

Child Abuse Prevention Council

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SOLANO COUNTY CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 07, 2023

12:00 -2:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

Join in person at Solano County of Education
5100 Business Center Drive, Fairfield, CA 94534
or **Join by Zoom at**

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| I. Introductions & Announcements | 12:00-12:15 |
| II. CAPC Governance and Structure | Action Item 12:15-12:20 |
| o Review Bylaw | |
| III. Presentation: | 12:20-12:50 |
| o Black Infant Health Program/Healthy Families Solano
Facilitated by Dr. Angelique Anderson | |
| o Solano County Comprehensive Prevention Plan (CPP) Overview
Facilitated by Neely McElroy | 12:50-1:10 |
| IV. Draft Position Statement on gun violence | Action Item 1:10-1:25 |
| V. Suggestion for Future Meetings | 1:25-1:30 |
| July -No Meeting | |
| August - Victor Community Support Services | |
| VI. Adjourn | 1:30 |

Next Meeting Date: August 02, 2023

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL

General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Meeting held via Zoom Virtual and In-Person

Solano County Office of Education 5100 Business Center Drive, Fairfield 94534

PRESENT:

Neely McElroy, Dr. Shandi Fuller, Gene Ibe, Candy Pierce, Nicola Parr, Isabel Montano, Cheryl Countee, Juan Cisneros, Guadalupe Lopez, Phil Lockwood, Nora Macias, Troy Nichols, Kathy Lago, Sonya Wright, Martha Suarez, Akon Walker, Christina Sinohui, Megan Murphy, Jameelah Hanif, Anne Salassi, Camden Webb, Chas Swartzel, Katherine Rodriguez, Rodney Fisher, Kim McDowell, and Alan Cole

STAFF:

Zoila Perez-Sanchez, Ronda Kogler, and Jessica Gabbart

MINUTES:

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm
I. Introductions and Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anne mentioned that May is Mental Health month. ○ Akon announced that May is also Foster Care Awareness month as well. It is also Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) month. Solano County Office of Education Foster and Homeless Services team will be partnering with other Vacaville Community partners to host the Loop the Lagoon Run on May 6th at 8am-12pm, and a College and Career Resource Fair on May 13th from 11-3pm at the Solano Community College. This event will be in partnership with Solano Community College, The Matt Garcia Foundation, County Probation and VOICES. ○ Juan announced that the Child Start Program enrollment is ongoing. ○ Kathy Lago announced that the Solano Family & Children Services is enrolling for Subsidized Childcare. ○ Christina announced that the Family Justice Center was awarded a grant for supervised visitation center that will be starting on July 1st. ○ Troy announced May 16th and 17th Strategies, OCAP along with other partners will be sponsoring the 2023 statewide collaborative prevention convening, the first day will be workshops, learning how to move from CCP planning to implementation and the second day we are asking the prevention teams to come together and do some work on your CCP. https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/OCAP/Public%20Awareness/Child%20Abuse%20Prevention%20Month/CAP-Month-Webinar-Series-Flyer2022.pdf ○ Dr. Fuller announced there will be a kindergarten round up event for the 2023-24 school year for children that will be entering kindergarten. At the event kids will be able to receive services for vaccines, physical and dental screenings. Currently looking for a location, would prefer a location that has the capability for storage of vaccines like a clinic or school. ○ Megan Murphy announced that Victor Services is looking for 3 additional kids for their Care Clinic Cohort. Please forward to mmurphy@victor.org or 530.906.6901 ○ Phil announced that the Faith Education Collaborative is looking for volunteers in the faith-based community that would like to be part of this collaborative to help support the youth at the Wellness Centers.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
II. CAPC Governance and Structure	<p>Welcome Candy Pierce welcomed everyone and thanked members for attending.</p> <p>CAPC Governance and Structure – There are still vacancies, we do have a recommendation for a new member Kathy Lago with Solano Family & Children Services. Phil motioned to approve Kathy Lago as a new member of the CAPC. Nicola seconded the motion, the members voted, and the motion to approve Kathy Lago as a new member was approved. Any recommendation please bring them forward. Welcome aboard Kathy!</p>
III. Election of Officers	<p>Election of Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Juan motioned the move to vote for Candy Pierce as President and Dr. Nicola Parr as Vice President. Neely seconded the motion, the members voted, and motion for President and Vice President was approved.
IV. Theory of Change Overview	<p>Theory of Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ronda shared the Theory of Change document and asked for any suggestions and feedback. ○ Change color to blue to represent Child Abuse Prevention ○ Capitalize L on leverage in the Approach section
V. Presentation	<p>Soar Solano – Facilitated by Solano County Office of Education Staff: Camden Webb, Chas Swartzel, Katherine Rodriguez, Kerri Berkowitz and Rodney Fisher</p>
VI. Consider Taking a Position on gun violence - Discussion	<p>Discussion of taking a position on gun violence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Neely liked that the focus is on gun violence and have the focus be on the impact of children. Try connecting this type of violence to the Child Adverse Experiences (ACEs). ○ Kim suggested leaving it generic but focusing on the impact that it has on the community, individuals, families, and loss of potential. “How can you reduce that likely hood for a child in your area.” ○ Phil mentioned to try and keep it fact base and supports the language of gun violence. ○ Juan asked how can we push the issue a little more? If we can’t control gun violence what else can we do? ○ Alan “only you can lock/secure your firearm.” Maybe try and get people to think about what they can do, they can lock up their firearms if they are owners, turn in unwanted firearms. ○ Cheryl mentioned educating on what CA laws are around firearms. ○ Anne mentioned that the statistics have been horrible and have been repeated over and over. I think we need to start small and start locally. The data or emotional approach hasn’t changed anything, and it’s still stuck on “thoughts and prayers.” ○ Candy suggested that maybe the CAPC can have this topic be the next convening.
VII. Suggestion for Future Meetings	<p>Future Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ June- Comprehensive Prevention Plan (CPP) Overview, Black Infant Health ○ July – No Meeting
VIII. Adjournment	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM</p>

Council Members

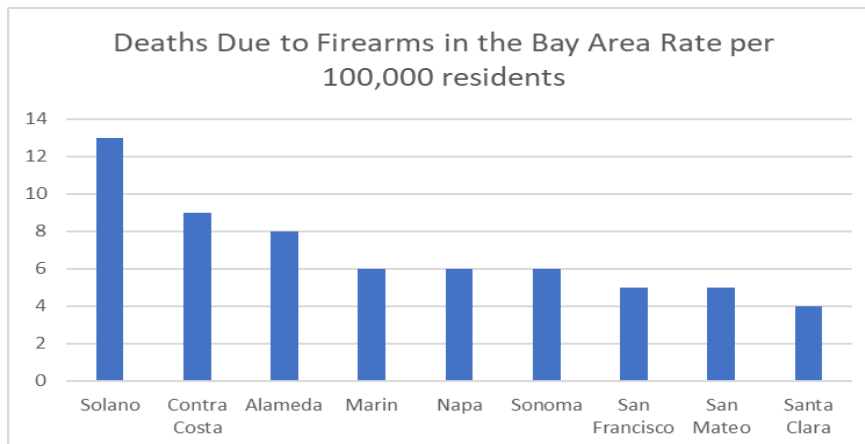
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- Phil Lockwood
- Guadalupe Lopez
- Nora Macias
- Angelina Mackelvie
- Neely McElroy
- Isabel Montano
- Dr. Nicola Parr
- Candy Pierce

Solano Child Abuse Prevention Council
Gun Violence Prevention

Our vision is that all children and youth in Solano County are healthy, safe, resilient, and thriving. One of our roles is to promote public awareness of the abuse and neglect of children. Many people assume that child abuse and neglect occur inside the home, usually at the hand of family members, but the fact is that child abuse and neglect can happen anywhere, by anyone. Victims include not only the child, but all those impacted by the abuse or neglect, including family members, friends, witnesses, community members, frontline service providers, and others. The trauma of child abuse and neglect has a ripple effect that can expand both horizontally throughout a society, as well as vertically across generations.

The murder of a child is the most extreme form of child abuse and the continued killing of children and their family members through gun violence, both across the nation and here in Solano County, compels us to speak out. Gun-related violence threatens our most fundamental human right, the right to life and contributes to fear and trauma in our communities, often with severe and long-term psychological effects on individuals and whole communities.

In 2021, California was ranked as the #1 state for gun safety by Giffords Law Center, and the state saw a 37% lower gun death rate than the national average. According to the CDC, California’s gun death rate was the 44th lowest in the nation, with 8.5 gun deaths per 100,000 people – compared to 13.7 deaths per 100,000 nationally. But when looking at these deaths by county, Solano County stands out – and not in a good way. Solano County has the highest rate of deaths due to firearms in the Bay Area and is more in line with the national average than the California state average.



Average rates over the 2012-2017 period, according to a database created by the University of Wisconsin and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

All children in Solano County should be guaranteed the right to live, learn and grow up safely—free from violence and fear. We know that gun violence is the number one killer of children in the United States and that our society is not doing nearly enough to ensure that children are not killed with guns either intentionally or accidentally. It can seem overwhelming to tackle a national problem, but together we can reduce gun violence, locally, right here in our County.

What Can We Do?

As a community, we can:

- Set a countywide goal for reducing gun violence in Solano County and implement a campaign to accomplish this goal. For instance, the Brady Campaign has set a goal to reduce gun violence by 25% by 2025 and have campaign tools developed to achieve their purpose.
- Ensure that community members know the gun laws that govern them and recommendations for safe storage. For instance, California law makes it a crime for a gun owner to:
 - store a loaded firearm in a home, or within an area of the owner’s control, and
 - do so when the owner knows, or should know, that a child or an adult legally prohibited from possessing a firearm law could access it.
- Advocate with our local elected officials for resources to provide:
 - youth violence prevention programs and appropriate evaluation and wrap-around services for students who have brought a firearm to school,
 - tools available for those of limited means, like lockboxes, to keep firearms locked up and out of the hands of those that should not have access, and
 - robust education programs to teach students, parents, and community members about gun safety and violence prevention.
- Establish an ASK Day – a day when we remind parents, guardians, and caretakers to add one more question when their children are going to someone else’s home. Ask: “Is there a gun in the home where my child will play?” It’s a simple question, but it could save a life.
- Educate the public about California’s Red Flag Law and how and when to implement it.

As individuals, we can:

- Ask if there is a firearm in the home that our child(ren) are going to and plan what we will say or do if the answer is yes.
- Safely store firearms to prevent youth and those prohibited from gun ownership from obtaining and discharging them.
- Know our California’s Red Flag Law and how and when to implement it.
- Advocate with our State and Federal legislators for stricter firearms laws, like:
 - Passage of a federal ban on assault weapons,
 - Universal background checks, including firearms sold at gun shows or through private transactions and online sales
 - Ban online sales of kits that can be used to make/modify guns, such as bump stocks
 - Greater enforcement of federal and state minimum age requirements for handgun purchases
 - Raise the federal minimum age to 21 to purchase handguns, shot guns and rifles from any type of dealer

Together we can ensure that gun violence is greatly reduced so that our children can grow and thrive in safe and healthy homes, schools, and communities.

**SOLANO COUNTY
CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION COUNCIL**

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Solano County Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC), supported by the Children’s Network of Solano County (CHILDREN’S NETWORK), and acting as the Solano County Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC).

ARTICLE II. AUTHORITY

Effective February 2021, the Solano County Board of Supervisors has directed that the CHILDREN’S NETWORK will convene and coordinate the activities of the CAPC as an operating council that addresses community efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, Chapter 12.5 section 18982.2, the primary purpose of CAPC is to coordinate the community efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse. This shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- Provide a forum for interagency cooperation and coordination in the prevention, detection, treatment, and legal processing of child abuse cases.
- Promote public awareness of the abuse and neglect of children and the resources available for prevention, intervention, and treatment.
- Promote and facilitate training of professionals in the detection, treatment, and prevention of child abuse and neglect.
- Recommend improvements in services to families and victims.
- Encourage and facilitate community support for child abuse and neglect programs.

ARTICLE IV. VISION

All children and youth in Solano County are healthy, safe, resilient, and thriving.

ARTICLE V. MISSION

Collaborate, advocate, and educate to improve systems to prevent child abuse and achieve equitable outcomes for Solano County children and youth.

ARTICLE VI. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The CHILDREN'S NETWORK is a separate, incorporated non-profit agency whose responsibilities include, but are not limited to, providing staff support to the function of the CAPC through a contractual agreement between the CHILDREN'S NETWORK and Solano County.

The CAPC is a council composed of members who are to assist with the development of strategic policies and annual and long-range work plans that further the CAPC Mission, Vision, Purpose, Priorities and Objectives.

ARTICLE VII. MEMBERSHIP

Section I – Voting Members

The Solano CAPC is made up of 20 volunteer members who represent many public and private agencies, community volunteers, a wide range of professional disciplines, a diversity of cultural and ethnic backgrounds, and the various geographical areas of the county. Per legislation, CAPC membership may include, but is not limited to, a reasonable balance of representation within the following categories:

- A. Public child welfare services, including the following:
 - The county welfare or children's services department.
 - The probation department.

- B. The criminal justice system, including the following:
 - Law enforcement.
 - The office of the district attorney.
 - The courts.
 - The coroner.

- C. Prevention and treatment services communities, including the following:
 - Medical and mental health services.
 - Community-based social services.
 - Public and private schools.

- D. Community representatives, including the following:
 - Community volunteers.
 - Civic organizations.

- The religious community.

Section II – Terms of Office

- A. All voting members shall serve a term of two years (2) years upon date of approval.
- B. A voting member whose term has expired may continue to serve in their capacity until a new member is approved.
- C. Terms are renewable at the request of the CAPC and with the approval of the CAPC Executive Committee.
- D. All voting members must reapply when their term expires if they want to continue to serve as a voting member of CAPC.

Section III – Requirements and Responsibilities of Voting Members

- A. It shall be the duty of each CAPC member to attend all meetings. In case of illness or other compelling commitments, the Executive Committee may excuse a member's absence.
- B. Should a member fail to attend three (3) meetings in one (1) fiscal year without providing notice of their absence to the Executive Committee, the member will be asked to resign from the CAPC.

Section IV – Resignations

Any voting member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Executive Committee. Thirty (30) day advance notice shall be submitted whenever possible.

Section V – Termination of Membership

- A. The Executive Committee may choose to declare a vacancy for a voting member due to failure to meet the attendance requirement or conduct which is inconsistent with the mission of the CAPC.
- B. The voting members will be contacted in writing about their attendance or conduct prior to the Executive Committee's decision.

Section VI – Vacancies and Selection Criteria

- A. When a vacancy of a voting member exists because of the expiration of a term, resignation, termination, or any other reason, the Executive Committee shall receive and review applications as vacancies occur and make recommendations for approval to the CAPC membership.
- B. Primary consideration is based on the contents of the prospective member's application. Each application shall identify the community, geographic area, system, service organization, agency, or department the applicant represents.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS

Section I – Open and Public

- A. Meetings of the CAPC will adhere to a collaborative governance process, with consensus as the fundamental principle.
- B. Items that qualify as an emergency can be added to the agenda at the meeting by the CAPC Coordinator and members of the Executive Committee.

Section II – Regular Meetings

- A. The CAPC shall hold ten regularly scheduled meetings per fiscal year. Unless otherwise determined by the membership, the meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month at a site identified in writing in advance of the meeting. Public notice shall be made available through email.
- B. At least seventy-two (72) hours before each regular meeting, members of the CAPC shall receive by email the minutes of the previous meeting, and the agenda for the meeting.

Section III – Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the CAPC Executive Committee. The public and members of the CAPC shall be provided at least twenty-four (24) hours advance notice before each meeting.

Section IV – Voting Requirements

- A. Each member of the CAPC shall be entitled to one vote. The members must be present at an appropriately noted meeting to cast their vote.
- B. The actions and decisions of the CAPC shall require a simple majority of those present, if 50% of the membership are present to vote.
- C. If a member is absent and excused from a meeting at which a vote will take place, they are allowed to cast their vote by email prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS

There shall be the following officers of the CAPC: A President, and a Vice President.

Section I – Powers and Duties of Officers

- A. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the CAPC and shall in general supervise and control the business and affairs of the CAPC. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the CAPC; call special meetings of the CAPC as necessary and cancel

meetings as necessary; and in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be assigned by the CAPC from time to time.

- B. The Vice President shall in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall routinely chair the Executive Committee meetings to gain experience in leadership and in managing the meeting agenda.

Section II – Officer Vacancies

If one or both officer positions become vacant mid-term, the Executive Committee may fill the vacant office by appointment of an Executive Committee member subject to approval by the general membership.

Section III – Nomination and Election of Officers

A. Nominations

1. Nominations for officers may be made by any voting members of CAPC.
2. The Executive Committee shall present the recommended slate of officers to the full membership at the April meeting each year.
3. The Executive Committee may not nominate any of its members for any office, although an Executive Committee member may be nominated from the floor.

B. Elections

1. The election of officers shall be held at the May meeting each year.
2. Voting rights are limited to members of the CAPC. Voting is conducted by means of a secret ballot.
3. If no candidate for office obtains a majority, a run-off between the top two candidates shall be held immediately following the vote count.
4. Newly elected officers shall begin their responsibilities in June, or the next scheduled CAPC meeting.
5. Each elected officer shall serve for a term of two (2) years and may be re-elected for no more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

ARTICLE X. COMMITTEES

Section I – Operational Committees

A. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall include the President, the Vice President, the immediate past President, and two members at large who are appointed by the Executive Committee. Additionally, the Chairpersons of any standing committee of the CAPC shall be made members of the Executive Committee upon the request of the standing committee chair.

The Committee shall:

1. Develop agendas and facilitate general membership meetings.
2. Guide the strategic direction and implementation of the CAPC approved Prevention Plan.
3. Review member applications and make recommendations for approval by the membership.
4. Review recommendations from CAPC Standing Committees for presentation to the General Membership.

Section II – Program-related Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees

The CAPC, by Resolution adopted by a majority, may designate and appoint one or more committees each of which may consist of two or more CAPC members. Such committees will make recommendations to the CAPC and cannot independently exercise the authority of the CAPC except when specifically authorized to do so. Possible categories for committees include:

- A. Public awareness and community engagement
- B. Data and evaluation
- C. Advocacy and policy
- D. Professional development and training

Each committee may include non-CAPC members. Each committee shall have a Chairperson who shall be a CAPC member.

ARTICLE XI. BYLAWS

These by-laws shall be approved and may be amended by a majority vote of those members of the CAPC, provided that the recommended amendments shall have been submitted in writing with a two week notice to the CAPC's total membership for review. These by-laws shall become effective immediately upon the approval of the CAPC membership and will be subject to review by the membership annually.

Child Abuse and People of Color

A Webinar with Dr. Joycelyn Wormley

When: June 20, 2023 from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM (PT) **Online (via Zoom)**

This training, led by Dr. Joycelyn Wormley, will discuss the five abuse categories which include physical, sexual, emotional, severe abuse and general neglect. Participants will learn about current statistics related to the proportion of children of color in the system in comparison to other races. Participants will also learn about environmental factors that contribute about abuse which include poverty, intergenerational transmission of abuse and environmental factors such as mental health, substance abuse and domestic violence. Lastly, participants will learn about racial disproportionality. This training will benefit those who provide direct services to children and families.

REGISTER NOW

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/844584217229>

Meet the Presenter



Dr. Joycelyn Wormley is a social worker, educator, and an advocate who specializes in Child Welfare Services, spending over a decade working with children, youth, and families of diverse communities. She currently lectures at CSU Sacramento.

Agenda

- Introduction
- Review child abuse categories
- Review statistics (National, Statewide, and Local data)
- Contributing factors
- Small group exercise
- Self-examine bias
- Q&A and closure

Learning Objective

Following this training, participants will be able to:

- Review and develop a deeper understanding of the six categories of child abuse which include physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, general neglect, severe neglect and exploitation as needed to improve mandatory reporting practices.
- Understand how current statistics (nationally, statewide and locally) for non-white individuals compares to people of color.
- Discover how environmental factors such as poverty, domestic violence and substance use contribute to abuse.
- Sharpen critical thinking skills by analyzing various child maltreatment scenarios.

For accommodations, please contact Jessica Gabbart at jgabbart@childnet.org or (707)421-7229 two weeks prior to event date.

This training is presented by the Solano Child Abuse Prevention Council, Children's Network of Solano.

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