

Children's Planning Council Meeting
September 21, 2005

9:30 a.m.

Hahn Hall of Administration, Room 140
500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012

Present: Honorable Michael D. Antonovich
Philip Browning
Lauraine Barber
Angela Carter, representing David Sanders
Samuel Q. Chan, representing Marv Southard
Priscilla Charles-Carter
Rabbi Bernard Cohen
Teresa A. DeCrescenzo
Lupe Delgado, representing Darline Robles
Amy Enomoto-Perez
Jeff Farber
Dorothy Fleisher
David L. Fleming
Cynthia Harding, representing Thomas Garthwaite
Terence Harwick
Larry Lue
Penny Markey, representing Margaret Donnellan Todd
Jacquelyn McCroskey
Colleen Mooney
Elisa Nicholas
Danny Ramos
José Ramos
Margarita Ramos, representing Russ Guiney
Marsha Ramos
Lisa Cleri Reale
Bruce Saltzer
Lari Sheehan, representing David Janssen
Beatriz Olvera Stotzer
Anita Vigil, representing Paul Higa
Sharon G. Watson
Kimberly West, representing Roy Romer
Phillip L. Williams

Staff: Yolie Flores Aguilar Ben Rodriguez
Paula Angeles Janet Sparks
Ernesto De Guzman Laura Valles
Renee Loza Chrysta Wilson
Rebecca Nadybal

Chair Michael D. Antonovich brought the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. and asked that Council members and the audience introduce themselves.

Approval of the Minutes of July 20, 2005

There being no objection, the minutes were unanimously approved as mailed.

Chair's Report: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

- ◆ Chair Antonovich welcomed the newest member of the Council, Marsha Ramos, to today's meeting. A member of the Burbank City Council (and immediate past mayor of Burbank), Ramos represents the League of California Cities.
- ◆ Larry Lue and Lisa Cleri Reale have been reappointed to the Council for additional terms.
- ◆ On September 13, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a second year of funding so the Children's Planning Council may continue coordinating the county's earned income tax credit (EITC) campaign. Although final IRS data is not yet available on whether the campaign has met its goal—to increase by 20,000 the number of families claiming the EITC—the Board was impressed by the performance targets that were exceeded. A copy of the Board report was in member packets.
- ◆ Antonovich congratulated the strategic planning work group for having unanimously agreed on recommendations for the Council's strategic direction, to be presented later in this meeting. While this does not yet complete the process, the group is optimistic that a final plan will be ready for approval in November.

Executive Director's Report: Yolie Flores Aguilar

Flores Aguilar welcomed Gary Ivory, visiting from Houston, Texas, and highlighted portions of her written report.

- ◆ As members are aware, the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations will be giving the Children's Planning Council its 'Fifth District Award' at the annual John Anson Ford Human Relations Award Luncheon on October 6, 2005. The Council was recognized for its work in reconstituting the SPA 6 Council and for its commitment to building community, fostering racial equity, and promoting positive human relations across diverse groups. Flores Aguilar expressed appreciation to all who have purchased tickets so that staff may attend: Rabbi Bernard Cohen, Beatriz Olvera Stotzer, David Fleming, Bruce Saltzer, Lari Sheehan, and David Janssen. If anyone is interested in filling out the table of ten, please contact the Council office.
- ◆ With the renewed EITC funding, the campaign will engage more than 70 partners county-wide in broadening its focus to include overall family economic success: asset-building, financial literacy, predatory lending awareness, individual development accounts, and so on. This is new work for the Children's Planning Council, and it has sparked the interest of several banks, including Citibank, Washington Mutual, and Wells Fargo.

- ◆ The City Leaders Summit, scheduled for November 17, is intended to help cities see how their investment in early childhood education and programs can have a positive effect on their future workforce. The summit now has seven mayoral ambassadors on board—including Los Angeles' Antonio Villaraigosa, Long Beach's Beverly O'Neill, Pasadena's Bill Bogaard, and the mayors of Burbank and San Fernando—who are encouraging other mayors and municipal teams to participate and learn from each other.
- ◆ Work on the juvenile justice report continues, and Flores Aguilar thanked Anita Vigil for her guidance and leadership in arranging site visits to camps and halls, and other briefings throughout the county. Data from the Probation Department is being collected, and the report is expected by the end of the year.
- ◆ Though it seems as if the Council only recently celebrated its tenth anniversary, next year will be its fifteenth year in existence. The Executive Committee has asked Flores Aguilar to convene an ad hoc planning group for a celebratory event, possibly coinciding with the released of next year's Children's ScoreCard.
- ◆ Flores Aguilar introduced new staff:
 - Jackie Orozco, SPA 6 coordinator
 - Ben Rodriguez, director of communications and development (former president of Creative Development, the design firm responsible for the Council's logo, website, publication design, and other products)
 - Cesar Sifuentes, data specialist
 - Janet Sparks, social work intern
- ◆ Flores Aguilar expressed her excitement at the completion of the SPA 6 Council's reconstitution process, and expressed particular thanks to Chris Floyd for providing in-kind office space for the council, which is currently working toward certification.

Strategic Planning Report: Samuel Q. Chan and Beatriz Olvera Stotzer

On behalf of the Executive Committee and the strategic planning work group, Olvera Stotzer introduced the presentation on the Children's Planning Council's strategic direction, noting that only initial approval of the recommendations and next steps was being sought at this meeting. Work will continue, and the final plan will be presented at the November meeting

Chan reminded members of the process's inception in May with the two-day strategic planning retreat. Consensus was not reached on the Council's strategic direction by the end of the retreat, so a work group was convened that was equally composed of the four primary stakeholder groups for the Council's efforts: community, systems/policy, data, and partnerships. With the support of facilitator Rigo Rodriguez, this group worked over the summer to develop recommendations.

Thanking everyone involved for their patience and willingness to be flexible, Olvera Stotzer presented the recommendations, which were mailed to Council members in advance.

- Recommendation 1** Maintain/deepen the Children's Planning Council's three arenas of action:
- Strengthen the capacity of communities (SCC) to act on their own behalf.
 - Build a countywide commitment to the five outcome areas (BCCO).
 - Transform the systems (TS) that impact children and families.

- Recommendation 2** Reframe the relationship between those three areas of work so that the work of strengthening community capacity drives the other two areas:

SCC → TS + BCCO → 5 outcomes of child well-being

- Recommendation 3** Maintain the work of data and the Data Partnership as a cross-cutting function. Establish a base for ongoing discussions around the data and partnerships needed, especially in communities, so that data becomes relevant to communities and communities help inform and contribute to the Council's data efforts, and determine the relevancy of data for themselves.

- Recommendation 4** Develop a cross-cutting function (similar to the Data Partnership) to develop and support policy action. In particular, the Executive Committee should take the lead in establishing an ad hoc policy action work group, ensuring that its participants reflect the various stakeholder groups. Key questions to consider include:
- What is meant by 'policy'?
 - How is a policy agenda developed within the Council?
 - Who drives policy action within the Council?
 - How will the Council ensure that policy actions do not contradict its commitment to building community capacity, and that they augment the relationship-building aspects of its asset-based community development (ABCD) model?

- Recommendation 5** Create alignment between the Council's revised organizational structure and staff roles at the operational level; clarify all staff roles. In addition, ensure that collaboration between and among areas of work is embedded in staff roles and responsibilities; address staffing and resource issues, including financial resources.

Sharon Watson moved that these recommendations be adopted. David Fleming seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The following next steps were proposed, which will lead to a strategic planning workplan:

◆ **Form two work teams to develop recommended action plans.**

- The Executive Committee forms an ad hoc work group to address the policy action questions, recommending a starting point for each function and arena of work, and requesting specific benchmarks (page 15 of the written document outlines suggested starting points).

- The Executive Committee forms a second ad hoc work group, made up of a cross-section of members and including data staff and a member of the task group addressing policy action questions. This group's central task is to produce a recommended workplan that:
 - Details the work of the Children's Planning Council, integrates that work, and proposes new organizational structures
 - Specifies the active roles of 'data' and 'policy' as functions to support the Council's three arenas of action
 - Identifies benchmarks to measure progress and results
 - The Executive Committee identifies the resources needed to implement the proposed workplans and to achieve the proposed results.
- ◆ **Obtain input from key stakeholders.** Between the September and November Council meetings, solicit feedback on the recommendations from Council stakeholder groups, including SCC and Data Partnership members, county partners, other Council and Foundation Board members, and Council staff. Consider that input prior to the final presentation of the strategic direction at the November Council meeting.

Phillip Williams moved that the task of coordinating the development of the strategic workplan be delegated to the Executive Committee. David Fleming seconded the motion, and it was unanimously adopted.

Olvera Stotzer thanked Rigo Rodriguez for his help in facilitating the retreat and providing guidance to the work group, and expressed appreciation to work group members who met several times over the summer, and successfully arrived at consensus on all five recommendations:

Angela Carter	Miesha Council	Colleen Mooney	Laura Valles
Chrissie Castro	Dorothy Fleisher	Becki Nadybal	Sharon Watson
Sam Chan	Cindy Harding	José Ramos	Phil Williams
Lisa Cleri Reale	Jacquelyn McCroskey	Bea Stotzer	Chrysta Wilson

Community Forums Report: Colleen Mooney

In the Asset-Based Community Development model adopted by the SPA/AIC Councils, the role of institutions is to act as servants to the community, and the role of residents is to help institutions understand how to perform that function. The main purpose of the SPA/AIC Councils is to strengthen the capacity of residents, families, and communities to act on their own behalf, partly by helping neighborhoods identify strengths/assets and build social infrastructure, capital, and networks. A cornerstone of this effort was a recent series of community forums organized and implemented by the SPA/AIC Councils in which community members were asked what they care about, what affects their quality of life, and what would help them to take care of themselves more effectively.

As detailed in the *Community Forum Findings* document, residents across the county care most about education, safety in neighborhoods and schools, employment and access to living-wage jobs, and mental health services. They gladly participate in dialogues in which they are asked what they care about, and overwhelmingly want social supports that will enable them to be independent and self-sufficient. With the data from these forums, the SPA/AIC Councils can begin to

organize residents, forging the social relationships that will support residents in developing strategies to address issues they care about.

Mooney then spoke about two opposing models within county government that highlight what she termed “the dilemma of putting our money where our mouth is.” Two separate RFPs are currently being released—one for \$50 million over five years, the other for \$32 million over three years—that use a case-management approach in which families are looked at as clients. A minuscule amount of money is allocated to building neighborhood social capital, with the bulk of funding going toward the traditional intake and family assessment approach, with ‘experts’ deciding what services should be delivered.

This model is severely inconsistent with what was learned from the community forums, Mooney said, and is also unlike another, very different county process—deciding how to allocate the mental health funds flowing from the passage of Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act. Much work was done within that process to talk to the individuals who will actually be affected, asking them directly what would help them live more successfully.

Both the Strengthening Community Capacity Committee and the SPA/AIC Councils take seriously their obligation to be the voice of the people, and Mooney sees the forums as an important step forward in keeping the Council’s commitment to help residents act on their own behalf. “Folks tell us they want to partner. They don’t want to have things done *for* them, or *to* them,” she said, “but they want to work *with* us to discover solutions so they themselves can improve their neighborhoods, support their families, and become self-sufficient.”

Overall Forum Findings According to Laura Valles, the community forums were designed to ask residents three questions:

- What problems do children and families face every day in your community?
- Which of these problems are most pressing?
- What action can you take to address these problems?

The information gleaned was prioritized and coded by region, and will be used to inform SPA/AIC Council workplans and help county departments align their priorities and budgets. The action stemming from these efforts will result in improved outcomes for children and families.

From April 9 through June 30, 2005, 64 forums were held for 2,115 participants ages 9 through 65 and older. (With the inclusion of youngsters in child care, this number easily swells to 3,000.) Average attendance was 33 individuals, and forums were conducted in English, Spanish, Korean, and Cantonese. Prior to the forums, over 50 staff, parents, youth, and volunteers were trained in outreach strategies, facilitation techniques, and recording and transcribing information. The technique of ‘mindmapping’ helped participants identify what was important to them and what issues were connected. Many forums organized action groups, some of which linked up with networks already existing within SPA/AIC Councils.

Overall, residents were concerned about issues in several arenas:

Economic Well-Being

- The availability of meaningful employment and training
- Access to income supports
- Affordable housing
- The availability of affordable/subsidized child care
- The development of social networks (which also related to social and emotional well-being)
- Adequate public transportation services
- The improved integration of county department policies, resolving sometimes conflicting regulations for programs such as TANF (Temporary Aid to Needy Families), Section 8 subsidized housing, and initiatives under the Department of Children and Family Services

Good Health

- Access to affordable/low-cost health insurance
- Information and resources in threshold languages
- Parent- and family-friendly service hours
- Increased access to information on health issues (such as teen pregnancy, STD prevention, nutrition)
- Increased counseling services that address:
 - Teen-specific concerns—stress management, depression and suicide, peer pressure, and self-esteem
 - Family counseling
 - Trauma and abuse

Education/Workforce Readiness

- The development of a strong infrastructure that includes schools, parents, and residents
- Culturally relevant curricula
- Improved security
- Gang violence and availability of drugs
- Racial tensions and divisions between students, teachers, parents, security, and administration

Safety and Survival

- Gang activity
- The availability of drugs and alcohol
- Improved law enforcement and emergency-unit responses
- Access to public play spaces for children
- Unregulated residential street traffic
- Neighborhood blight

Action is especially needed around linguistic and cultural diversity, and to resolve racial tensions and divisions. Customer service and satisfaction should also be addressed, along with complicated or conflicting eligibility requirements for government programs. What exactly does

'access' to resources mean? How can outreach and communication be improved? How can the county play a supportive role in community efforts to bring residents together at parks and community centers, and for events? How can the county work both interdepartmentally and across jurisdictions, in particular developing stronger relationships with schools and school districts?

Valles said that a mini-grant program has been piloted in SPAs 1, 2, and 8, in which 24 grants for \$500 to \$1,000 each have allowed residents to implement their own projects. In Claremont, for example, an after-school shuttle service has been designed that is waiting for city approval, and SPA 4 has been active in a health-focused *promotora* program. The formal neighborhood action councils or parent networks that exist in some SPA/AIC Councils have provided further avenues for organizing.

From November 12 through December 3, follow-up meetings coordinated by each SPA/AIC Council are scheduled that will invite forum participants to interact with county department representatives, who will share how the forum findings have been used in their work.

Lisa Cleri Reale asked how the findings report was being disseminated, and Flores Aguilar said that it was "hot off the presses," only received this morning. This afternoon, it will be presented to a five-hour meeting of county partners. After that, a plan will be developed for its distribution, and Cleri Reale's suggestion of providing lists of organizations that should receive it was welcomed. Dorothy Fleisher urged the inclusion of small private funders that are looking to fund local projects, and Lauraine Barber advocated making the document available to all county commissions, especially those dealing with mental health and alcohol and drug dependency.

Elisa Nicholas recommended that even community-based organizations who were not involved in the original forums be invited to the November follow-up meetings, and Valles said that school districts were also being asked to come. Nicholas invited Valles to present the forum findings at the community partnership council in Long Beach.

Phillip Williams stressed the importance of identifying priorities within the document and ranking areas of greatest significance. He suggested adding a disclaimer that the findings are a "first cut" and that work will continue. Danny Ramos commented on the universality of some concerns, even with Los Angeles County's diversity of culture and customs. He recommended making the PowerPoint presentation available to SPA/AIC Councils and other community members, rather than relying solely on Children's Planning Council staff to get the word out. "We need to saturate other county networks," he said. "Residents don't care about how policy has taken place—they're ready to sign on for action!" He suggested that presentations of the findings be done between now and the Council's November meeting, at which feedback could be reported.

Larry Lue approved of Ramos's idea, saying that it would serve as a reminder to the community of the dynamic, evolving nature of the community engagement process. One of the struggles for the SPA/AIC Councils has always been what happens to the data they collect, and this is solid evidence that it can lead to action, which in turn will spark further engagement. Williams recalled that one of the primary questions in the community has been, "What does the Children's Planning Council do?" He said that this was a perfect example of the Council's work at an important level, and it can send a powerful message.

Though he acknowledged the value of the raw data in the report, Terence Harwick recommended the addition of a quick method for the reader to reach the “so what” of the piece. The front matter presents no crisp way of identifying the lessons learned from the community forums, and he counseled adding a link to the document’s implications—perhaps in the executive summary—prior to its dissemination.

Bruce Saltzer sees prioritization and problem-solving as a good start, but realizes that the challenge continues to be transforming the system, which requires a strong strategic plan. An audience member also counseled more of an emphasis on what community members believe is working in their neighborhoods, in keeping with the strengths- and asset-based approach espoused by the Council.

American Indian Children’s Council Chrissie Castro, organizational coordinator with the American Indian Children’s Council (AICC), explained that, though Los Angeles has the largest concentration of urban American Indians in the United States, very few are part of any kind of network. Isolation and dispersion are the rule, which is one reason community leaders wanted one large forum for adults, instead of several smaller ones. Five major issues that surfaced from that forum were:

- The socioeconomic nuances of the American Indian community
- The lack of an Indian cultural center
- The lack of communication and outreach networks
- The lack of culturally relevant mental health services (recognizing spiritual elements that are important to American Indians)
- The lack of homeless services and recovery resources for women and children

The AICC has been engaged in organizing youth for a year now, with a youth coalition bringing together youth councils from various Indian centers and local tribes. This coalition sponsored a youth forum at which participants overwhelmingly identified stress (often recognized through such symptoms as alcohol abuse or domestic violence) as a major issue to address.

According to Castro, the forums went a long way to bringing the American Indian community together, engaging parents who had not previously been involved, training them, and enabling conversations about the vision of the AICC. Attendance at AICC meetings has tripled; one committee that had never generated interest enough to start up, Castro said, has had 18 people volunteer. Almost 100 youth attended the July youth summit, and the community is noticing the momentum. A foundation is being built, and people are getting excited.

SPA 1 Miesha Watson Council, the SPA 1 council coordinator, reported on the five forums held in that region from April 29 through June 20, with a total of 194 participants. Forum locations ranged from the urban areas of Lancaster and Palmdale to semi-rural Quartz Hill and rural Acton, and Watson Council said that mobilizing the various areas of the Antelope Valley—the largest SPA geographically—was a highlight of the process.

Residents saw the value in their voices being heard. Youth from all over the region attended one forum, and are now becoming involved in the council’s organizational activities. One mother, initially too shy to do more than let her 15-year-old daughter speak for her, discharged herself

from the hospital to attend a second forum, with four more parents in tow. A DPSS worker returned for a next-day appreciation picnic, bonding with residents personally rather than in her work role. An area health officer attending a forum in rural Littlerock counted contractions as a resident went into premature labor. The fact that paramedics took 19 minutes to arrive only pointed up the forum's focus on healthy births, a priority in the Antelope Valley.

Housing and development there are other issues. Rent in the region has tripled since 1999; if residents lose their Section 8 eligibility, they cannot stay in the area without an adequate income and reliable job transportation. Economically diverse Quartz Hill is struggling with large homes being built on small lots. Acton prefers to keep its unpaved areas and has no desire for sidewalks; residents there want the county to ask them what they want in terms of development and services.

More than 40 forum attendees are helping to direct the November follow-up meeting, working with town councils and speaking to PTAs, as the SPA council adjusts its workplan and moves the residents' agenda forward.

SPA 4 Celestina Castillo, coordinator for the SPA 4 council, recognized José Ramos and Larry Lue for their help in organizing the six forums held in that region, which—though the smallest geographically—is very densely populated. Forums were held in Chinatown, East Hollywood, Koreatown, Highland Park, and Echo Park, and on Skid Row. Common issues across the SPA included:

- Housing and its high cost, especially with regard to single-room occupancy
- Education and the need for more schools and after-school programs
- Safety—response time and interactions with law enforcement
- Recreational space and the need for more parks

Access to services in Asian languages is also important in those communities, since little information is available in Cantonese, for example. The SPA council attempted outreach to the Armenian community and is still working on that, but was not able to schedule a forum.

The forum with the largest attendance was organized with the help of parents who participate in the SPA council's 'knowing circles,' groups that come together regularly to talk about issues their children are facing. The Community In Action (CIA) group is preparing not only the November follow-up meeting, but local follow-ups with information particular to different areas. It is also working on beautification projects and getting a pocket park approved.

The SPA 4 Council is identifying other groups working in the region, such as L.A. Bridges in Highland Park, and connecting with them as part of a larger network. Asset-based community development activities are primary, building skills to match what the community has with what it wants.

Conclusion and Discussion This afternoon, department heads, representatives from the Inter-agency Operations Group and the SPA/AIC Councils, and other stakeholders will meet to discuss the details of the community forum findings. As Sam Chan put it, "After ten years with David Janssen as Chief Administrative Officer and nearly fifteen years of the Children's Planning Council's work, we're at a critical threshold point in the county. We have absorbed the knowl-

edge and values of partnering with the community and are moving to concrete, pragmatic, different ways of doing business." The current generation of county leadership is fully aligned with this philosophy and is committed to transformation.

A crucial part of the afternoon's discussion will be how the forum findings affect county partnerships on both the specific SPA level and in the county's approach to primary departmental objectives. From this meeting will come strategies for creating departmental responses with community partners, and ways to look at cross-jurisdictional issues outside county government boundaries, with schools and cities. "The marriage of county and community is finally starting to feel like a marriage," Chan said. "We have fights and conflicts, but we're engaged in understanding the issues." No longer is county government just about services for families with the highest needs. "We're promoting advocates in the community who can ask more effectively for services," Chan continued, "and build self-reliance on their own strengths."

Flores Aguilar encouraged Council members to think about what the forum findings mean for their constituencies, and how they can take a leadership role as the Council moves to action. "What does this mean for our work?" she asked. "For each of us and for our groups?" She looks forward to a continued dialogue at the Council's November meeting.

Lupe Delgado anticipates a validation of the forum findings when the Children's ScoreCard data is released, and advised looking at the data in terms of accountability as well as action. What is the end result? Can it be presented in a linear fashion? What is it being measured against? Colleen Mooney concurred that accountability is a must, but said, "I'm concerned that we may set ourselves up to measure our own performance, instead of [having it measured by] the folks in the neighborhood. We need to create accountability structures that include the voice of the community as a core focus."

Terry DeCrescenzo complimented the Department of Children and Family Services for changes in its procedures, citing an experience with the family preservation program in which she was able to immediately provide the computer and additional school uniforms that one family asked for. "This is convergence in the best way," she said, "being given the freedom to do what it takes. It's a sign of a marriage that is going to be a success." She also urged action regarding same-sex African-American couples who are raising children, the highest number of which is here in Los Angeles County, according to a recently released UCLA study. These families often exist in a very homophobic culture, and their issues must be embraced.

Efforts such as the community forums reach members of the community who do not necessarily interact with county systems, José Ramos said, and therefore don't get the computer that DeCrescenzo's client very rightly did. The importance of this work is to target families the system doesn't reach, and help empower them to get those computers for themselves.

In 1992, Larry Lue related, the state's Healthy Start program initiated a lot of projects intended to help families do for themselves. Unfortunately, most of those projects subsequently died because of stubborn restrictions, bureaucratic morass, and a lack of continuing resources from the state. "We need to get funders to work in a different way," he said.

"Intervention," agreed Jeff Farber, "is a word that doesn't make sense to the community, yet that's where we spend most of our service-system dollars and resources. Communities don't talk

about a bureaucratic 'intervention,' they talk about prevention. How can resources be dispersed in the community to benefit their lives—so they don't have to use a county department to get assistance, but instead can knock on their neighbor's door?" Farber acknowledged how difficult it can be to document data on prevention, but a hard look at how resources are allocated county-wide, and the philosophy of that allocation, can build community, not simple 'intervene' in it.

Systemic failures are inherent, Danny Ramos stated, and county departments are not necessarily to blame. Title IV funds intervention, not prevention, to continue to generate business. With a right to education and health care, communities can be enhanced so they are self-empowered, self-sufficient, and live above the poverty line. "Transforming systems is an evolution," Ramos said, "and we must continue to be proactive in educating government about what the community is saying. A lot of people have been in this for the long haul, and systems are beginning to recognize the worth of the community voice. As we value their opinions and bring them to the table, the community will see that. As long as the passion stays in the marriage, it will last."

Anita Vigil expressed her appreciation to the departmental representatives from the Probation Department attending today's meeting, who have put forth continued effort on "this worthwhile project." Flores Aguilar concluded the discussion by thanking Lari Sheehan of the Chief Administrative Office's Service Integration Branch. This process, said Flores Aguilar, "would never have happened at this level and depth without her leadership, vision, and partnership with the Children's Planning Council."

Public Comment

- ◆ Cynthia Perez Robledo announced a grant from Kaiser Permanente to the SPA 7 Council for diabetes prevention work in three communities in that region. With those funds, the council will hire a half-time organizer who will, among other duties, work with local restaurants to offer healthy menu choices.
- ◆ Miesha Watson Council acknowledged Laura Valles's leadership in the community forum process, and thanked her for her support.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Children's Planning Council is scheduled for:

Wednesday, November 16, 2005
9:30 a.m.
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The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.