



**Family Wellness Council/FRC**  
(Child Abuse and Family Violence Prevention Council)

**Minutes of September 25, 2008 Meeting**

**Present:**

Monica Adrian, MCOE Caring Kids  
Armida Allman, Challenge Family Resource Center  
Valerie Anthony, Total Self Insight  
Genevieve Bardini, Valley Crisis Center  
Joyce Bianchi, Central California Coalition of CAPCs  
Stephanie Busbea, Housing Authority  
Cynthia Carvajal, Merced County HSA  
Bea Chavira, Family Resource Council  
Nou Chang, Challenged Family Resource Center  
Marcia Dailey, Merced County Mental Health  
Luis De La Cruz, Between Friends/ Entre Amigos  
Belinda Foutz, Challenged Family Resource Center  
Cesar E. Garcia, Golden Valley Health Centers  
Susan Garcia, Challenged Family Resource Center  
Dennis Haines, Family Resource Council  
Earl Henderson, Planned Parenthood of Mar Monte  
Virginia Rondero Hernandez, CA State University Fresno

Linda Hoskins, Alliance for Community Research & Devel.  
Nancy Irvin, Merced County Public Health  
Christopher Jensen, Merced County Alcohol and Drug  
Alice Kieffer, Castle Family Health Centers  
Paul Labrecque, Golden Valley Health Centers  
Brian Mimura, First 5 Merced County  
Amy Moffat, Healthy House  
Ericka Peterson, Merced County Head Start  
Luis Rendon, Merced College  
Roberto Rivera, MCOE Empower  
Rebecca Rodriguez, MCOE  
Nancy Tapia, Merced County Public Health  
Julia Valdez, Health Plan of San Joaquin  
James Vang, Merced Lao Family Community Inc.  
Terry Raley, Love, INC  
Loretta Uhlik, Merced County Public Health  
Ka Xiong, Family Resource Council

**Welcome and Introductions:** Valerie Anthony welcomed everyone. Self introductions were made.

**Approval of Minutes/ Agenda Item:** Luis De La Cruz motioned for approval of minutes as written and Julia Valdez seconded. Motion passed.

**Program:**

- **Challenge Family Resource Center** – Belinda Foutz spoke on the importance of disability awareness and how psychiatric illness can strike at any age. Mental illness is a community issue. Community needs to be aware of it and people should show empathy for those who have it and their families.
- **First 5 Merced County Focus Group** – Brian Mimura, Director of First 5 Merced County, presented on data collection process that First 5 Merced County is currently doing for their 3-year strategic planning coming something in the spring. He asked the group questions about goals and outcomes they would like to see occur in Merced and ways First 5 Merced County can accomplish those.
- **San Joaquin Valley Partnership, Meth Recovery Project** – Virginia Rondero Hernandez spoke on the data collection the Meth Recovery Project is gathering to assist the San Joaquin Valley Partnership determine the gaps in services in each community. She passed out a survey for people to complete and return to her at the end of the meeting.

**Reports/ Updates:**

- **Central California Coalition of CAPCs** – Statewide Day of Awareness is on 10/1/2008 at 12 pm at West Steps of the State Capitol. Flyer is available. Mrs. California 2007 will be present to speak. Strategies have a Supporting Father Involvement project. Organizations interested in providing the service to their clients can take an application. Set your calendar on May 13 aside for the Central California Coalition of CAPCs regional training. More information will follow at a later date. Parent Leadership Conference is scheduled for November 14 at the Holiday Inn Capital Plaza in Sacramento. Parents taking or is interested in taking a leadership role, this is a good training to attend.

**Agenda Items for next meeting:** None stated.

**Networking Resourced/Announcements**

- Red Ribbon week - organizations interested please fill application. Contact Chris Jensen, (209) 381-6809
- 10/16, 6 PM – 9 PM – Art HOP Downtown Merced
- Binational Health Week is held in 4 states, 7 countries. Everyone is invited to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Inauguration on 10/2/08, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at Merced Multicultural Arts Center. Please RSVP to Livingston Medical Group, 209-394-7075 ext. 155. There will be free health services and screening at Merced Flea Market on 10/11/08.
- 10/23 – Low Vision Awareness Day, Thursday October 23, 2008 at Merced Senior Community Center. Free admission. For more information call 209-722-8118.
- Valley Crisis Center's Advisory Committee meeting is tonight, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend. Flyers available.
- 10/8 – Tobacco Youth Coalition is meeting at the Public Health Auditorium at 12 PM, Wednesday. Lunch is provided.
- Nov. 6 – Food Summit @ 8 am @ Gateway Community Church. Andy Fisher of Community Food Security Coalition invited to attend. Dennis Cardoza scheduled for lunch to talk about the Farm Bill. Be prepared to sign up to work on strategies to provide more access to food. Monthly meeting at new Food Bank on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 12 pm.
- Lyons Club is looking for members to assist them in their many activities throughout the year, such as, Red Ribbon Parade, Santa Claus at the Mall, donate dinners and put on other parades.
- 10/3 – Disability Day at the Merced Mall from 9 AM – 3 PM.
- Merced College's Foster Kinship has classes open to the public. Contact 381-6578 to register. Classes are available in Los Baños.
- Teen Summit is October 15, 2008, 10 am to 6 pm at the Boys and Girls Club. Valerie Anthony has flyers for people to pass out to youth. They are looking for adult chaperones to assist in the event. For more information call 209-394-3988.

**Next scheduled meeting:** October 23, 2008 - Merced Civic Center, Sam Pipes Room - 678 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street - Merced, CA 95340 - 10:30 am to 12:00 pm