



Washoe County School District Council on Family Resource Centers Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2020

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Council on Family Resource Centers was called to order at 6:00 P.M. via ZOOM Meetings due to not being able to meet at the WCSD Administration Building, 425 E. 9th St., Board Room, Reno, NV 89512.

1.02 ROLL CALL

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

1.03 PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

1.04 ACTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

On motion by Vanessa Vancour, second by Sherilyn Elcano, the Council on Family Resource Centers approved the agenda as presented (Yea: Scott Benton, Susan Severt, Nita Losoponkul, Sherilyn Elcano, Vanessa Vancour, and Brenda Costello). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 6-0

2. DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION AND ACTION ITEMS

2.01 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES ON THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS DATED, February 26, 2020

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

On motion by Nita Losoponkul, second by Susan Severt, the Council on Family Resource Centers approved the minutes of the meeting of the Council on Family Resource Centers dated February 26, 2020. (Yea: Scott Benton, Susan Severt, Nita Losoponkul, Sherilyn Elcano, Vanessa Vancour, and Brenda Costello). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 6-0

2.02 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS CLIENTS AND SERVICES, INCLUDING FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) RESILIENCE AMBASSADORS AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA – RENO SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK INTERNS.

Council member Costello presented on the impact of COVID-19. Mrs. Costello stated food was the number one resource requested at FRC's. Mrs. Costello also shared about the State of Nevada Eviction Moratorium and discussed the impact of families possibly being evicted after the Moratorium has ended. Staff liaison Murillo and Mrs. Costello discussed funding received through the CARES Act and the implementation of the Resilience Ambassadors. Mrs. Costello stated the WCSD received funding to hire additional employees, with one director, and two family advocates. Staff member Evanson shared that FRC's service delivery model has changed due to COVID as clients are not allowed in buildings and staff are meeting the needs of clients virtually, via email, phone, and other means. Board members discussed the different ways FRC staff are helping clients who may not have the access to technology or are struggling to connect with the FRC's. Staff Liaison Murillo shared that all staff within the Intervention Department collaborated to help meet the needs of clients. Board members discussed how they can get involved to help FRCs, so they can continue to meet the needs of clients.

2.03 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS AND YEAR-TO-DATE PROGRESS.

Staff member Guzman presented on the FRC Strategic Planning progress (strategic plan was shared via zoom.) Mrs. Guzman shared that FRC's have been successful with sustaining current funding, as all grants were renewed, either on a one year or two year cycle. Mrs. Guzman stated FRC's are working to streamline data reporting with the ELOGIC data-base system. Mrs. Guzman stated FRC's have worked to seek new partnerships with local and state leaders. Mrs. Guzman briefly discussed the implementation of the Resilience Ambassadors as discussed previously. Mrs. Guzman also stated the FRC's received the ESSER's grant, which will allow for the hiring of an additional director and two family advocates. In addition, Mrs. Guzman shared that FRC staff presented to WCSD counselors to promote increased knowledge of the FRC's amongst all WCSD staff. Mrs. Guzman shared that FRC's worked with Sheila Leslie on a statewide project (CCAT) to develop reports on each FRC center.

2.04 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF CURRENT FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER GRANTS RECEIVED AND FUNDING STATUS

Staff member Evanson presented on the current staffing and funding changes. Mr. Evanson stated that two grants, Fund for Healthy Nevada and Children's Trust Fund had the same allocation. Mr. Evanson explained the Title-IV B grant and some of the changes to the funding allocation, to which there was an increase in funding. Mr. Evanson again explained the Resilience Ambassadors, as well as the ESSR's grant which will fund additional staff.

Mr. Evanson stated due to receiving additional funding from other sources, a previously awarded grant through JTNN will be eliminated. Mr. Evanson also discussed some of the private funding that was awarded to Family Resource Centers.

2.05 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS YEAR-TO-DATE DATA ON THE NUMBER OF CLIENTS SERVED AND OUTREACH EVENTS CONDUCTED BY STAFF, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON FUTURE COMMUNITY EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Staff member Evanson presented on the year-to-date data on number of clients served through FRC's. Staff member Guzman shared the outreach events FRC has attended and is planning to attend. Mrs. Guzman shared events and collaboration with the Food Bank, Opportunity Alliance, Health Plan of Nevada, LDS Food Distribution, and The Housing Coalition. Board members discussed how they can help with outreach and events. Staff and Board members discussed organizing a "angel tree" and food donation to provide additional assistance to families. Board Chair Benton and member Elcano had to leave the meeting at this time. Staff liaison Murillo took over conducting the meeting.

2.06 INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR.

Board members and staff discussed keeping the Family Resource Center Council meetings to the third Wednesday of the month. The following dates, January 20th and April 21st will be the next meeting dates. Staff liaison Murillo shared that these meetings will be held virtually via Zoom, until we are cleared to have meetings in-person. Board members agreed to keep the proposed meeting dates.

3. CLOSING ITEMS

3.01 Public Comment

No public comment.

3.02 Next Meeting Announcement – Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

The next meeting of the Council on Family Resource Centers is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2020 at 6 PM in the WCSD Administration Building Board Room, 425 East 9th St. Reno, NV 89512.

3.03 Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.