



**Kindergarten Roundup Planning Meeting  
February 19, 2013  
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Notes**

**Attendees:** Nancy Hemsley, RN-School Nurse  
Joyce Scroggs, LPC Coordinator  
Inge Stock, ECE Consultant  
Jessica Coelho, RDA-Public Health Agency  
Vikki Tuck, Family Empowerment PRS  
Dorette English, Public Health Agency  
Linda DeWolf, Public Health Agency  
Ellen Vieira, First 5 Plumas

**Kindergarten Roundup Dates for 2013**

Chester Elementary School-April 18, 2013  
C. Roy Carmichael School-April 25, 2013  
Quincy Elementary School-April 30, 2013  
Greenville Elementary School-May 2, 2013

**1. Introduction of Inge Stock, First 5 contractor for KRU-SR Coordination**

Ellen introduced Inge Stock, early childhood educator. Inga will coordinate the school readiness portion of Kindergarten Roundup in place of Jeanne Brovelli who could not participate this year. Inge will contact Jeanne regarding past events and also contact school principals and introduce herself. Ellen will send Inge the schools administrative contact information.

Other meeting attendees introduced themselves.

**2. Discussion of KRU results FY 2012**

There was general consensus that KRU went well last year from an organizational standpoint. While last year not every school offered a classroom visit or other transition activity for entering kindergartners, events are scheduled at each school site this year.

Jessica Coelho said that Public Health will offer fluoride varnish again this year. She asked if there was anyway that the dental stations could be merged.

School Nurse, Nancy Hemsley was concerned that merging the two might slow down the screenings. Jessica thinks that it will speed up the process and assist with the case management of those children who receive dental referrals for treatment. She also noted that the varnish would still remain an optional part of KRU and not part of the required medical exam. Nancy said they would give it a try at the first KRU event in Chester.

### **3. KRU roles/responsibilities of First 5, PUSD/PCOE, Health Dept., and identify other collaborations**

#### DISCUSSIONS:

“Dorette will be doing CHDP outreach at each event and will help will assist as needed. Dorette is contacting the resource centers to participate in outreach for children’s and family medical insurance programs application assistance and to share their other Resource Center services.

There was discussion of how to identify children who have already accomplished the school exam, and what type of information the School nurses would like to verify this, as a way to reduce the pressure on providers at the KRU. Nancy said she would like the children to all access the vision and hearing screening at KRU, even if they have had an exam already. Nancy did not indicate what form would be best for transmitting the particulars of each child’s CHDP or similar health assessment by a physician at a clinic, but said she would like details of the numbers for hematocrit, height, weight and such screenings and the Department of Health’s form for medical providers to share information did not provide these details. The details are included on the PM160 form, which parents are required to get a copy of at a CHDP exam, and could bring with them to KRU.”

Linda DeWolf asked if when parents pick up the Kindergarten Registration packets if a urine cup could be included. That way it could help those little ones who have a hard time giving a urine sample in the school bathroom. Nancy will look into this.

Linda also reported that there is a new law this year that will change the guidelines for providing public health vaccines. Now children with private medical insurance will not be eligible to receive their vaccinations from public health. Ellen noted that this will leave some children entering school unvaccinated, especially if the family has to pay prior to receiving a reimbursement. Linda noted that from a public health perspective, we may start seeing these diseases reoccur with less children being immunized.

Who comes to school unimmunized? Nancy noted that last year just at C. Roy Carmichael School, approximately 25 out of 60 children entered school not fully immunized.

Inge wanted to know if parents are greeted at the door. Yes, but not someone specific. Joyce noted that there were suggestions from the Parent Survey to have the stations numbered instead of using the pictures to identify each one.

Joyce noted that “event expectations” should also be included in the school registration packets.

Nancy will provide CHDP exam information to parents ahead of time.

Should there be information regarding health insurance available? Yes, Dorette will contact each of the resource centers to ask if they will or can participate.

Vikii Tuck stated that she will attend each roundup and have her program’s brochures available. Family Empowerment provides advocacy for children with special needs/disabilities. Vikii will also help generally where it is needed. Dorette English will also attend each event and be available to help out where needed.

Ellen noted that she will be attending KRU with her grand daughter at C. Roy Carmichael School this year.

#### **4. The coordination of media and outreach for event**

Joyce Scroggs will send out two general press releases; one general press release two weeks prior to each event and a notification one week before each event. She will cc Ellen on press releases, flyers, etc. There was a general discussion on additional ways to reach parents. Flyers will be distributed to all preschools and home providers would be reached via PRS-Child Care Resource and Referral newsletter. Information could also be put on agency web sites such as Public Health, schools, and First 5 Plumas. Joyce also mentioned that she would look into the feasibility of radio PSA’s.

Below is the “what and who” of the plan for outreach and media:

1. 2 general press releases-Joyce
2. 1 press release one week prior to each roundup-Joyce
3. Email flyers to each preschool-Joyce
4. Email flyers to Plumas Rural Services/Child Care R&R-Joyce
5. Flyer posted to school web sites-Nancy
6. Flyer posted to Public Health website-Dorette
7. Facebook-Jessica
8. First 5 website-Ellen
9. Radio-Joyce

#### **5. Incentives for event: school transition books/backpacks/school supplies**

Joyce stated that the LPC would be able to donate the school backpacks with supplies again this year. She also noted that the school supplies are getting expensive and with the smaller LPC budget, fewer supplies were able to be purchased.

Ellen said that the Commission's budget will cover the cost of the kindergarten transition books, not to exceed \$600.00. Inge will go to Epilog Books in Quincy and arrange for the purchase.

## **6. KRU Parent Survey**

Ellen will revise the KRU Survey as appropriate and send it back to Joyce and Inge. Inge will be available to make sure that the survey is implemented at each event. Ellen is interested in getting parent-feedback, especially regarding the k-transition activity at each school site.

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting ended at 4:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Roundup meeting \*notes submitted by: Ellen Vieira