



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

**Draft Minutes
May 18, 2023**

Open Meeting/Call To Order:

- Meeting called to order at 2:15 pm by Bekkie Emery, Chair

Welcome/Introductions/Announcements

- Welcome everyone – First in-person meeting since COVID. Zoom available for the Public
- Present: Izen Locatelli, Lisa Fredrickson, Bekkie Emery, Nicole Glentzer, Townley Saye, Maureen Mulheren, Gina Danner, Teri Sedrick, Sheryn Hildebrand, Cindi Condos, Victoria Kelly, Natalie Shepard, Kylie Felicich; Jade Aldrich, Catrina Taylor, Kate Gaston, Lily Caravello, Karla Kohler, Lindsey Coke, Meghan Falcon, Alice Langton-Sloan (Zoom)

Additions to Agenda

Seat Discussions:

- Superintendent of a Unified School District within the County, Seat #10 – Nicole Glentzer
- Inland Child Abuse Prevention Committee, Seat #15 – Sheryn Hildebrand

Question to Supervisor Mulheren regarding legislative platform and whether children and families are included in the platform. Catrina to forward information to Committee provided by Supervisor Mulheren.

Public Comment:

None

Consent Item:

- Upon motion by Teri Sedrick and seconded by Cindi Condos, the minutes from the 2/18/2023, PCCY/CAPC meeting were approved.

Application for Appointment to the PCCY/CAPC

- Consider and voted on the following new application to recommend or reject for appointment to PCCY/CAPC

- Kathleen Gaston – Seat #20 – Representative of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

Upon motion by Nicole Glentzer and seconded by Gina Danner

FFPSA Part I Update

- Continue to reach out to the Tribes.
- Entered into a partnership with Cahto Tribe to develop a prevention plan working with families and children and how we can work with the tribe through the FFPSA.
- Cahto Tribe had a community engagement in the month of June 2023

May Revise State Budget Update

- Social Services, Family and Children's Services. Bills are still moving forward around the Workforce in FCS primarily staffing for emergency shelter care. Working with the State on Disaster Response. These changes are not fully funded at this time. Also looking at Child Care Reform. As more information becomes available it will be communicated.

Foster Parent Recruitment

- FCS - Family Approval Program for new Resource Families Strategies:
 - Foster Care month – distributing flyers thru local businesses and school districts.
 - On line BINTI Program that allows interested people to apply as a Resource Family on line
 - Hoping to expand Resource Family website with more resources for Resource Parents
 - Had a few outreach events with Cahto Tribe and Redwood Valley Rancheria Tribe. Provided information to the tribes regarding Resource Families
- Tapestry Strategies
 - Social Media
 - Daily Solutions
 - QR Code
 - Face Book
- RCS Strategies
 - Social Media
 - Daily Solutions
 - Craigs List
 - Dedicated specialist to recruit foster parents
 - Job Fairs/County Fairs – use this opportunity to get the word out
- Suggestions/Ideas:
 - KZYX – John Lazaro – he can help get the word out
 - MCHC – provide Resource Family Recruitment flyers and they will be posted in lobbies
 - Look for Respite providers to give current foster parents a break
 - Attend PRIDE Events and all other events that may be going on in our communities
 - Work on the back end of the problem - have support systems for the developmentally delayed, and children of higher needs, i.e. autistic youth.

- More honesty and transparency provided to foster parents
- Include what would not qualify a potential Resource Family
- Need a crisis center for children we cannot find homes for that can be staffed (shared by Community Partners)
- Adults meeting first during the CFT, then invite the child/youth into the meeting
- Form an AD HOC Committee of current/past foster parents, former foster youth, tribal partners, etc.
 - Have childcare available for the potential Foster Parent while they attend their trainings to get certified as a Resource Parent (they may have other children in the home and have to hire a babysitter)
 - Share success stories of Foster Parents
 - List Serve (Mendocino Coast uses this)
 - Utilize non-profits to get support from Home Depot to support foster parent construction needs
 - Provide gift cards for bedding, cloths, towels, etc.
- Provide Foster Parent Recruitment information to Sheryn Hildebrand and she can post on the new app/website 24/7help.org

Report Out:

- ACES Community Resilience Team – Sheryn Hildebrand
 - 24/7help.org – app and website up and running
 - Appropriate security settings in place
 - All profiles screened for approval
 - If there is a resource missing from the app/website that could be beneficial, let Sheryn know.
 - Provided a flyer to everyone to share with community partners with QR Code for the App/website and anyone else
- Coast Child Abuse Prevention Council (Advocates Supporting Coast Kids) – Jade Aldrich
 - Kylie was recognized for program coordination
 - Early Prevention and education thru Action Network
 - Working with Mendonoma health alliance
 - Project Sanctuary – Education about sexual assault and healthy relationships in the high schools
 - Supporting Latinos on the Coast
 - Providing gift cards to licensed and unlicensed childcare providers to get them licensed
 - In honor of Child Abuse Awareness Prevention Month – had a community resiliency training with RCS and the families there – spaghetti dinner
 - “HOPE” – Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences from childhood
 - Partnership with Wayfinder – Post Adoption Specialist
- Children’s Health Committee – Lisa Fredrickson/Cindi Condos
 - Acknowledgement to Lilly Caravillo who has been leading the Children’s Health Committee.
 - June 14th Training
 - California Healthy App Reproductive Wellness for youth

- Dr. Coren to speak about concerns of increasing STD's among youth and reproductive health for Teens
- Care For Her at MCHC is fully staffed

- Nicole Glentzer may have someone interested for Seat #10 – Refer to Catrina Taylor
- Kylie Felich – may have someone interested in Seat #15 – refer to Catrina Taylor

ADJOURN MEETING

- Meeting adjourned 3:45

NEXT MEETING:

- August 17, 2023 – 2:15 – 3:45
 - Social Services – Big Sur Conference Room
747 So . State St., Ukiah
- November 16, 2023 – 2:15 – 3:45
 - Public Health Conf. Room 1
1120 So. Dora St, Ukiah