



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL

General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

In Person Solano County Office of Education

5100 Business Center Drive

Fairfield, CA 94534

PRESENT:

Neely McElroy, Alan Cole, Gene Ibe, Tara Knobbe, Candy Pierce, Dennis Chapman, Nicola Parr, Isabel Montano, Cheryl Countee, Juan Cisneros, Guadalupe Lopez, Kathy Lago, Phil Lockwood, Lisa Eckhoff, Sonya Wright, Martha Suarez, Akon Walker, Kim McDowell, Anne Salassi, Angelique Anderson, Jamie Powell, Jesus Naranjo, Rylee Manny, Emma Shaffer Kirsten, Mayra Sanchez, Monica Strauch, Cindy Bradford, and Zaida Mungaray



STAFF:

Zoila Perez-Sanchez, Ronda Kogler, Megan Berger, 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"> ○ Akon Walker announced that November is National Runaway Prevention Month. SCOE & The Faith & Education Collaborative will be hosting a Solano Winter Warmth and Wellness Drive to collect new coats, blankets, hats, gloves, socks, and hygiene kits from November 1- December 1st. For more information contact Ms. Morgandy Ridgle at mriddle@solanocoe.net, 707-646-7693. ○ Ronda Kogler announced that Children’s Network has hired a new staff member Megan Berger, Community education Coordinator. ○ Neely McElroy announced that November is National Adoption Month. ○ Candy Pierce announced that CASA has a store for youth who are in foster care. The store has a variety of items from clothing, shoes, suitcases, and other items. If you know of anyone who is in need and is in foster care, they are more than welcome to go shop at the CASA store. CASA does accept donations, but the items are to be new or in gently used condition. ○ Angelique Anderson announced that Black Infant Health is hosting Mocha Mommas Thrive (MMT) a cohort group, which is a FREE, virtual 8-week facilitated sisterhood group, which will help participants assess, develop, and redefine their thoughts about healthy mothering from a culturally affirming perspective and setting. Eligible participants must be 16 years+, parenting any age child-adult children/Pregnant, African American/Black, and reside in Solano County. Today, is the last day to join this cohort; if folks are interested they can register at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/solano-black-infant-health-programs-mocha-mommas-thrive-group-cohort-8-tickets-628031127007?aff=oddtcreator ○ Dr. Nicola Parr announced that Breaking Barriers Conference will be on November 14th -16th and was able to secure a 20% discount for registration for Solano County participants.

<p>II. CAPC Governance and Structure</p>	<p>Welcome Candy Pierce welcomed everyone and thanked members for attending.</p> <p>CAPC Governance and Structure – The Executive Committee is looking for two at large members who would like to be a part of the Executive Committee. Candy announced that Phil Lockwood is now part of the Executive Committee. If you would like to volunteer for this new opportunity, please reach out to Candy. The CAPC currently has three vacancies in the following categories: Public Services (District Representative), and Behavioral Health Division, and Criminal Justice: District Attorney. If you have any suggestion for any of the vacant positions, please reach out to Zoila.</p>
<p>III. Presentation</p>	<p>United Way Bay Area Legislative Update-Presenter: Monica Strauch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SB 4 (Wiener) building on land that belongs to Education Institutions and religious institutions. Affordable housing. ○ SB 423 (Wiener) Land use: Streamlined housing approvals: multifamily housing developments. ○ AB 1319 (Wicks) Bay Area Housing Finance Authority: on the ballot next November for affordable housing in the Bay Area ○ AB 12 (Haney) limits security deposit to 1 months’ rent. ○ ACA 1 (Aguilar-Curry) Will be on the ballot next November 2024. ○ SB 318 (Ochoa Bogh) will build a funding stream for 211 and improve the capacity of the program. ○ H.R. 1919 EATS Act of 2021 (Rep. Gomez, D-CA) part of the farm bill would increase the availability of SNAP. ○ The next few bills were not successful. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AB 1128 Young Child Tax Credit, this would expand the eligibility requirement. It would expand those eligibility requirements to from 6-13 years old to 6-23 years old. Would also support families with children that have disabilities. ● AB 1498 Earned Income Tax Credit would expand this to everyone who qualifies for the young child tax credit. ● SB 352 California Workforce Development Board the actual cost measure. The new way to look at the poverty line. It does not include a lot of the basic needs that every family pays for. Would require the State of CA to look at the cost of what families are paying for. Link https://unitedwaysca.org/realcost/ ○ Kathy Lago asked if the actual cost measure is being used in other states? Is this something that other states are doing this? ○ Juan Cisneros mentioned that Child Start is following and looking at the following bills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Head Way Act (Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock (D-GA), Senator Mike Braun (R-IN) This bill would permit Early Head Start classroom teachers to teach and earn their Child development Associate (CDA). ● The Head Start Expansion and Improvement Act (Representative Adam Schiff (D-CA) proposes to fund Head Start but also looks at eligibility requirements for Head Start. Looking at poverty guidelines in a unique way especially for states like CA. Expanding eligibility to families who are receiving WIC and CHIP. ● Expanding the Head Start Eligibility Act (Representative John Garamendi) would expand eligibility to families who are receiving WIC and housing. <p>Solano Family Justice Center-Presenter: Mayra Sanchez</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Zoila asked what the housing services looked like? Currently there are resources for families who are in need, hotel vouchers or partnering with other agencies. Hopefully in the future will have more stable/permanent housing for families. ○ Immigration Services? There is an Immigration lawyer available for a remote appointment, however there is a fee to access this service.

IV. Suggestion for Future Meetings	Future Meetings: December- Meeting will be in person, No remote access available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Michael Lombardo, Senior Education Advisor, CA HHS ○ CAPC Networking
Announcements Attachments	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  Final Version - 2023 Winter Warmth and </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  2023 Bills Supported.pdf </div> </div>
V. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM