



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

**Draft Minutes
May 17, 2018**

OPEN MEETING/CALL TO ORDER/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Co-Chair Sheryn Hildebrand called the meeting to order at 11:10. Members present: Jena Conner, Todd Crabtree, Roseanne Ibarra, Barbara Bloom, Teri Sedrick, Laura Welter, Sheryn Hildebrand, and Cindi Mockel. Non members present: Heather Blough, Holly Mclaughlin, and Victoria Kelly. Minutes taken by Justin Benninger of HHSA.

Teri Sedrick exit at 12:00

Roseanne Ibarra exit at 12:25

Todd Crabtree and Heather Blough exit at 12:30

CONSENT ITEMS:

Quorum Check: Requirement Met.

- Todd Crabtree motioned to approve Feb, 15, 2018 minutes, Jena Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Barbara Bloom motioned to approve the use of the Childrens Trust Funds for mandated reporter training. Todd Crabtree seconded the motion. Sheryn Hildebrand abstained from the vote. Motion passed with no denies and one abstain.

CHILDREN WITH HIGH NEEDS WORK GROUP:

Jena Conner reported on the Children with High Needs work group. The work group is still missing some key groups. The work group will be meeting again on May 24, 2018 at Redwood Community Services' (RCS) new Potter Valley site, with a focus on how to transition children that are currently in to RCS's group homes the Potter Valley group homes.

Discussion points:

- Possibility to integrate/co-operate with public schools that are creating programs focused on providing with children with special needs.
- Possibility of rephrasing and/or rebranding Special Ed. Programs and associated materials to shift parents focus from the stigma of "Special Needs" to the actual needs of the child.
- Better educational materials for parents and teachers to understand the difference between Mental Disability and Emotional Trauma.
- Needs for more preventative measures to keep children from becoming delinquents.

REPORTS:

Standing committees gave reports.

ADJOURN MEETING

Barbara Bloom motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jena Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed with no denies. Meeting adjourned 12:50.

Next Meetings:

- August 16, 2018 from 11:30am to 1pm
890 N. Bush Street, Ukiah, CA 95482 and teleconference to Fort Bragg
- November 15, 2018 from 11:30am to 1pm
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