



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

**Thursday, November 18, 2021, 2:15 PM to 3:45 PM**

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*The Policy Council on Children and Youth's (PCCY) mission is to provide leadership through advocating for and coordination of Mendocino County's community efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse.*

<b>2:15</b>	<b>Open Meeting</b>	<b>5 min</b>
	Call to Order	
<b>2:20</b>	<b>Approval of Resolution Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of the Policy Council on Children and Youth/ Child Abuse Prevention Council (Assembly Bill 361)</b>	<b>5 min</b>
<b>2:25</b>	<b>Announcements &amp; Additions to Agenda</b>	<b>5 min</b>
<b>2:30</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	<b>5 min</b>
<b>2:35</b>	<b>Consent Item</b>	<b>5 min</b>
	Approval of Minutes from 8/19/21 meeting	
<b>2:40</b>	<b>Vote on Nominations for Chair &amp; Vice Chairpersons for Next Term</b>	<b>5 min</b>
	Nomination for Chairperson: Camille Schraeder Nomination for Vice Chairperson: Bekkie Emery	
<b>2:45</b>	<b>Application for Appointment to the Policy Council on Children &amp; Youth/ Child Abuse Prevention Council</b>	<b>5 min</b>
	Consider and vote on the following new application to recommend or reject for appointment to PCCY/ CAPC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cecilia Gillespie, new Executive Director &amp; Clinical Director for the Mendocino County Youth Project- Seat #27, community member at large.</li> </ul>	

<b>2:50</b>	<b>Presentation by Mendocino County Office of Education Superintendent Michelle Hutchins on Special Education Study Regarding Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Changes in California</b>	<b>20 min</b>
<b>3:10</b>	<b>Update on Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Part 4</b>	<b>5 min</b>
<b>3:15</b>	<b>Report Outs from Standing Committees</b>	<b>30 min</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) ACEs Community Resilience Team- Presentation on Initiative through PACEs Connection on Becoming Trauma Informed Agencies</li> <li>b) Coast Child Abuse Prevention Council (Advocates Supporting Coast Kids)</li> <li>c) Children’s Health Committee</li> </ul> <p>Proposed agenda item for February meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Part 1</li> </ul>	
<b>3:45</b>	<b>Meeting Close</b>	

**Next Meeting:**

- February 17, 2022, 2:15-3:45 PM; location to be determined

*Materials need to be provided to Catrina Taylor, HHSA, (taylorc@mendocinocounty.org) no later than 12:00 pm the Monday prior to the meeting to be distributed remotely.*

**RESOLUTION OF THE POLICY COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH/ CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE POLICY COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH/ CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT**

WHEREAS, all meetings of the **POLICY COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH/ CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL** and its legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code §§ 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and view the legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency declaring a state of emergency exists due to the outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19), pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code section 8625) and that State of Emergency is still in effect in the State of California; and,

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the state Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of emergency either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution the state Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, the California Department of Industrial Relations has issued regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention for employees and places of employment. Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3205(c)(5)(D) specifically recommends physical (social) distancing as one of the measures to decrease the spread of COVID-19 based on the fact that particles containing the virus can travel more than six feet, especially indoors; and,

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Public Health Officer continues to recommend teleconferencing during public meetings of all legislative bodies to protect the community's health against the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the **POLICY COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH/ CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL** finds that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing based on the Mendocino County Public Health Officer recommendation and the California Department of Industrial Relations' issuance of regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention through Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3205(c)(5)(D); and,

WHEREAS, as a consequence, the **POLICY COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH/ CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL** does hereby find that current conditions meet the circumstances set for in Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to allow this legislative body to conduct its meetings by teleconferencing without compliance with Government Code section 54953 (b)(3), pursuant to Section 54953(e), and that such legislative body shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed by Government Code section 54953(e)(2) to ensure the public can safely participate in and observe local government meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE **POLICY COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH/ CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL**, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. All of the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Current Conditions Authorize Teleconference Public Meetings of Legislative Bodies. Based on the California Governor's continued declaration of a State of Emergency, the Mendocino County Public Health Officer's recommendation to continue teleconferencing, and the regulations issued by the California Department of Industrial Relations, the **POLICY COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH/ CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL** finds that the conditions continue to exist pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to allow legislative bodies to use teleconferencing to hold public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(2) to ensure members of the public have continued access to safely observe and participate in local government meetings.

Section 3. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The **POLICY COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH/ CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL** is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(2) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution introduced by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and carried this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021, by the **POLICY COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH/ CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL**, by the following vote:

AYES:

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and SO ORDERED.



**Public Health Department  
of Mendocino County**

*Healthy People, Healthy Communities*

**Andy Coren, MD, County Health Officer**



**Recommendation Regarding Continued Remote Public Meetings of Governmental Bodies**

September 29, 2021

In light of the continued state of emergency related to COVID-19, as the County Health Officer, I recommend that public bodies continue to meet remotely to the extent possible.

This recommendation is made due to the continued threat of COVID-19 to this community with the ongoing surge in cases and deaths experienced since the Labor Day holiday, the current county vaccination rate, and a concern for continued risk during the upcoming holidays. Additionally, I make this recommendation based on the unique characteristics of public governmental meetings (such as the increased mixing associated with bringing people together from across the community, the need to enable those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated to be able to safely continue to fully participate in such governmental meetings, and the challenges with fully ascertaining and ensuring compliance with vaccination and other safety recommendations at such meetings), and the continued increased safety protection that physical/social distancing provides as one means by which to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Therefore, I strongly recommend teleconferencing through online meetings as this type of meeting presents the lowest risk of transmission of SARS-CoV-2, and allows for the participation of the community, local agency staff, presenters, and local agency governing bodies in a safe environment, with no risk of contagion.

I will continue to evaluate this recommendation on an ongoing basis, paying particular attention to the pandemic stage of our community. I will communicate when there is no longer such a recommendation with respect to meetings for public bodies.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Howard A. Coren, M.D.", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Howard A. Coren, M.D.,  
Mendocino County Health Officer

Dated: September 29, 2021