

**Washoe County School District
Council on Family Resource Centers
Meeting Minutes**

January 20, 2021

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 Meeting consistent with the Governor's Emergency Directive 021.

1.02 ROLL CALL

Chairperson Scott Benton and Members, Brenda Costello, Susan Severt, and Sherilyn Elcano were present at roll call. Nita Losoponkul and Crystel Avalos were not present at roll call. Vanessa Vancour was not present at roll call, as she joined at 6:07 PM during action item 2.01. 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 Sherilyn Elcano, second by Susan Severt, the Council on Family Resource Centers approved the agenda as presented (Yea: Scott Benton, Susan Severt, Sherilyn Elcano, and Brenda Costello). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 4-0

2. DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION AND ACTION ITEMS

2.01 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES ON THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS DATED, OCTOBER 21, 2020.

There was no discussion of or proposed changes to the minutes. Chair member Vanessa Vancour joined during this action item.

On motion by Susan Severt, second by Sherilyn Elcano, the Council on Family Resource Centers approved the minutes of the meeting of the Council on Family Resource Centers dated October 21, 2020. (Yea: Scott Benton, Susan Severt, Sherilyn Elcano, Vanessa Vancour, and Brenda Costello). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-0

2.02 RECOGNITION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER SUSAN SEVER FOR RECEIPT OF THE HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY IMPACT AWARD

Council member Costello highlighted Susan Sever on receiving the HSA Impact Award. Mrs. Costello spotlighted Ms. Sever for her hard work, dedication, and commitment to

the community. Council members shared stories, reviewed, and discussed some of the great work Susan has done over the years. Council members congratulated Susan on her award, commitment to the council, and the community.

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

Staff liaison Murillo shared FRC's were awarded an ESSR's grant which had funding for three positions. Ms. Murillo shared FRC's hired one FRC Specialist (18 months) and two advocates, both of which are full time positions. Ms. Murillo introduced new FRC Specialist Katie Morales who shared some of her background and exciting working with Family Resource Centers. Ms. Murillo shared the hired Family Advocates, Norma Reyes and Liz Nicklin, would be helping to staff Central Reno and Sparks FRC sites. Ms. Murillo stated there are three Social Work interns, one Masters and two Bachelor, helping to staff FRC sites. Ms. Murillo discussed the addition of Nevada Resilience Ambassadors to FRC sites with the help of the State of Nevada and FEMA funding.

2.04 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF CURRENT FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS GRANTS RECEIVED AND FUNDING STATUS (FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY)

Staff member Lisa Guzman presented on status of the FRC grants. Mrs. Guzman stated they would be working on upcoming grants for Title IV-B and Parenting. Chair Benton asked about the possibility of presenting to the WCDSD Board of Trustees, to share information and start the discussion of additional funding. Council members discussed Sheila Leslie's state wide FRC Strategic Planning and the possibility of having her attend a council meeting.

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 (FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY)

Staff member Evanson presented on the year-to-date data for all FRC sites. This data included the different populations served and the services provided. Mr. Evanson indemnified that rental assistance had dipped, due to the CARES assistance program which provided families with additional rental assistance. Mr. Evanson shared the FRC's may be utilizing a new phone system (CallRail) to track additional data with regard to phone call volume. Mrs. Guzman presented on previously attended and future community events. Mrs. Guzman discussed the LDS food drive that provides food boxes to all FRC sites. Mrs. Guzman shared the FRC's collaboration with the Food Bank of

Northern Nevada that provided holiday food meals for families, which they provided for 500+ families. Mrs. Guzman shared the upcoming NV Housing Coalition meeting that council members could attend, which will share information about upcoming legislative bills related to housing. Chair Benton asked about mental health resources. Staff and committee members discussed mental health resources with the MOST team, Resilience Ambassadors, and the THRIVE program through UNR. Council members discussed working with staff to facilitate volunteers and donations.

2.06 INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR (FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY)

Board members and staff discussed keeping the Family Resource Center Council meetings to the third Wednesday of the month. 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

The next meeting of the Council on Family Resource Centers is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

3.03 Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.