



March 18, 2010 Board Meeting

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

# Board Briefings

## BOARD HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

*Wendee Shuell, Deputy Executive Director*

Wendee was born in Seattle and is the sixth of seven children. Her nickname was Mary Sunshine. She moved with her family to California growing up in the projects and experienced homelessness, hunger and poverty. She attended six different elementary schools and experienced lots of transitions, but is thankful for mentors in high school. Someone who stands out most was an “awesome” uncle who supported and encouraged her. Wendee wanted to be successful and get out of poverty. He gave her strength.

Wendee has worked in almost every business sector including: banking (for an east coast bank with an auto leasing sector located in California), insurance (as an underwriter), retail, higher education (as an adjunct at Clark College), and nonprofit. Wendee has a Bachelor’s degree in Business with a concentration in Human Resources and Financial Management and Master’s degree in Public Affairs, with dual concentration in Public and Education Administration. She also is a Johnson and Johnson fellow. Plus, she is working on obtaining a teaching certificate.

Wendee came to EOCF as a projects coordinator and was promoted to Deputy Executive Director. She was interim director after Bob Williamson left the agency until Doug Lehrman was hired. At EOCF Wendee oversees training, grants, contracts, HR, procure-

ment, facilities, maintenance, staff assistants, IT and agency-wide functions/projects. She is on the National and Regional X Association Boards of Directors, WSA Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors of SHARE House. Wendee also serves on the Evergreen School District Advisory Committee, an after-school program development committee at her church, and has been on their building committee, and women and children’s ministry committee. Her passion is serving the community through services to children and families.

She has accomplished a lot and feels connected and self aware to better serve staff and her family. Wendee loves to learn and wants to learn to speak Spanish, Italian and learn sign language. She enjoys her friends, walking, traveling, reading, singing and dancing. Wendee enjoys being with her husband and loves her children and “grands” as she calls them. She gives thanks each and every day and always wants to give her best to her family and her work.

Wendee’s philosophy is listening to her encouraging voice. Her mottos are, “It’s going to be okay, it’s going to be alright” and “Success is failure and failure is success.”

Wendee and Bob have been married for 24 years and have three adult children and four grandchildren. All of their children have attended college. She has lived many dreams and is very proud of herself and her accomplishments.



## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS — Prepare in a Year

In the midst of the EOCF Emergency Support Team (EST) developing the EOCF Disaster Preparedness Guide and as a precursor to that, the EST is “rolling out” to staff and parents the **Prepare in a Year Plan**. This plan is to encourage staff and families to prepare “one hour” per month on their individual/family emergency plan. Another purpose is, should a disaster occur while staff are at work, that they may rest easier with plans in place for their family to follow while they are caring for children enrolled in EOCF programs. We also support parents in preparing for an emergency. Information will be sent introducing the objectives with a link to the plan website. Then monthly reminders will be provided to work on plans over the next 12 months.



## Board Action Items

Board members approved the following:

- \* February 18, 2010 Minutes
- \* February 23, 2010 Minutes
- \* Policies
  - Policy 602.2 Formula for Semi-Monthly Accrual
  - Policy 602.3 Definition of Days (Leave Accrual)
  - Policy 602.6 Accumulated Annual Leave
  - Policy 602.7 Payment of Annual Leave
  - Policy 602.10 Adjusted Leave Accruals for Additional Assignments
- \* Corporation Bylaw Amendments