



Policy Council on Children and Youth & Mendocino Child Abuse Prevention Council

**Minutes
February 16, 2017**

OPEN MEETING/CALL TO ORDER/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chairperson Teri Sedrick called the meeting to order at 11:37 am. Members present were; Jena conner, Natasha Carter, Kathryn Cavness, Teri Sedrick, Josie Loomis, Sheryn Hildebrand and Laura Welter by phone from Safe Passage in Fort Bragg. Non-members present were; Joni Gartamaker, Will "Preacher" Evans, Tammy Moss Chandler and Justin Benninger. Minutes taken by Joy Beeler of HHSA.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Quorum Check: Requirement met.

Minutes: Minutes for the January 19, 2017 meeting

Sheryn Hildebrand motioned to approve the minutes, Josie Loomis seconded and the motion carried via roll call vote.

Ayes: 7 Abstain: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

BACA PRESENTATION:

Preacher and Bones presented Bikers Against Child Abuse, Inc. (B.A.C.A.) a non-profit, 501-C-3 tax exempt organization that exists to provide aid, comfort, safety, and support for children that have been sexually, physically, and emotionally abused. They are dedicated to the principle that one of the basic rights of childhood is to be safe and protected, and when the child's family or environment have failed them, they stand ready to provide it to them.

B.A.C.A. is a strong organization of dedicated individuals who are willing to sacrifice any and all in order to protect and secure a child's basic right to a happy childhood. All member applicants must submit to and pass a federal fingerprint background check. They must attend B.A.C.A. meetings and events during their first year and must be unanimously approved worthy by a Board of Directors. Further protection is implemented by policy that does not allow any one Member to be alone with a child, ever.

B.A.C.A. Mission Statement

Bikers Against Child Abuse, Inc. (B.A.C.A.) exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children. We exist as a body of Bikers to empower children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live. We stand ready to lend support to our

wounded friends by involving them with an established, united organization. We work in conjunction with local and state officials who are already in place to protect children. We desire to send a clear message to all involved with the abused child that this child is part of our organization, and that we are prepared to lend our physical and emotional support to them by affiliation, and our physical presence. We stand at the ready to shield these children from further abuse. We do not condone the use of violence or physical force in any manner, however, if circumstances arise such that we are the only obstacle preventing a child from further abuse, we stand ready to be that obstacle.

Mendocino County has a temp chapter and the helpline number is 707/841-1354

BY-LAW RECOMMENDATION:

Chairperson Teri Sedrick passed out the recommended Bylaw changes to all and asked that members review and be prepared to vote on them at the regularly scheduled March meeting.

REPORTS:

Children's Action Committee (CAC) – Sheryn Hildebrand reported that CAC has combined with the Community Health Improvement Plan Projects, “Childhood Trauma Team”. They will be focusing on educating the community on the impacts of ACEs and becoming a trauma informed community. Mandated reporter trainings continue and Tuesday, April 18th is set to present the annual report to the BOS from 9-12pm.

Mendocino Coast Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council (MCCAPCC) – Laura Welter reported on the activities for Child Prevention Month. Plans include; “love is ... love is not signs” , quarters for Wildwood Campgrounds, “Raising of America” and a town hall at the April 7th “First Friday”.

Children's Health Committee (CHC) – Megan Van Sant was unable to attend the meeting and sent updates from the January meeting for distribution.

UC Davis Organizational Assessment – Jena Conner reported that the presentation to the BOS has been set for April 18th. She will have a new calendar/timeline to share with the committee at the March meeting.

Teri Sedrick shared that the week of the young child is scheduled for April 22nd.

WISH EXERCISE:

Sheryn Hildebrand passed out post-it notes and pens for all to make suggestions of the direction they would like to see PCCY take this year.

ADJOURN MEETING

Agenda items for next month's meeting to include: By-law recommendation, Wish exercise, Nuts & bolts of CCR, OCAP RFP

Joy will send out agenda item requests in the beginning of March so if you want to see something added to the agenda be sure to fill one out and return it to her.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM