Start/Early Head Start 2007 Triennial Review Action Plans, A.3.e) Head Start Request for Emergency Funding from the Office of Head Start in the amount of \$992,171, A.4) Sanctuary Supportive Housing Program renewal request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the TLC-2 Program in the amount of \$570,084, A.5) Alternative Work Schedules, A.6) Internet Safety Policy, A.7) Substance Abuse Prevention County Rural Youth Prevention Project to the County of Fresno in the amount of \$520,971 for a 15 month period from 9/23/08-12/31/09, B.) August 13, 2008 Meeting Minutes, B.1.) Food Services Food Service Nutrition Agreements for FY 2008/2009, B.2) Head Start/Early Head Start Internal 2007 Protocol Self Assessment, B.3) LCC Americorps Resolution required by the Corporation for National Service and California Volunteers, B.4.a) Sanctuary Transitional Living Center grant proposal to the US Administration for Children and Families-Runaway and Homeless Youth Transitional Housing Program in the amount of \$200,000, B.4.b) Sanctuary Rapid Re-Housing for Families Demonstration Program grant proposal to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in an amount up to \$1,288,493 over 3 years, B.4.c) Sanctuary grant proposal to Fresno Regional Foundation-Youth Grant in the amount of \$40,000, B.4.d) Sanctuary grant proposal to the Bonner Family Foundation in the amount of \$4,000, B.5) School Age Child Care (SACC) 2008-2008 Application for Facilities Renovation and Repair Funds to the California Department of Education for one-time-only funding request in the amount of \$20,000, B.6) Transit Systems Agreements FY 2008-2009, C) September 10, 2008 Meeting Minutes, C.1.a) First 5 Fresno County Mental Health Services Program application for 2 years at \$100,000 per year from 1/01/09-12/31/10, C.1.b) First 5 Fresno County Mental Wellness Program application for 2 years at \$100,000 per year from 1/01/09-12/31/10, C.2) Food Services Summer Food Service Program 2008 (Information), C.3) Foster Grandparents renewal application to the Corporation for National and Community Service in the amount of \$349,757 for the funding period of 1/01/09-12/31/09, C.4.a) LCC bid to the City of Fresno Public Utilities Works Department Streets Division for extended traffic median island and CFD maintenance services in the amount of \$100,000, C.4.b) LCC grant to YouthBuild, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000 to participate in another 3-year National Schools Initiative (NSI) cohort, C.4.c) LCC request to extend contractual services with Richard Health & Associates (RHA) in the amount of \$30,000 to operate telephone lifeline services for low-income Fresno County residents, C.4.d) LCC proposal to the Fresno County Parks Department in the amount of \$1,185,000 to maintain the county's 10 parks, C.5.a) Head Start/Early Head Start Refunding Grant Application Package FY 2009 to the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) in the amount of \$28,708,904, C.5.b) Head Start/Early Head Start FY 2008 Federal Follow Up Review Report (Information), C.5.c) Head Start/Early Head Start Open House Week-9/1/08 (EHS), and 9/23-25/08 (HS) (Information), C.6) Sanctuary request for funding to the Stewardship Council in the amount of \$50,000 (\$100,000 over 2 years) to support Club Sanctuary, C.7) Upcoming Community Sector and Elected Officials Process (Information), D.1) LCC bid to the City of Fresno Airports Division for removal of landscape fabric and bark in the amount of \$4,489, D.2) LCC grant to The Corps Network in the amount of \$60,000 for extension of Civic Justice Corps (CJC) activities, and D.3) LCC grant to Youthbuild, Inc. to operate the Grads for Pads Post-Secondary Credentialed Attainment Project in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 over three years. All in favor.

5.b) Head Start/Early Head Start Federal Follow Up Review Report FY 2008 (Information)

Head Start Director Olsby reviewed the Follow Up Review Report received from the Federal Office of Head Start, Department of Health and Human Services, and attached certificate stating Head Start is now in full compliance.

VII. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

M/S/C – Magdaleno/Rico to approve: A) September 17, 2008 Meeting Minutes, B) Insurance Renewal, and C) Health Plan Premium Increase. All in favor.

VIII. AUDIT COMMITTEE

M/S/C – Rico/Vang to accept September 17, 2008 Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

IX. PENSION COMMITTEE

M/S/C – Vang/Renteria to accept August 7, 2008 Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

X. ADVISORY BOARDS

A. Head Start County-Wide Policy Council

M/S/C – Magdaleno/Rico to accept: A.1) June 18, 2008 Meeting Minutes, A.2) July 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes, and A.3) August 20, 2008 Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

B. LCC Advisory Committee

M/S/C – Bakman/Rico to approve August 21, 2008 Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

C. Sanctuary Safe Place Advisory Board

M/S/C – Rico/Fruge to approve July 10, 2008 Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

D. SOUL Governing Council

M/S/C – Hernandez/Ramirez to approve September 9, 2008 Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Stites called for other business. There was none.

Stites asked for public comment. There was none.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

M/S/C –Saldana/Rico to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Palomino
Executive Director

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM, SUITE 300
October 15, 2008, 12:00 p.m.
MINUTES**

I. Call to Order

Chairman Stites called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Executive Director Roger Palomino called roll. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Moses Stites, Jess Saldana, Theresa Hernandez, Tim Bakman, George Finley, Esther Padilla, Rev. E. Swillis

Staff Present: Roger Palomino, Naomi Mizumoto, Dawn Cagle, Allysunn Williams, Paul McLain-Lugowski, Tamala Olsby, Dennis Bachelor, Carolyn Moreno

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

M/S/C – Saldana/Finley to approve September 10, 2008 Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

IV. Executive Director's Report

Palomino reported on government and budget issues at the Federal, State and Local level.

V. Consent Items

A. DOE 2008 Weatherization Contract Renewal

M/S/C – Bakman/Finley to approve submission of refunding agreement with the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) in the amount of \$276,286 for weatherization services from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008, including a Weatherization Priority Plan and Resolution. All in favor.

B. Head Start/Early Head Start Applications

1. Child Outcomes Results-PY 2007-2008 (Information)
2. Family Literacy Project PACT Time Report-PY 2007-2008 (Information)

Head Start Director Olsby reviewed the Child Outcomes Results PY 2007-2008 and Family Literacy Project PACT Time Report 2007-2008 and attached data charts. Discussion followed.

C. LCC Bids and Proposals

M/S/C – Finley/Saldana to approve/ratify the following: C.1) Grant application to YouthBuild, Inc. in the amount of \$88,200 to earn 30 Reduced Half-Time Americorps member slots and one Full-Time Americorps member slot, C.2) Bid to the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District in the amount of \$4,780 to install drainage line at Basin XX, and C.3) Proposal to the Fresno County Parks Department in the amount of \$975,000 to maintain 18 county facilities. All in favor.

D. Fulton Mall (Information)

Palomino asked for support of the Downtown Fresno Coalition (DFG) who has nominated the Fulton Mall for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Discussion followed. It was decided the discussion regarding a letter of support or resolution from EOC be presented to the full board at the October board meeting.

E. Extension of Two Community Sector Representatives Appointments

M/S/C – Finley/Bakman to approve extension of the nomination process of two Community Sector Representatives for an additional 30 days. All in favor.

VI. Other Business

Stites called for other business. There was none.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

***M/S/C** – Hernandez/Swillis to adjourn. All in favor.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Moses Stites, Board Chair

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Moses Stites
Chairperson

Roger Palomino
Executive Director

Date: September 12, 2007	Program: Weatherization
Agenda Item Number: VI.-B.	
Item: 2008 DOE Weatherization Contract	Assistant Executive Director: George Egawa
Committee: Executive Committee	Executive Director: Roger Palomino

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends ratifying the submission of a refunding agreement with the State of California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) for the 2008 Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program, contract # 08C-1709, in the amount of \$276286, for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008, including a Weatherization Priority Plan.

BACKGROUND:

Weatherization services are subcontracted to a licensed contractor, Sundowner Insulation Company, and provide the following energy conservation services in the homes of eligible clients.

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Outreach and Intake | Ceiling Insulation |
| Energy Education | Water Heater Blankets |
| Safety Check of Combustion Appliances | Heating/Cooling unit repairs |
| Waterflow Restrictor | Caulking of windows |
| Door Weatherstripping | Duct Leakage Tests |
| Glass Replacement – Windows | Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs |
| Minor Envelope Repair | Evaporative Cooler repair or replace |

ISSUES:

The State of California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) requires Board approval and a Board Resolution to enter the agreement with CSD for the 2008 Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program.

WEATHERIZATION PRIORITY PLAN

First priority for weatherization services will be determined by a point system using a Weatherization Priority Worksheet. Those households with the highest points will be considered first, taking into consideration, energy burden, income, vulnerable populations, weather related crisis, and life threatening emergencies. Geographic consideration will apply when units within proximity of each other are signed up. For example, a second household is identified within close proximity to a unit that already has high priority status.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) is designated to receive and administer the Department of Energy – Weatherization Assistance Program grant (DOE WAP) grant for the State of California (Government Code Section 16367.5), and

WHEREAS, the State CSD, under the DOE WAP Grant Program has elected to award Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC) Contract #08C-1709 in the amount of \$ 276,286 for weatherization services, and

WHEREAS, the EOC Board of Commissioners has accepted this award on October 22, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Moses Stites, Board Chairman, Roger Palomino, Executive Director and/or George Egawa, Assistant Executive Director and/or Alma Kowalski, Assistant Executive Director are authorized as the officers to act on behalf of the EOC Board and sign all necessary documents, including any amendments, required to complete the contract and award process.

Moses Stites, Board Chair

Date

Roger Palomino, Executive Director and Board Secretary

Date

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Chairperson

Roger Palomino
Executive Director

Date: October 15, 2008	Program: Head Start-Preschool
Agenda Item No.: VI.-C.1	Director: Tamala Olsby
Item: Child Outcomes Results – PY 2007-2008	Assistant Executive Director: Naomi Quiring-Mizumoto
Committee: Executive Committee	Executive Director: Roger Palomino

INFORMATION ONLY:

Head Start-Preschool is required by regulation to promote the young child’s school readiness in the areas of language and cognitive development, early reading and mathematics skills, socio-emotional development, physical development and approaches to learning. It is also required that each child’s skills and knowledge are assessed to ensure that the educational instruction and school readiness of children in the program are supported.

At Fresno County EOC Head Start, the children are assessed three times annually: within the first six weeks of school, in January and at the end of the year. Using the Developmental Review tool, teachers evaluate children in 25 categories. The results of the third assessment are attached. As one can see, the children in Fresno County EOC Head Start – Preschool are getting a good start for their academic careers.

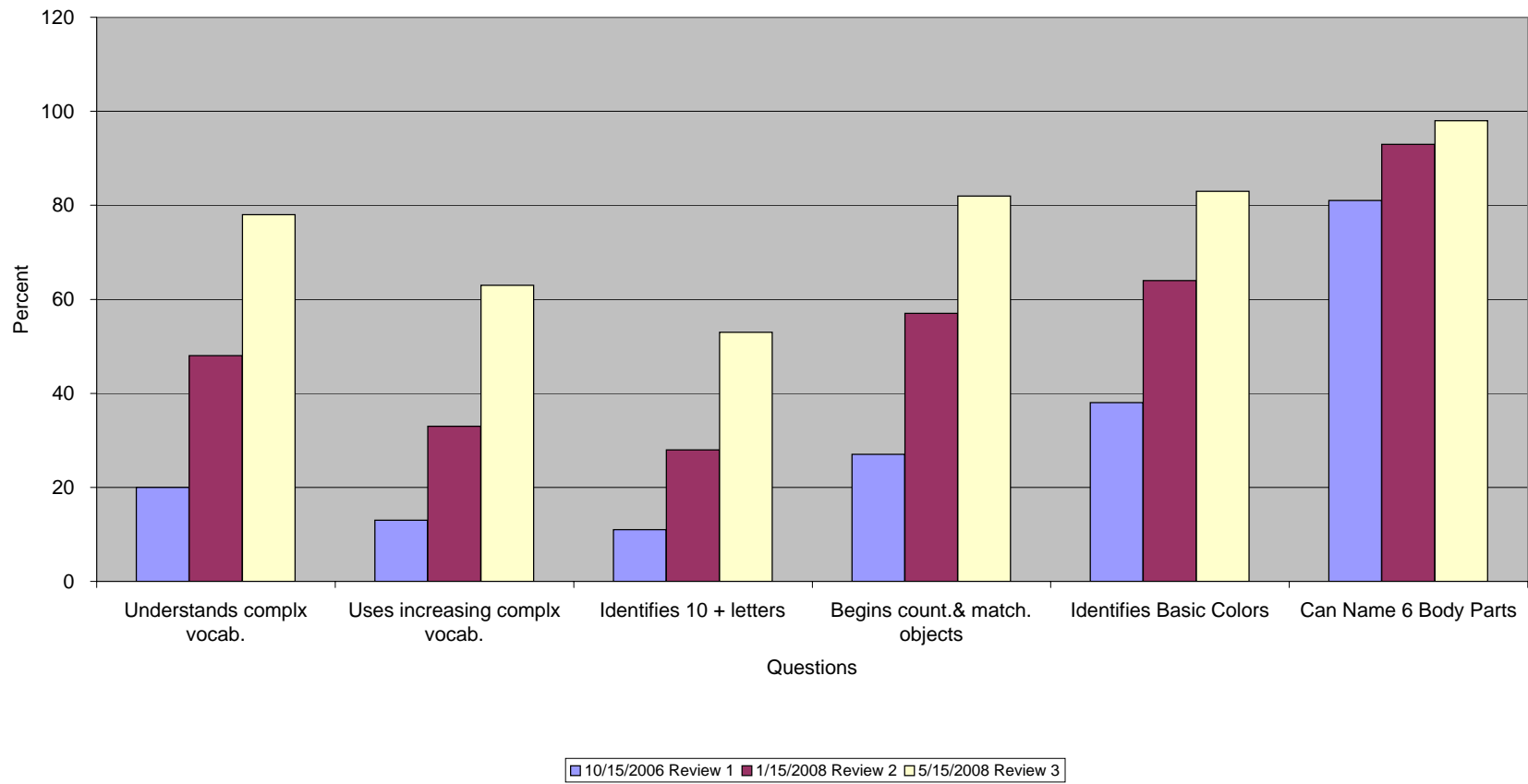
FRESNO COUNTY EOC HEAD START-PRESCHOOL
CENTER BASE & HOME BASE COMBINED OUTCOMES
REVIEW III SUMMARY - 4 Year Old Children
School Year: 2007-2008

Outcome Measure	N/A	N/O	Not Yet		In Progress		Proficient	
			Count	Percent *	Count	Percent *	Count	Percent *
1. Understands an increasingly complex and varied vocabulary.	6	0	15	1%	400	22%	1526	78%
2. For Non-English-speaking children, progresses in listening to and understanding English.	816	0	15	2%	477	42%	644	56%
3. Develops increasing abilities to understand and use language to communicate information, experiences, ideas, feelings, opinions, needs, questions and for other varied purposes.	8	0	26	2%	439	24%	1486	75%
4. Uses an increasingly complex and varied spoken vocabulary.	9	0	48	3%	655	34%	1247	63%
5. For Non-English-speaking children, progresses in speaking English.	809	0	44	4%	540	48%	560	48%
6. Associates sounds with written words, such as awareness that different words begin with the same sound.	7	0	259	14%	1053	54%	640	33%
7. Recognizes a word as a unit of print, or awareness that letters are grouped to form words, and that words are separated by spaces.	2	0	211	12%	1058	54%	688	35%
8. Identifies at least 10 letters of the alphabet, especially those in their own name.	4	0	118	6%	801	41%	1036	53%
9. Knows that letters of the alphabet are a special category of visual graphics that can be individually named.	6	0	131	7%	755	39%	1067	54%
10. Demonstrates increasing interest and awareness of numbers and counting as a means for solving problems and determining quantity.	5	0	105	6%	965	49%	884	45%
11. Begins to associate number concepts, vocabulary, quantities and written numerals in meaningful ways.	6	0	140	8%	1045	54%	768	39%
12. Develops increasing ability to count in sequence to 10 and beyond.	4	0	30	2%	231	13%	1694	86%
13. Begins to make use of one-to-one correspondence in counting objects and matching groups of objects.	8	0	21	2%	311	18%	1619	82%
14. Develops increasing ability to count objects from 1 to 10.	4	0	31	2%	313	17%	1611	82%
15. Identifies numerals from 1 to 10.	3	0	203	12%	1075	55%	678	34%
16. Identifies basic colors.	1	0	15	1%	330	18%	1613	83%
17. Identifies basic shapes.	3	0	32	2%	612	32%	1312	67%
18. Develops increasing ability to write.	2	0	32	2%	548	29%	1377	70%
19. Can name 6 body parts.	2	0	11	1%	34	2%	1912	98%
20. Shows growing interest in reading related activities and knows how to handle and care for books.	8	0	8	1%	280	16%	1663	85%
21. Understands the time of day concept.	4	0	95	5%	811	42%	1049	54%
22. Knows own name and recognizes name in print.	3	0	10	1%	150	8%	1796	92%
23. Moves to music.	3	0	8	0%	347	18%	1601	82%
24. Uses scissors with control.	3	0	10	1%	494	27%	1452	73%
25. Knows address/street name.	7	0	696	36%	924	45%	328	19%
Grand Total	1733	0	2314	5%	14648	32%	30251	63%

* Percent is the count divided by the total count for all categories, excluding N/A and N/O, (Not Observed).

**FCEOC HEAD START - PRESCHOOL
CHILD OUTCOMES-SELF ASSESSMENT
School Year 2007-2008, CB and HB Combined
Kindergarten Eligible Children**

Percent of Children Recorded in Assessment as "Proficient"



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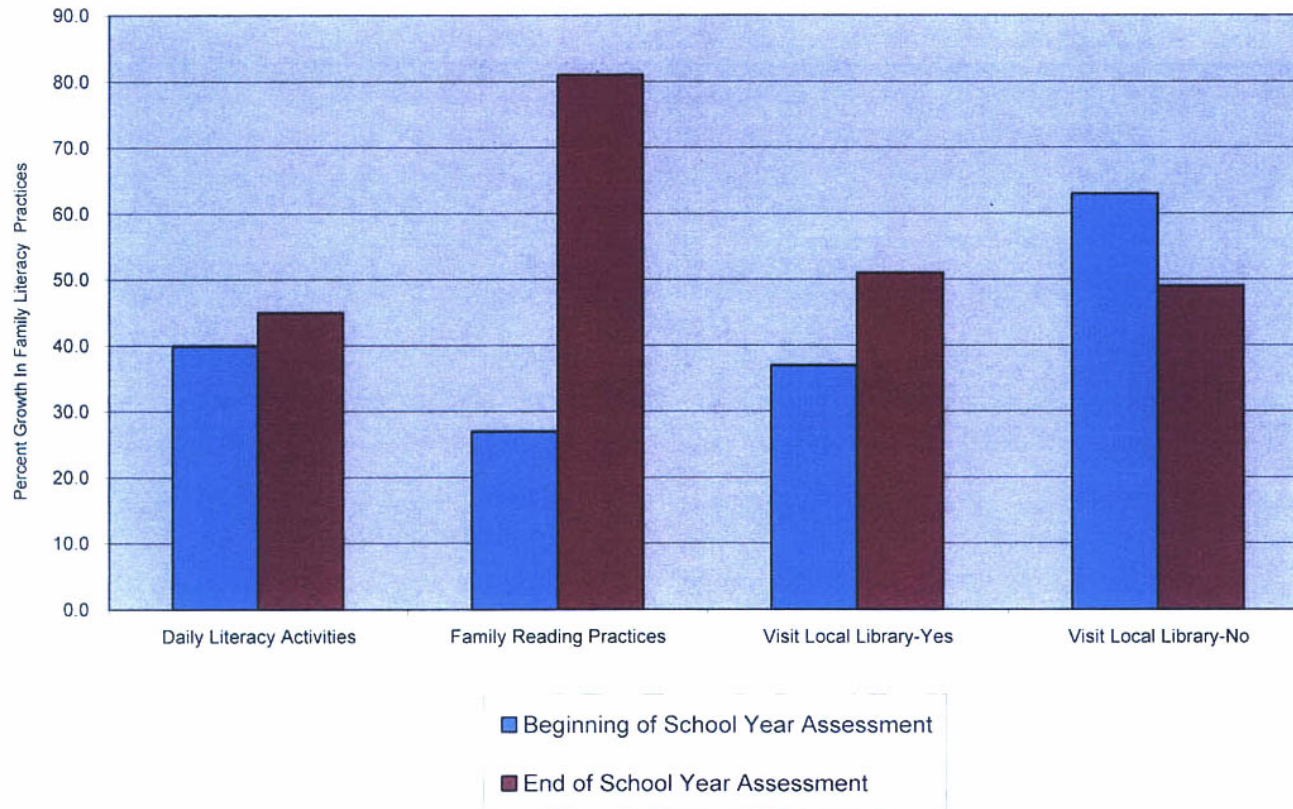
Date: October 15, 2008	Program: Head Start-Preschool
Agenda Item No.: VI.-C.2	Director: Tamala Olsby
Item: Family Literacy Project PACT Time Report – PY 2007-2008	Assistant Executive Director: Naomi Quiring-Mizumoto
Committee: Executive Committee	Executive Director: Roger Palomino

INFORMATION ONLY:

Head Start-Preschool is required by regulation to promote family literacy. One of the strategies that Fresno County EOC Head Start – Preschool uses to increase family literacy is the use of the Parent And Child Together (PACT) Time calendars. These calendars list daily activities in both English and Spanish that parents can do at home with their children using household products. All activities listed on the calendars have a strong literacy emphasis. Our grantee keeps records on the number of parents participating in the program and the number of hours they spend doing these activities with their children. This past year a total of 10,633 calendars were completed, returned and reported. This accounts for approximately \$760,420 of in-kind for 2007-2008.

Date is collected on the positive impact on families that participate in the PACT time calendar activities. It has been found that a family’s participation in the program can make significant changes in the daily literacy activities that parents are apt to do with their children. It also increases the likelihood that families read together daily and that they visit the library regularly. Data for school year 2007 – 2008 results is attached.

FCEOC HEAD START - PRESCHOOL
Family Literacy Project
Growth In Family Literacy Practices, 2007-2008 School Year
Center Base & Home Base Combined



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Date: October 15, 2008	Program: EOC Local Conservation Corps
Agenda Item No.: VI.-D.1,2,3	Director: Paul McLain-Lugowski
Item: Local Conservation Corps Bids and Proposals	Assistant Executive Director: Alma Kowalski
Committee: Executive Committee	Executive Director: Roger Palomino

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

To approve the submission of the following bids and proposals developed by the EOC Local Conservation Corps.

BACKGROUND:

EOC's Local Conservation Corps provides applied vocational skills training for local youth ages 18-26 on a variety of projects contracted to the program by public agencies. LCC has acquired much of the equipment and tools needed for these projects and leases specialized items for projects, as needed. Staff has the expertise and licenses needed to complete this work. The program transports crews to projects under the direction of qualified supervisors. Training is intended to expose corpsmembers to vocational options and prepare them for work in the private market. Corpsmembers are required to enroll in an approved education program concurrent to their work responsibilities. Education services include academic, life skills, and leadership development.

ISSUES:

1. To ratify the submission of a grant proposal to YouthBuild Inc. in the amount of \$88,200 to fill 30 Reduced Half-Time (RHT) AmeriCorps member slots (675 hours) and one Full-Time (FT) AmeriCorps member slot (1,700 hours). Members are given credit toward an education award for service rendered during their enrollment in EOC's YouthBuild program. RHT members can earn \$1,800 in an educational scholarship; full time members earn \$4,725.
2. To ratify the submission of a bid to the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District in the amount of \$4,780 to install approximately 280' of 12" drainage line between two drainage receptacles at Basin XX.
3. In addition to the proposal to the Fresno County Parks Department to maintain the county's 10 parks (presented and approved by the EOC Commissioners in September, 2008), ratify the proposal to the Fresno County Parks Department to maintain 18 county facilities at an annual cost of \$975,000. Maintenance includes only exterior care of grounds.

Total estimated value of these bids/applications is \$1,067,980.

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Date: October 15, 2008	Item: Fulton Mall Nomination
Agenda Item No.: VI.-E.	
Committee: Executive Committee	Executive Director: Roger Palomino

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only

BACKGROUND:

The Fulton Mall is a pedestrian mall and urban park developed in 1964. It is six blocks, one-half mile in length, with three partial cross malls (including Mariposa Mall). The mall was designed by Garrett Eckbo for Victor Gruen and Associates as the intended centerpiece of the comprehensive federal urban renewal plan for the transformation of Fresno’s downtown area. It is a publicly owned urban park held in trust by the City of Fresno and is an excellent example of the influence of Modernist (post World War II) design ideas in landscape architecture.

ISSUES:

The Downtown Fresno Coalition (DFC) has nominated the Fulton Mall for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The mall would be preserved as a pedestrian place and not impact the adjacent buildings. The DFC application was accepted by the State Office of Historic Preservation. The State Historical Resources Commission will review the nomination at its November 7th meeting.

Attachment:

Newsletter from the 1000 Friends of Fresno answering some questions regarding the nomination of Fulton Mall.



1000 FRIENDS OF FRESNO

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Meeting the Challenges of the Future with Citizens Involvement

Dear Interested Citizen:

In order to enhance and preserve the Fresno Fulton Mall, it has been nominated for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Because there is false information being spread, aimed at halting the nomination, we felt it necessary to devote this entire newsletter to the facts of the matter. We would appreciate your support.

--Bob Dwyer

PRESERVING FULTON MALL

The Downtown Fresno Coalition (DFC) has nominated Fulton Mall for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. **Contrary to some rumors, the nomination is to list the mall surface and its contents only; buildings facing the Mall are not included.** After some revisions, the DFC application was accepted by the State Office of Historic Preservation and placed on the agenda of the July 25 meeting of the State Historical Resources Commission. An objection filed by the City of Fresno caused the matter to be postponed to the next meeting of the Commission, which will be on November 7 in Sacramento. Written comments concerning the nomination may be sent to the Commission. **The DFC would appreciate letters in support of the nomination.**

The address is as follows:

California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Historical Preservation
State Historical Resources Commission
P. O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

Below are some statements explaining the DFC's reasons for submitting the nomination and the effects of a listing on the National Register. For more information on Fulton Mall and its designer, Garrett Eckbo, go to the 1000 Friends website, www.1000friendsoffresno.org, and the website of the Cultural Landscape Foundation, www.tclf.org. The DFC's nomination application is available on the website of the Downtown Association: www.downtownfresno.org.

The local Historic Preservation Commission will meet to decide whether or not to support our nomination

October 13 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. We hope supporters of our nomination will attend this meeting.

The DTA has been sponsoring a series of educational forums on Fulton Mall and the nomination to the National Register. For information on these forums, go to the Downtown Association website.



SOME ANSWERS FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE DOWNTOWN FRESNO COALITION REGARDING NOMINATION OF FULTON MALL TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES (NRHP)

Why did we undertake this nomination?

We were concerned about irresponsible proposals regarding the Mall that kept prospective investors uncertain about what might be happening to it. Many of these proposals called for expensive and destructive

changes to achieve questionable results. What is certain is that trees and water features would be eliminated and valuable art would be destroyed or removed.

The Mall is an exceptional pedestrian space/urban park, and our research made us even more impressed with its uniqueness and significance; we concluded that it is important to maintain the integrity of Garrett Eckbo's design for the Mall, a peerless example of modern landscape architecture

We have been encouraged by the evidence of overwhelming public support for keeping the Mall as a pedestrian space. This support was shown when the City Council was considering putting traffic on the Mall in 2002, and it was shown again in the oral and written citizen comments submitted during the 2006 Fulton Mall Study.

What are the benefits of listing on the NRHP?

It will change the perception of those who undervalue the Mall, helping them to see it as an asset worthy of community pride and deserving of proper maintenance.

It will stabilize the future of the Mall, removing uncertainty for property owners and developers.

It will aid private property owners on the Mall in seeking grants for rehabilitating their buildings.

It will encourage the listing on the NRHP of other properties on the Mall.



Although it is uncertain whether or not the Mall (as public property) would qualify for National Register related tax incentives, its listing on the NRHP will increase the likelihood that other granting agencies would look more favorably on granting requests.

Will listing the Mall on the NRHP have an impact on previously listed adjacent buildings?

No, except for the possible benefits listed above.

Will listing on the NRHP make any changes to the Mall impossible?

No. Listing on the NRHP activates a process for the consideration of changes. It would be the responsibility of the local Historical Preservation office to advise on any specific details.

A "Fact Sheet" regarding the nomination of the Fulton Mall to the National Register of Historic Places was prepared by Karana Hattersley-Drayton, Historic Preservation Manager of the City of Fresno.



Following is a revision prepared by the applicants of the Fulton Mall nomination in the interest of accuracy and objectivity. For example, we have replaced value-laden terms "benefits" and "constraints" with the neutral term "effects." Also we have removed suggestions that private property may be adversely affected by the listing of the mall itself.

Information About: National Register Nomination for the Fulton Mall

Fresno's Fulton Mall, a 6-block publicly owned urban park, paid for with federal urban renewal funds and held in trust by the City of Fresno for the over 250 million people of the United States of America, has been nominated by the Downtown Fresno Coalition to the National Register of Historic Places. The following attempts to answer questions posed by property owners and the public, regarding effects of listing.

What is the National Register of Historic Places?

- *The National Register of Historic Places was established by the United States Congress in 1966. It is considered an "authoritative guide" for the identification of the Nation's cultural*

resources. There are 28 sites in Fresno on the National Register of Historic Places. (See following list).

What is the History of the Fulton Mall?

- The Fulton Mall is a pedestrian Mall and urban park in downtown Fresno and was developed in 1964. It is six blocks, one-half mile, in length, with three partial cross malls. The Mall was designed by Garrett Eckbo for Victor Gruen and Associates, as the intended centerpiece of the comprehensive federal urban renewal plan for the transformation of Fresno's downtown area.

Why Was It Nominated for Historic Status? What were the Criteria for the Nomination?

- The Fresno Fulton Mall was nominated by the applicant under Criterion C of the National Register as:
 - 1) the finest example of pedestrian mall design resulting from the federal government's urban renewal programs of the post World-War Two era;
 - 2) it has been acknowledged as a major achievement of Garrett Eckbo, one of the leading theoreticians and practitioners of 20th century landscape architecture; and
 - 3) as an excellent example of the influence of Modernist (post-World War II) design ideas on landscape architecture.



- The Fulton Mall was also nominated under Criterion A for recreation and social history because of the important way it provides a venue for human interaction and social events in central Fresno.
- Because the Mall is less than 50 years of age it must also meet the threshold under Criterion G, as a property of "exceptional importance." This includes a discussion of the property's historic context, scholarly and comparative evaluation, and the rate of loss of comparable properties within the last 50 years.

Who Prepared the National Register Nomination?

- The nomination of the Fulton Mall was prepared by the Downtown Fresno Coalition, an organization of concerned citizens.

What are the Effects of Being Listed on the National Register?

- Historic designation allows use of the California Historical Building Code, which provides greater flexibility in meeting health and safety requirements.
- Property values may increase for historic properties.
- Historic sites are important in heritage and cultural tourism.
- National Register properties are eligible for special grants and funds.
- A designated historic property is protected under local, state and federal law.
- As a historical resource under CEQA (the California Environmental Quality Act), more thorough review would be required for proposed significant changes to the Mall.
- Generally, historic properties must use the Secretary of Interior's Standards. Normally one repairs or replaces in kind, but changes are also possible, as with the proposed "backpack" addition to the National Register Fresno Bee (Met) building.

How Would National Register Designation for the Mall Affect the Buildings Along the Mall?

- Designation of the Mall would NOT extend to the buildings that line the Mall, only the urban park, its landscape features and infrastructure.
- Designation of the Mall would permit associated buildings to advertise or identify themselves in terms of their proximity to a nationally historic resource.

What will be the Economic Impacts to Downtown Development?

- The question of economic impacts is complex and multifaceted: To answer this, one might consider these questions: How have pedestrian malls listed on the National Register fared throughout the United States and why? Are businesses along the Fulton Mall economically successful now? How do we define and who defines "success?"
- Are listing and economic interests mutually exclusive?

What Happens Next?

- The City of Fresno and the Downtown Association are conducting numerous public workshops over the next several months. The Historic Preservation Commission will be asked to make a recommendation on the nomination at their October 13th special meeting.
- The nomination of the Fulton Mall to the National Register will then be reviewed at the November meeting of the State Historical Resources Commission.

Helping People. Changing Lives.



Moses Stites
Chairperson

Roger Palomino
Executive Director

Date: October 15, 2008	Item: Extension of two Community Sector Representatives
Agenda Item No.: V.-F.	Executive Director: Roger Palomino
Committee: Executive Committee	Board Chairman: Moses Stites

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve extension of the nomination process of two Community Sector Representatives for an additional 30 days.

BACKGROUND:

Nomination for four Community Sector Representative openings to the board were opened from September 8 to October 7, 2008. Notices of the openings were mailed to over 200 public agencies, organizations, and community groups. Two nominations of the four in this category were received, therefore requiring an extension.

FRESNO COUNTY EOC HEAD START-PRESCHOOL/EARLY HEAD START
COUNTY-WIDE POLICY COUNCIL
MINUTES

September 17, 2008

- CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. by Jessica Chavez, CWPC Chairperson.
- ROLL CALL The roll was called by Gabriela Diaz, CWPC Sgt.-At-Arms. The following members were present: Carlos Ramirez, Rosario Zafra, Martha Galvan, Eulalia Torres, Esperanza Baez, Brenda Caballero, Tong Yang, Jessica Chavez, Laura Pano, Ana Guzman, Gabriela Diaz, Sonia Lopez, Raquel Gonzalez, Francisca Palifox, Elizabeth Mott, Felicia Curry, Paulette Johnson, Sara Reyes, Oscar Campos, Victor Lemus, Alexandra Caballero, Lorna Sabbatini, Arminda Betancourt, Odilia Pena, Gracie Rivera, Patricia Alcalá, Adela Avalos, Lea Esparza, Genoveva Rangel, Beatrice Gonzales, Celia Villanueva, Adela Flores, Keyunna Hills, Daisy Olveda, Nancy Burciaga, Pauline Real, Virginia Campos and Tito Lucero. A quorum was present.
- APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES The CWPC Minutes from August 20, 2008 were accepted as written.
- COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS No Community Representative Reports were presented at tonight's meeting.
- EOC BOARD LIAISON REPORT Tito Lucero, EOC Commissioner informed delegates at tonight's meeting of the EOC Executive Committee meeting minutes from August 13, 2008.
- During the summer month of June, July and August the EOC Board of Commissioners are on recess. The EOC Executive Committee acts on their behalf during the summer months.
- Mr. Lucero explained that in the August 13, 2008 minutes under Section V. "Content Items" there were many grants that were presented and needed approval by the Executive Committee.
- EOC Executive Committee minutes from August 13, 2008 were accepted as written.
- PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT Lorna Sabbatini, CWPC Historian informed delegates at tonight's meeting of the Personnel Committee Report which is presented monthly to CWPC.
- Ms. Sabbatini reported approval was needed for hiring/firing/temporary appointment/transfer and resignations of Head Start and Early Head Start staff.
- This information was distributed to delegates at tonight's meeting.
- Motion to approve Personnel Committee Report for September 17, 2008 meeting was made by Daisy Olveda and seconded by Oscar Campos. Motion carried.

MONTHLY
FINANCIAL
STATUS
REPORT

Rosario Zafra, CWPC Budget & Finance Committee Chairperson informed delegates at tonight's meeting of the Monthly Financial Status Report for Head Start and Early Head Start. This report was distributed to delegates at tonight's meeting.

Ms. Zafra reported that the Monthly Financial Status Reports shows all expenditures for the entire Head Start and Early Head Start programs for the month of August, 2008 and year-to-date.

Motion to approve the Monthly Financial Status Report for August 2008 was made by Ana Guzman and seconded by Arminda Betancourt. Motion carried.

ADA REPORT

Ms. Diaz informed delegates at tonight's meeting of the August 2008 Average Daily Attendance (ADA) Report for Center Base, Home Base areas and Early Head Start program. The ADA Reports were distributed to delegates at tonight's meeting.

For August 2008 the ADA for Center Base was at 73% which is below the recommended ADA rate of 85%.

For August 2008 the ADA for Home Base was at 83% which is below the recommended ADA rate of 85%.

For August 2008 the overall ADA for Early Head Start is at 101.3%. Analyses of all areas below the recommended 85% ADA have been done.

Motion to approve the ADA Reports for August 2008 was made by Lea Esparza and seconded by Laura Pano. Motion carried.

At this time, Naomi Quiring-Mizumoto, Assistant Executive Director introduced herself, along with Tamala Olsby, Head Start Director and Kathleen Shivaprasad, Early Head Start Program Director.

Ms. Mizumoto welcomed the delegates to tonight's meeting. She explained the process of how these meetings are conducted.

FY 2009 HEAD
START-
PRESCHOOL
AND EARLY
HEAD START
REFUNDING
BUDGETS

Ms. Mizumoto informed delegates at tonight's meeting of the Head Start/Early Head Start-Preschool FY 2009 Refunding Budget. This information was mailed to delegates prior to tonight's meeting.

Ms. Mizumoto went over the various categories which are referred to as Line Items in the Refunding Application. These Line Items make up the budget categories such as: salaries, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contractual, and other as well as the Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) budget.

Ms. Mizumoto informed delegates at tonight's meeting of the Proposed 2009 Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) Budget for the Head Start-Preschool and Early Head Start Programs. The T&TA Budget is a written document that outlines T&TA items in our Refunding Budget. The T&TA Budgets were mailed to delegates prior to tonight's meeting.

FY 2009 HEAD START-PRESCHOOL AND EARLY HEAD START REFUNDING BUDGETS (Cont.)

Examples of the types of training provided to Head Start-Preschool and Early Head Start staff and parents for the 2009 year are: County-Wide Inservices, County-Wide Parent Trainings, Program Area Service Trainings, New Employee Orientations, Out-of County Conference/Training, etc.

The Head Start-Preschool and Early Head Start 2009 Refunding Budgets are due to our Regional Office in San Francisco by October 1, 2008.

HEAD START-PRESCHOOL:

Basic (PA 4122)	\$ 26,497,569
T&TA (PA 4120)	\$ <u>209,894</u>
TOTAL	\$ 26,707,463

EARLY HEAD START:

Basic (PA 4125)	\$ 1,952,625
T&TA (PA 1126)	\$ <u>48,816</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,001,441

GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT FOR HEAD START-PRESCHOOL AND EARLY HEAD START (including T&TA): \$ 28,708,904

Motion to approve the Head Start-Preschool and Early Head Start FY 2009 Refunding Budgets (including T&TA) was made by Arminda Betancourt and seconded by Gracie Rivera. Motion carried.

HEAD START-PRESCHOOL/EARLY HEAD START FOLLOW-UP FEDERAL REVIEW

Tamala Olsby, Head Start Director informed delegates at tonight's meeting of the Head Start-Preschool/Early Head Start Follow-up Federal Review Report. This information was mailed to delegates prior to tonight's meeting.

Every three (3) years Head Start and Early Head Start are required to have a Federal Review. In December 2007 Head Start and Early Head Start Programs were monitored by an Office of Head Start Federal Review Team. The Federal Review Team consisted of ten (10) reviewers and a Team Leader. The week-long review consisted of interviewing, observing and documenting all aspects of the programs, including fiscal, human resources, and transit/food services.

There were three (3) findings by the Federal Review Team:

- Health & Safety
- Individualization
- Human Resources

On August 29, 2008 we received a letter from Office of Head Start for the Overview of Findings from the December 2007 Federal Review for Head Start and Early Head Start Programs.

Based upon the information gathered during a follow-up meeting with Marcia Beersdorf, Program Specialist from the Regional Office in San Francisco on July 11, 2008, OHS has closed the previously identified findings. Accordingly, no corrective action is required at this time.

HEAD START-
PRESCHOOL/
EARLY HEAD
START FOLLOW-
UP FEDERAL
REVIEW

In addition to this letter, a certificate was sent indicating that Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission is now in full compliance with all applicable Head Start Program Performance Standards, laws, regulations and policy requirements. Certificate was awarded in August 2008.

Motion to approve the Head Start-Preschool/Early Head Start Follow-Up Federal Review was made by Elizabeth Mott and seconded by Raquel Gonzalez. Motion carried.

OPEN HOUSE

Andy Hernandez, Education Services Director and Kathleen Shivaprasad, Early Head Start Program Director informed delegates of the Open Houses for Center Base, Home Base and Early Head Start. These events are scheduled for September 18, 23, 24 and 25, 2008. The Open House Event Schedule was mailed to delegates prior to tonight's meeting.

Mr. Hernandez and Ms. Shivaprasad encouraged the delegates to attend these events at their centers/home base and Early Head Start areas and to share this information with all parents at their centers/home base areas. Everyone is welcome to attend.

COUNTY-WIDE
PARENT
CONFERENCE

Lupe Trevino, Parent Involvement Coordinator informed delegates at tonight's meeting of the upcoming County-Wide Parent Conference scheduled Friday, October 17, 2008.

The conference will consist of workshops in English and Spanish. The topics for this year's conference are as follows: "Parents Rights and Responsibilities (Appendix A)", "Parenting Skills" and "Healthy Smiles".

Lunch will be served and a stipend payment for childcare and transportation will be given.

Ms. Trevino encouraged all to attend and requested they share this information back to their centers/home base areas and encouraged all parents to attend.

ANNOUNCE-
MENTS

Lorna Sabbatini, CWPC Historian made the following Announcements:

1. October 1, 2008 – Next Executive Board Meeting at Kings Canyon Head Start-Preschool at 6:00 p.m.
2. October 13, 2008 – Columbus Day Holiday – No School
3. October 15, 2008 – Next CWPC meeting at Franklin Head Start-Preschool at 6:30 p.m.
4. October 17, 2008 – County-Wide Parent Conference – International Catering Company (formerly La Ryan).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Beatrice Gonzales and seconded by Genoveva Rangel. Motion carried. The business meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Esther Lepe
Recording Secretary

**FCEOC SCHOOL OF UNLIMITED LEARNING
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING**

Executive Plaza 1920 Mariposa Mall Suite 310
Tuesday, October 14, 2008

MINUTES

I. Meeting called to order by Dr. Michael Petrovich at 8:15 a.m.

II. Roll call facilitated by Dr. Michael Petrovich

Voting Members	Present	Excuse	Absent	Non-Voting Members	Present	Excuse	Absent	Staff	Present	Excuse	Absent	Guests
Tim Bakman		X		Rosylin Bessard Ed.D			X	Alma Kowalski		X		Dr. Larry Federico
Louise Symonds	X							Roger Palomino		X		
Mike Petrovich Ph.D	X											
Mae Rogers Ph.D.			X									
Ed Bailey			X									
Jeanne Starks		X										
Terry Allen Ed.D.	X											
Jimi Rodgers FCEOC Commissioner	X											
Dr. Lee Farley FCEOC Commissioner	X											
Principal, Mark A Wilson	X											
Student Representative Nicolas Langarica	X											
Student Representative Yadira Valencia	X											
Alternate Student Rep Jesus Castellanos	X											
Paul McLain-Lugowski, Dir. Local Cons. Corps		X										
Michelle Tutunjian Alternate Rep LCC	X											
Courtney Griffin, Staff Rep	X											
Joseph Turner, Teacher Rep	X											
Rena Failla, Staff Rep.	X											
Sam Hairston, Career	X											
Richard Mason, Independent Study Rep												
Rosa Vidales Parent Rep. Carmen Grimaldo Alt Parent Rep	X X											

III. Approval of Minutes September minutes were approved as read. M/S/C Allen/Farley

IV. SOUL Updates

Dr. Wilson presented demographic information for the school on enrollments, attendance, academic highlights, activities and updates as reflected in the Principal's report. The student enrollment in the seated component (Sanctuary) is 106 students, the enrollment at the Independent Study site at 147.

Dr. Wilson shared his plan to move our students to proficient and advanced achievement levels reflected by the standardized tests results. These goals will be accomplished through the implementation of Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI) strategies and State standard based curriculum taught in each class. The California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) was offered to our seniors last week. Another CAHSEE test will be offered in the beginning of November. The council discussed the information provided.

On Thursday, October 16 from 4:00 pm – 5:00pm SOUL will host our first parent meeting for the new school year. Topics to be discussed include: The 2008-2009 standardized testing schedule, planned school and sports activities, 2008-2009 school calendar.

V. Finance Committee Report

Dr. Wilson presented to the council the Finance committee report. The Finance committee, Dr. Michael Petrovich, Tim Bakman and Dr. Mark Wilson, reviewed the unaudited actuals report, which reflects all unofficial expenditures and revenues for the 2007/2008 school year. He also reviewed the preliminary budget for the 2008/2009 school year and shared that SOUL is financially stable and has operated in the black for the last two years. A motion to approve the Finance committee report. M/S/C Farley /Rogers

VI. Membership Committee Report

Dr. Wilson reported for the Membership committee, Dr. Mark Wilson, Courtney Griffin and Dr. Michael Petrovich. The committee recommends that two additional SOUL staff members be added to Governing Council. This expansion would include SOUL's Career and College Readiness efforts, as well as the Independent Study Program, which comprises two-thirds of SOUL's total enrollment. Sam Hairston would represent the Career and College Readiness membership position and Richard Mason the Lead Teacher at Asian Village would represent the Independent Study Teacher membership position. A motion to accept the Membership committee recommendations to add 2 positions M/S/C Rodgers/Langarica

VII. SOUL Student Update

Nicolas Langarica shared about attending a high school enrichment program at Fresno City College while concurrently at SOUL. He also shared how appreciative he is to be participating as Poll Worker in this historic Presidential election.

Yadira Valencia described the field trips to Kaiser and Scout Island, the guest speakers from the Forestry Department and Junior Achievement, Job Success component that the Career's Class has participated this quarter.

Jesus Castenada reported on the success of our Back to School Night. Parents had the opportunity to meet teachers and enjoy a great meal. SOUL students also participated in EOC's, 9/11 Memorial event. Jesus invited the Governing Council members to attend our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on Friday, November 21, 2008. An invitation will be mailed.

VIII. Program Improvement Update

Dr. Wilson welcomed Dr. Larry Federico, DataWorks consultant working with SOUL 's Program Improvement strategies. Dr. Federico summarized that SOUL's focus to move students to proficient and advanced achievement levels will be accomplished as teachers continue to challenge students with grade level State standardized academic content using the EDI strategies. Not only will these strategies provide each student with the opportunity to become engaged in the content of the academic subjects being taught, but it will also provide our teachers with the ability to work as a collaborative team focusing on student success.

IX. Other Business

A group picture of the Governing Council members was taken for the yearbook.

X. Public Comment

None at this time.

XI. Adjourn meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 M/S/C Allen/Langarica