



Washoe County School District Council on Family Resource Centers Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2020

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Council on Family Resource Centers was called to order at 6:07 p.m. at the WCSD Desert Skies Middle School, 7550 Donatello Dr., Sun Valley, NV 89433.

1.02 ROLL CALL

Chairperson Scott Benton and Members, Brenda Costello, Susan Severt, and Nita Losoponkul were present at roll call. Sherilyn Elcano, Crystel Avalos and Vanessa Vancour were not present at roll call. Rechelle Murillo, staff liaison, was also present.

1.03 PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

2. DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION AND ACTION ITEMS

2.01 ACTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

On motion by Brenda Costello, second by Susan Severt, the Council on Family Resource Centers approved the agenda as presented (Yea: Scott Benton, Susan Severt, Nita Losoponkul, and Brenda Costello). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 4-0

2.02 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES ON THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS DATED November 20, 2019

There was no discussion of or proposed changes to the minutes.

On motion by Susan Severt, second by Brenda Costello, the Council on Family Resource Centers approved the minutes of the meeting of the Council on Family Resource Centers dated November 20, 2019. (Yea: Scott Benton, Susan Severt, Nita Losoponkul, and Brenda Costello). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 4-0

2.03 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS YEAR TO DATE DATA AND OUTREACH EVENTS, INCLUDING FUTURE COMMUNITY EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THAT COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY WANT TO ATTEND.

Staff member Lisa Guzman presented on the year to date numbers of clients served though January. Mrs. Guzman did explain the recent change to a new database which could cause the data to be off by a small margin. Council member Losoponkul asked

about the numbers relating to past years. Mrs. Guzman stated that the number of individuals served is on track for the past couple of years, but was unsure of the service numbers, as she would need to look at the data. Staff liaison Murillo pointed out that there has been an increase in services through Utility Assistance. Council members discussed the implementation of the new database. Mrs. Murillo asked about rental assistance. Mrs. Guzman stated that due to the current climate around housing, rental assistance services has seen an increase.

Council members discussed the utility assistance services. Mrs. Guzman explained the SAFE program which helps with past due energy bills. Mrs. Costello shared that SAFE vouchers have been up due to the program changing requirements, senior citizens, and increased rents, which cause the re-allocation of money. Mrs. Costello shared the average SAFE voucher is \$260.

Mrs. Guzman shared on the events FRC staff have attended and the upcoming events. Chair Benton asked about which event was the most prevalent and captured possible referrals. Mrs. Guzman shared that the Family Health Festivals in coordination with the Food Bank of Northern Nevada are the most attended and captures referrals.

2.04 UPDATE ON BUS SERVICE FOR SUN VALLEY AND THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS SITE AT DESERT SKIES MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Staff liaison Murillo presented and updated the council on the bus service to the FRC at Desert Skies Middle School. Mrs. Murillo stated she was not sure when the stop would go into effect but would update the council when that happens. Council members discussed the new Sun Valley bus stop.

2.05 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE INPUT TO THE WCSD INTERVENTION CORDINATOR REGARDING POTENTIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS. DISSCUSSION MAY INCLUDE ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES INCLUDING GRANT NAD FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITES AND ADVOCACY EFFORTS RELATED TO LOSS OF FRC FUNDING. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.)

Staff liaison Murillo shared that she met with, Lindsey Anderson, who is the WCSD Government Affairs liaison. Mrs. Murillo stated some options would be to have Lindsey could come present to the council and that council members could advocate at the legislature for family resource centers. Mrs. Murillo stated that it would be good for the FRC's to put together a one-page flyer to highlight the family resource centers. Mrs. Murillo shared a one-page flyer that was put together with the council. Mrs. Murillo asked for council to review the document and provide feedback. Council members briefly discussed the flyer. Mrs. Murillo stated council members could e-mail their feedback and it would be considered by FRC staff.

Mrs. Murillo stated it may be good to have WCSD Liaison, Lindsey Anderson, present and talk with council members. Council members agreed and Mrs. Severt made a motion to recommend that the WCSD Intervention Coordinator bring WCSD Government Affairs Director, Lindsey Anderson to the council.

On motion by Susan Severt, second by Brenda Costello, the Council on Family Resource Centers approved having WCSD Government Affairs Director, Lindsey Anderson, at a FRC council meeting. (Yea: Scott Benton, Susan Severt, Nita Losoponkul, and Brenda Costello). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 4-0

2.06 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE STATEWIDE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT, AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO ALL NEVADA FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS AND INCREASE NEVADA LEGISLATURE AWARENESS OF FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS.

Staff liaison Murillo and council member Costello presented on the state-wide Family Resource Center sustainability project, being conducted by Sheila Leslie and Kelly Marshall of Social Entrepreneurs Inc. Mrs. Murillo stated the project would go quickly, as it needs to be submitted, before the Department of Health and Human Services submits their budget. Mrs. Murillo shared that staff and FRC Council members were included to take a short survey to provide feedback. Mrs. Murillo stated they would provide an evaluation of the FRC's for the entire state, which we can compare, and they will provide recommendations. Mrs. Murillo stated she would be able to share the results of the project with the council at the next meeting.

3. CLOSING ITEMS

3.01 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council on Family Resource Centers is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 6 PM in the WCSD Administration Building Board Room, 425 East 9th St. Reno, NV 89512.

3.02 PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Severt shared that Sun Valley would be splitting their event known as the "dive into summer" event which the Sun Valley Pool hosts a last day of school swim and movie night in the park. Mrs. Severt stated these events would be separate as the swim would be when school ends and the movie night would take place on June 26th. Mrs. Severt stated there would also be free swim days throughout the summer, one of which would take place on July 4th. Mrs. Severt stated there would also be a free skate event which children would be able to get free skate lessons and utilize the skate park. Mrs. Severt stated she would work on getting a calendar of events out to anyone who would be interested. There was no other public comment.

3.03 Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.