



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

**Draft Minutes
September 21, 2017**

OPEN MEETING/CALL TO ORDER/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chairperson Sheryn Hildebrand called the meeting to order at 11:40 am. Members present were; Jena Conner, Natasha Carter, Roseanne Ibarra, Barbara Bloom, Teri Sedrick, Josie Loomis and Joanna Olson. No one was present from Fort Bragg. Minutes taken by Joy Beeler of HHSA.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Quorum Check: Requirement met.

Minutes: Minutes for the June 15, 2017 meeting

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

Ayes: 6

PCCY recommendation of Appointment of Interest Application to BOS: Seat #16 – SELPA – Barbara Bloom

Natasha Carter motioned to approve recommendation of Appointment of Interest Application to BOS: Seat #16 – SELPA – Barbara Bloom, Josie Loomis seconded and the motion carried via roll call vote.

Ayes: 6

Barbara was welcomed and thanked for her service – Sheryn presented her with a PCCY Commission Member Manual * Joy was asked to make new manuals for Sheryn and Joanna

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joanna Olson reported that the 7th Annual Youth Action Party is scheduled for Saturday, September 23 at Alex Thomas Plaza in downtown Ukiah. 3 to 8 PM. This is a free event. Live music, food, crafts and a skate zone. If you attend and you have suggestions/comments for future events please email Joanna with them

Sheryn Hildebrand reported that the Children's Health Fair is scheduled for Sunday, October 1 at the Alex Rorabaugh Center. This is a free event. A day for families to explore health focused on children 0-12. Prizes, bike safety course, child identification booth, Shriner's Hospital Screening. Bring your bike and helmet for the bike safety course or receive a free helmet at the event.

Natasha Carter reported that on Wednesday, Oct 4 from 8:30 to 5:00 PM at the Mendocino Community Foundation an Adult Mental Health first Aid Intervention Training will be held.

Barbara Bloom reported that Mendocino County SELPA & CAPTAIN will host a California Autism Professional Training and Information Network on Saturday, October 28 from 9:00 – 4:00 PM at UHS

Teri Sedrick reported that they are working on a new BRIDGE program, more details to come

Barbara Bloom reported that there will be an IEP training for parents on October 3rd

Sheryn Hildebrand reported that there will be a Foster Holiday Party on November 3rd (Not sure of the details)– Joy was asked to find out additional information and send to all members

PCCY SEAT OPENINGS:

Sheryn spoke about the current openings we have on the commission and her concern that we work to get the seats filled. Discussion was held and it was decided that Joy will send a copy of the letter she has used to recruit members to Natasha Carter. All we encouraged to send recommendations to Joy.

DIFERENTIAL RESPONSE:

Jena gave an update on Family & Children's Services Differential Response (DR) process. The idea is to refer families on which we have received a referral that does not rise to the level for FCS investigation (Path 1), or families in which FCS has investigated and the family does not need FCS level of intervention, but does need additional services/supports (Path 2), to agencies that FCS has contracted with (Safe Passage, The ARC FRC, Action Network FRC & RCS) for DR services. These agencies will provide information services for the family such as homeless assistance, food, parenting skills, domestic violence, mental health, substance abuse, etc. The goal is that by having the families work with DR providers at an early stage, the risk of FCS intervention will be reduced.

HHSa RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT:

Jena spoke about the Grand Jury Report "Another Look at Family and Children's Services". HHSa has filed a response to the report which can be found in its entirety at <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/grand-jury/2016-2017-reports>. Although FCS is working hard to make changes, they find there are still a lot of challenges. The exciting news is that FCS is currently working with UC Davis to implement changes that will streamline internal processes, mitigate unnecessary work and allow social workers time to focus on client's needs. A team has been formed to review, recommend and implement. The team is currently reviewing what process takes place when a child abuse referral is first reported and make recommendations for improvement. Two trainings have been provided to all employees, SCARF Model and Secondary Traumatic Stress. A third training on the Structured Decision Making hotline tools is being scheduled.

2017 STATE OF THE CHILD:

Roseanne Ibarra passed out a draft agenda for her upcoming event, "2017 State of the Child". Discussion of what she hopes to achieve/outcome of event was held. PCCY commission members were supportive and spoke of ways each of their individual agencies might be able to help/participate. Sheryn Hildebrand motioned that First 5 be given permission to use the PCCY logo on materials for the event, Natasha Carter seconded. The motion carried.
Ayes: 8

REPORTS:

Children's Action Committee: Sheryn reported that the committee is circulating a petition "20 x 20 Future Generations".

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM

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