

Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council

Mammoth Lakes Library – Ellie Randol Reading Room

400 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

December 11, 2017 11:30AM-1:00PM

Minutes

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CAPC Members Present (6 of 8 members): Sal Montanez, Mono County Behavioral Health Department
DonnaLisa Knowles, Parent and Community Member
Michelle Raust, Mono County Department of Social Services
Susi Bains, Wild Iris
Molly DesBaillets, First 5 Mono
Maria Gonzalez, Mono County Public Health

CAPC Members Absent (2 of 8 members): Curtis Hill, Mono County Probation
Queenie Barnard, IMACA

CAPC Staff: Didi Tergesen, Mono County Office of Education

Guests: Cathy Young, Mono County Department of Social Services

- 1. Call to Order:** Chair, Sal Montanez called the meeting to order at 11:35 AM. Quorum established with 5 of 8 members present.
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. Public Comment:** Members of the public have the opportunity to address the Council on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Council. There was no public comment.
- 4. Approval of September 11, 2017 Minutes:** Review and approve meeting minutes. **Motion:** Molly DesBaillets motioned to approve the September 11, 2017 Minutes with the spelling correction of Alan Sackett's last name. **Second:** DonnaLisa Knowles. **No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.**
- 5. Update CAPC Membership:** CAPC members updated the CAPC membership. **Motion:** Molly DeBaillets motioned to approve Jody Martin's letter of resignation and Maria Gonzalez's letter of interest to serve on the CAPC. **Second:** DonnaLisa Knowles. **No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.** A new quorum was established with Maria Gonzalez as a member, 6 of 8 members present.
- 6. Child Abuse Prevention Month:** CAPC discussed plans for April's Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month and reviewed OCAPs CAP Month Toolkit. CAP Month activities around the state often include the following: purchasing Pinwheels for Prevention, some communities plant pinwheel gardens (both indoor and outdoor), letters to the editor, media outreach, Parenting Classes, Resilience film screening and Board of Supervisors CAP Month Proclamation. Other ideas for CAP Month: Michelle shared that every five years Child Welfare needs to complete a System Improvement Plan that includes a Community Needs assessment. She wondered if there would be an opportunity during CAP Month activities to survey community needs. Molly liked the tagline in the OCAP Toolkit that is Community in Unity will prevent child abuse, Volunteer, Speak Up, Reach Out. She suggested that this be used in flyers and resources along with the #Unite4kids and #wearblue4kids. All that

have social media and list serves can promote CAP month with that unified message. Sal recommended some focused education for families about how to safeguard your child from abuse. Susi suggested a kid's awareness activity, perhaps teaming with the Mono Council for the Arts to do an art project. Didi shared that she has provided story time to some of the preschools to teach social and emotional skills. In the past, the CAPC has teamed up with the library to do Strengthening Families displays that offer resources on parenting, stress reduction and teaching your child social and emotional skills. DonnaLisa suggested handing out the Strengthening Families bookmarks at each library branch and school during April. Last year, Wild Iris, CAPC and CWS teamed up to show the Resilience film – this was the most coordinated effort to date. CAPC discussed using the Resilience film at length and decided that it would be best to view the film first to determine the most effective and responsible way to use the film. CAPC liked the idea of using the film for targeted outreach to specific groups, i.e., teachers, the medical community, Behavioral Health staff in-service, any staff training, Resource Families, Foro – (Spanish translation needed) and possibly the Benton community. Didi will send out a Special Meeting survey for dates in January. The purpose of the special meeting will be to view the film and create a CAP Month plan.

- 7. Mono County Community Resource Guide 2018:** CAPC reviewed the updated 2018 Mono County Community Resource Guide. The resource guide is available on the CAPC website and can be printed and shared by any agency. Optimal outreach to families would be through schools sending them home with report cards. This is possible at some schools, but not all.
- 8. Innovative Partnership Grant:** CAPC reviewed the Innovative Partnerships Grant requirements. CBCAP funds are intended for universal and targeted child abuse prevention activities. Last year we had \$1,000 and printed copies of the Community Resource Guide and the Strengthening Families bookmarks. CAPC discussed using the grant for the following purchases: T-shirts with the Community in Unity message, another copy of the Resilience film, printing 2018 Community Resource Guides, Strengthening Families curriculum, Advertising and/or Family Events. **Motion:** Molly motioned to authorize Didi to submit a proposal for the grant funds based on suggestions from the CAPC. **Second:** Susi Bains. Didi will bring a list to the next CAPC meeting. **No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.**
- 9. Respite Childcare Updates:** Respite Childcare providers will need to submit a basic invoice with dates and hours to Wild Iris to be reimbursed.
- 10. Update on Family/Parent/Peer Partner Service:** The Mono County Department of Social Services is contracting with Wild Iris for Parent/Peer Partner support for any Child Welfare family that would benefit. This is a newly funded program and will take some time to establish.
- 11. Update on Continuum of Care Reform (CCR):** Michelle shared that they meet every other month for a CCR stakeholder meeting. They are offering continuous outreach for Resource Families to come together and to

recruit new families. Recently they hosted a resource family gathering at Giovanni's. Kathy Peterson and Michelle recently met with the courts to hear how CCR is working from their perspective. One of the pillars of CCR is to keep foster kids in the community and not to send them out to group homes. The first Resource Family home has been approved in the county. They were presented to the Board of Supervisors. Michelle shared that it was very touching. Mono DSS will contract with a San Francisco company to help with the RFA applications in order to streamline the process. Cathy Young has taken on an administrative role with the RFAs. Current foster families don't have to do the RFA conversion until the end of 2019.

12. CAPC Agency Member Sharing and CAPC Program Updates: CAPC members and staff have the option to share information related to the mission of the CAPC.

MCOE/CAPC Coordinator: In October, provided a Mandated Reporter training to twenty social services staff. In November, Didi hosted at MCOE the Sierra Learning Community virtual training on Trauma-Informed Practice for Educators with nine participants. The next Sierra Learning Community training will be on March 7th and will be on ACES and Domestic Violence. She gave out a save-the-date for the training and an OCAP December 2017 calendar "25 ways to prevent child abuse".

Wild Iris: Wild Iris was recently re-funded through 2020 to provide Supervised Visitation. In addition, staff attended a great training on supervised visitation that focused more on creating a mentor relationship. Additionally, their transitional housing grant was extended. With a new small grant, they will be purchase interview equipment for both Inyo and Mono counties, train people in forensic interviewing focusing on child sexual assault. Wild Iris plans to offer a 52-week Batterers Prevention Class. They are currently offering a 52-week child abuse prevention parenting class in Mammoth with Alex Ellis.

First 5: Molly and the First 5 Home Visitors recently attended the Zero to Three Conference in San Diego. This is a great conference with exceptional speakers. An Emotion Coaching Parenting Class will start on February 1st in Mammoth for up to 15 families. Long awaited, the Spanish Peapod Group in Mammoth is starting up in February, led by Lara Walker.

Behavioral Health: Sal shared that Behavioral Health is looking for someone to provide Wellness Classes at the Walker Wellness Center.

No other agency updates

13. Meeting Schedule Reminder: Special Meeting Doodle Survey will be sent out to schedule a meeting in January. March 12, 2018 (Upstairs Conference Room) and June 11, 2018 (Ellie Randol Reading Room) from 11:30 AM – 1:00PM at the Mammoth Lakes Library, 400 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Didi Tergesen, CAPC Coordinator