



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

**Minutes
February 16, 2023**

Open Meeting/Call To Order:

- Meeting called to order at 2:17pm by Bekkie Emery

Present: Jena Conner, Catrina Taylor, Cindi Condos, Natalie Shephard, Jade Aldrich, Sheryn Hildebrand, Townley Saye, Teri Sedrick, Bekkie Emery, Gina Danner, Brady Bechtol (for Izen Locatelli), Lisa Fredrickson, Kylie Felicich, Alice Langton-Sloan, Nicole Glentzer, Laurel Near, Micheline White

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)

- Upon motion by Teri Sedrick, seconded by Jena Conner, the resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of the Policy Council on Children and Youth/Child Abuse Prevention Council (Assembly Bill 361) was approved

Announcements & Additions To Agenda:

- Catrina Taylor: Two reapplications for PCCY/CAPC were received by Townley Saye and Kylie Felicich to be added to Item 6 on agenda
- Cindi Condos: Correction in spelling of name

Public Comment:

- Alice Langton-Sloan – Earth Day event April 18, 2023 1:00 – 5:00 – Cahto Tribe would like to invite County programs (Probation, Mental Health, Public Health, Social Services) anyone to be a vendor, to meet their people and set up a booth. Reaching out to schools, Early Start, Redwood Coast Regional Center, Early Indian Start Program in Woodland. If interested in setting up a booth at the event please contact Alice Langton-Sloan 707-357-8450
- NCO – Child Care subsidy money is available for families who are working and/or going to school and not receiving CalWORKs. Income guidelines are expansive. Available in Mendocino and Lake Counties. Applications are also available on NCO website.
- Townley Saye - First 5 Annual State of the Child Infant and Early Mental Health Summit: “The Heart of Belonging” – May 11th & 12th – Registration link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/infant-early-childhood-mental-health-summit-the-heart-of-belonging-tickets-526093659297>

Consent Item:

- Upon motion by Sheryn Hildebrand with the correction of Bekkie Emery as Chair and Natalie Shephard as Vice Chair and seconded by Cindi Condos, the minutes from the November 18, 2022, were approved

Applications for Appointment to the Policy Council on Children & Youth/Child Abuse Prevention Council

- Considered and voted on the following application to recommend or reject appointment to PCCY/CAPC:
 - a. Nicole Glentzer – Superintendent of County Office of Education – Seat #9 – Upon motion by Sheryn Hildebrand and seconded by Cindi Condos, the recommended application was approved.
- Considered and voted on the following re-applications to recommend or reject appointment to PCCY/CAPC:
 - b. Jena Conner - Person responsible for management of Family & Children's Services- Seat #9 - approved – Jena Conner abstained.
 - c. Jenine Miller - Person responsible for management of Mental Health services for children- Seat #4 – approved.
 - d. Izen Locatelli – Person responsible for management of Probation – Seat #5 – approved.
 - e. Lisa Fredrickson - Person responsible for management of Public Health services- Seat #6 – approved – Lisa Fredrickson abstained.
 - f. Bekkie Emery - Person responsible for management of Welfare or Public Social Services- Seat #7 – approved – Bekkie Emery abstained.
 - g. Teri Sedrick - Representative of the local child care resource and referral agency (North Coast Opportunities)- Seat #17 – approved – Teri Sedrick abstained.
 - h. Sheryn Hildebrand - Additional representative of a private nonprofit corporation (Court Appointed Special Advocates)- Seat #22 – approved – Sheryn Hildebrand abstained.
 - i. Cindi Condos - Representative of rural health clinics in the county – Seat #23 – approved – Cindi Condos abstained.
 - j. Victoria Kelly – Community at large member who is a parent – Seat #24 – approved.
 - k. Natalie Shepard – Community at large member- Seat #26 – approved – Natalie Shepard abstained.
 - l. Townley Saye – Representative of a private nonprofit corporation serving children and youth – Seat #12 – approved – Townley Saye abstained.
 - m. Kylie Felicich – Community at large member – Seat #27 – approved – Kylie Felicich abstained.

Update on Family First Prevention Services Comprehensive Prevention Plan

- Jena Conner provided an update- outreaching to tribes due to high disproportionality of Native American youth in local child welfare system for focus of FFPS.
- CDSS website for all things FFPSA Related: <https://cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/ffpsa>

Update on Definition of General Neglect

- California Department of Social Services (CDSS) issuing information and updating their Mandatory Reporter Training
- Legislature changed the definition of General Neglect that changed January 1, 2023.
 - Penal Code Section 11165.2(b): “General neglect” means the negligent failure of a person having the care or custody of a child to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, or supervision where no physical injury to the child has occurred **but the child is at substantial risk of suffering serious physical harm or illness. “General neglect” does not include a parent’s economic disadvantage.**
- Also added a category of Human Resources Directors and employees, agencies and/or businesses who employ minors as mandated reporters

Presentation on MENDONOMA Health Alliance

- Micheline White provided information regarding MENDONOMA Health Alliance and services provided primarily for health and wellness for the south coast:
 - Affiliated since 2017
 - Supports the South Coast communities who lack resources
 - Working with the schools in regards to harm reduction
 - Working with BHRS to get SUDT program on the coast
 - Health screenings and peer support recovery groups
 - Serving as primary HUB for disaster response on the south coast
 - Receives funding from the Community Foundation to support vulnerable individuals in the community
 - Has a community health worker
 - 4 key initiatives: prevention and wellness, emergency care services, telehealth and chronic care management, based on bi-county (Mendocino and Sonoma) community surveys.
 - Doesn’t duplicate services. If there is already a service- looks at helping build capacity with that organization and sustainability. Biggest gap is programs for youth. Kids are struggling with their mental health with parents who are also struggling with mental health. 2-3 months wait time to get appointment with a therapist.
 - Per youth survey- very high percentage indicated schools never discuss substance abuse and limited discussion on the topic from parents. Point Arena school district is using SARB process with community health worker to help address issues.
 - Applying for a grant to become a primary medical provider.
- Cindi Condos noted that non-MCHC clients can also access MCHC behavioral health services for kids and adults. They use providers virtually who are located throughout the state- this is rolling out in the next few weeks.

Report Out:

- a. ACES Community Resilience Team – Sheryn Hildebrand

- Beta testing 24/7 Help app
 - Free on Apple Store and Google Store
 - Covers Lake and Mendocino Counties
 - Available in English, Spanish and Asian dialect
 - If writing grants and providing the community resources it costs \$500 a month
 - Schools can use to get resource information out to parents, PTO's, etc.
 - Available April 1, 2023
- Making a calendar for April Child Abuse Prevention Month activities
- Doing Walk About again this year in April and putting "How are the Children Doing posters" in restaurants
- b. Coast Child Abuse Prevention Council (Advocates Supporting Coast Kids) – Jade Aldrich
 - Growing connections for South Coast and North Coast. Gaining more participation via quarterly meetings.
 - Funding events to direct partners to do their outreach for April as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month.
 - Connected with the Latino coalition on the coast in funding scholarships for youth.
 - Working with Youth Project on expansion to the John Dedrick Center (AKA: old Safe Passage).
 - Family Coast Children's Family Resource Center is waiting to open but they have a space.
 - Promoting First5 partners and Triple P – starting with Tribal Parent Night, starting in-person trainings again.
 - First5 Trainings Healthy Outcomes – State of the Child Infant and Early Mental Health Summit: The heart of Belonging registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/infant-early-childhood-mental-health-summit-the-heart-of-belonging-tickets-526093659297>
- c. Children's Health Committee – Cindi Condos
 - Due to RSV/Influenza/COVID – only 5 providers doing the job of 16 providers.
 - Townley Saye and Sheryn Hildebrand are helping on Safe Sleeping campaign for parents with babies.
 - Still need to break down the misinformation regarding COVID.
 - Schools need to stop asking for Doctors notes – parents can complete the Self Attestation form and submit. Nicole Glentzer will get the information out to schools. Self Attestation to return to work or school form: <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showpublisheddocument/55080/638073217010070000>
- d. Lisa Fredrickson – Public Health is working with Partnership Health Plan around immunization education campaign - Outreach to MCOE trying to facilitate school based clinics.
- e. Bekkie Emery - CWDA sponsored proposed legislation - SB 408 – Complex Needs for Foster Care and AB 366 - Workforce development.

Adjourn Meeting

- Meeting ended 3:45

Next Meeting:

Reminder: Future PCCY/CAPC meetings will be held in person at **Mendocino County Department of Social Services, 747 South State Street, Ukiah, CA; Big Sur Conference Room (Enter Adult Services Lobby area)**. If a committee member is attending via zoom, please remember the location of your attendance must be ADA compliant and the Public is welcome to attend at that location. The Agenda will need to be posted for the public to see. Please let Catrina know so information may be posted on the PCCY website

- May 18, 2023 - 2:15 – 3:45
- August 17, 2023 – 2:15 – 3:45
- November 16, 2023 – 2:15 – 3:45