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**INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**

**COMMITTEE:** Family Resources and Supports Committee

**RECORDER:** Sheila Wolfe, WestEd/CPEI and Debbie Sarmiento, Co-Chair

**DATE:** March 23, 2006

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Theresa Rossini, Debbie Sarmiento, Laurie Jordan, Julie Kingsley, Sherry Torok,

**ABSENT:** Terry Colborn, Juno Duenas, Rachel Hagans, Nina LaVine, Al Millan, Cheryl Treadwell

**GUESTS:**

**LIAISONS:** Sue Winar, DDS, Michael Zito for Mary Smithberger, CDE

**MEETING NOTES**

- I. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME  
Debbie Sarmiento and Theresa Rossini called the meeting to order and members' present made introductions. Everyone was welcomed.
- II. AGENDA REVIEW  
Debbie and Theresa provided an overview of the agenda.
- III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING NOTES  
November meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with the revision of Julie's attendance.
- IV. WHITE PAPER ON COLLABORATION  
The White Paper on Collaboration was reviewed by the FRCNCA in March 2006. The FRCNCA is happy with the content, however, it may need to be formatted based on intended use. This document was intended originally to be sent to the ICC partner agencies to encourage agencies to look at collaboration/connection with existing Early Start FRCs for use with planning and developing. Examples included, but are not limited to sharing: space, phone systems, interpreters, etc. The FRCNCA would review the white paper and give feedback to the FRS Committee.

V. FRC's SEEKING VENDORIZATION

The Committee discussed the vendor codes. FRSC would recommend to the ICC to recommend to the DDS that as a part of the contract, develop a new code for family support (or determine how to use the existing code), then the FRCs could, they wanted to, apply to Regional Centers to provide family support. The discussion included a couple of questions:

1. There may need to be a study how this might affect FRCs that are part of the Regional Centers
2. May need to look at feasibility and distribute info to the FRCs on how it might be done

VI. FRC BROCHURE

This brochure needs to be updated. There is additional statewide information that needs to be added, websites and the CA Early Start colors. The group discussed taking the brochure to DDS and request re-print with input from FRCNCA.

VII. FAMILY SUPPORT GUIDELINES

Input taken at FRSI session on FSG, FRCNCA Directors' Forum. Core writer's groups will meet next Tuesday and a draft will then be sent to the reader's group. Keep on May agenda.

VIII. PRIORITY AREA: SUPPORTS FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES IN NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS

Child Care options: (NEERAP) Natural Environments, everyday routines, activities, places and partnerships.

Concerns around issues that childcare is not a DDS issue - our role is to advise and assist DDS in their issues.

If Universal Preschool initiative passes, then is there a need for DDS/ICC to have a role in this process?

If there was a code for family support, could FRC's then assist in identifying/being sure that those supports are in place in the childcare setting?

Providing services in natural environments is part of the State Performance Plan

Use Transfer of Knowledge Symposium

Next steps: Sue to send out request to FRSC member for list of issues

IX. ADJOURN

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