

## MINUTES

FORT BRAGG CENTER COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2004

**In attendance:** Tammy Rogers, CRI; Guy Joy, Parents and Friends; Pamela Patterson, West Company; Patricia Horner, DOR; MaryAnn Carroll, Parents and Friends; Mark Molina, EDD; Jean Franco, MPIC; Cindi Hood, MPIC.

We will plan to have meetings on the third Thursday at the end of each quarter. Next meeting dates are September 16, 2004 and December 16, 2004 beginning at 1:30 pm. A suggestion was made to change the start time to 2:00.

Group discussed One Stop Team Building suggestions from meeting include:

- Collaboration of training activities between agencies (Job Alliance, Parents and Friends). Also review of training materials to combine resources and get the best each organization has to offer.
- Chamber mixer being held by Parents and Friends on July 15. Other partner agencies are invited to put materials together on poster board and co-sponsor event. 350 Cypress Street from 5-7 pm
- Focus this month was on the Parents and Friends organization. Next meeting Patricia Horner will explain a bit about Department of Rehabilitation involvement. Each month we'll focus on a different organization to see their role in the big picture.

Parents and Friends was formed in 1955 by mothers of developmentally disabled children. They have many different facets combined under one organization. There will be some changes within the organization (ie Job connection, Paul Bunyan Thrift store, Mendocino Chair Company) to relate all activities back to the Parents and Friends title. Their main focus is to help individuals determine their level of independence and assist them in obtaining meaningful employment based on their capabilities. One aspect of this is a job coach who will work side-by-side with a participant on the job for up to three months. The organization has 11 managers of divisions and 67 employees.

- Suggestion was made to have an issue of the week or current information available on Mendocino Works website. Another suggestion was to work on a common project. At this time the upcoming Chamber mixer will be our project.
- We want to be sure all partner agencies are invited to attend Center Council meetings. Cindi will make sure that someone from Project Sanctuary is being invited to Fort Bragg meetings.
- The Point Arena location currently has only MPIC and JA as co-located partners. This facility needs to move in the near future. MPIC will start to have a weekly presence in Point Arena on Tuesdays. There will be a new person from JA assigned to that location as Suzie relocated to the Southeast.

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- ❑ Discussion of other agencies in community with a similar goal to Center Council. [Northcoastaction.org](http://Northcoastaction.org) is organizing GP property possibilities. The Coastal Conservancy will likely take over sections of the property for a continuation of the ten mile trail and a downtown park area.
  
- ❑ We are working to update the flyer of partner organizations for the Fort Bragg area. Cindi will try to have this ready for the next meeting in September. Suggestion was made to tailor this piece to the needs of the customer. Also discussed "red book" put out by Safe Passage. Not sure of the last update for this. Possible creation of a flow chart or interactive questionnaire to assist customers. Patricia will check into a similar project being done. We will also present the "PINK" at the next meeting which was developed to help determine the needs of each customer.

MPIC announced the northern California WIA conference will be held in Fort Bragg on Friday, September 24.