



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

**Draft Minutes
August 17, 2023**

Open Meeting/Call To Order:

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

Welcome/Introductions/Announcements

- Present: Bekkie Emery – Chair; Natalie Shepard – Vice Chair; Jena Conner; Izen Locatelli; Teri Sedrick; Sheryn Hildebrand; Cindi Condos; Victoria Kelly; Jade Aldrich; Megan Van Sant; Karla Kohler; Alex Rounds; Catrina Taylor; Alice Langton-Sloan (via zoom); Tania Mota (via zoom)

Additions to Agenda

None

Public Comment:

None

Consent Item:

- Upon motion by Sheryn Hildebrand and seconded by Izen Locatelli, the minutes from the May 18, 2023, PCCY/CAPC meeting were approved.

Overview of Front Door to Families Housing Program (presentation by Megan VanSant)

- Launched in March 2023
- Mendocino County is one of 9 counties in California awarded this grant
- Family & Children's Services (FCS) also received a "Bringing Families Home" allocation which has been incorporated into the Front Door to Families Housing Program.
- Program provides a single point of entry for individuals and/or families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.
- This program does not provide housing, but provides guidance in finding housing.
- May provide vouchers for rent and/or security deposit(s).
- In FCS this program can be helpful in preventing entry into foster care if a family is at risk due of losing housing or they are experiencing homelessness.
- Provides furnishing's such as furniture, bedding, typical household needs, if needed.
- Make an appointment by phone, in person, or zoom

- Client must make their own appointment, unless they are a FCS client, then a referral from the FCS social worker may be accepted.
- FCS also has two additional small allocations from the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for Transition Age Youth- one for housing navigation services through Front Door for Families and the other through Redwood Community Services' Transitional Housing Program.

PCCY and Brown Act

- Chair Emery shared that PCCY is not required to be Brown Act or appointed by the Board of Supervisors per County Counsel. Discussed if this is this the course PCCY wants to take. Dissolving the Brown Act status for this committee is not supported by the members.
- Terms/Reappointments – Reappointments that were approved in May 2023, will be receiving letters that their term is expiring in February 2024. May receive a letter in the mail in December about renewing the term. If committee remains Brown Act, do not ignore letter and complete the Certificate of Completion and submit.

AD HOC Committee for Foster Parent Recruitment

- Discussed proposal provided for the Foster Parent Ad Hoc committee by Kylie Felicich who was unable to attend today's meeting.
- No vote at this time – more information needed. On hold for next meeting in November 2023.

Children's Trust Fund

- Need interested non-profit(s) to submit proposals for \$3,000 spending plan for 2024/2026.
- Funds need to be used for education and prevention services countywide.
- Proposals need to be clear about how the funding will be spent.
- Proposals are due October 20, 2023, for November meeting.

Nomination for Chair and Vice Chair

- Need to know if Committee will continue under Brown Act or not.
- Bekkie Emery and Natalie Shepard remain Chair and Vice Chair thru December 2024.

Report Out:

- ACES Community Resilience Team – Sheryn Hildebrand
 - 24/7HELP.org
 - CASA adds/monitors information daily
 - Reported to OCAP - serves as a template for other counties
 - CASA pays \$500 month to upkeep the app in Apple & Google stores
- Coast Child Abuse Prevention Council (Advocates Supporting Coast Kids) – Jade Aldrich

- Collected data for the year
 - Served 900 children
 - Provided two resiliency trainings – one to a group of pre-schoolers
 - Education in the school systems – Project Sanctuary served over 150 children
- Children’s Health Committee – Lisa Fredrickson/Cindi Condos
 - Last meeting robust and lots of discussion
 - Working on September’s meeting

ADJOURN MEETING

- Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm

NEXT MEETING:

- November 16, 2023 – Public Health – Conference Room 1
1120 So. Dora St., Ukiah, CA