

AGENDA
Solano Children's Alliance Meeting
January 20, 2021
12:00 pm-2:00 pm

Please Note: This is a Zoom Meeting

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Members

Angel Aguilar
Hayley Armstrong
Zoe Bartholomew
Monica Brown
Tonya Burns
Juan Cisneros
Cheryl Countee
Aaron Crutison
Gloria Diaz
Jamey Eells-Booth
Dr. Shandi Fuller
Guadalupe Lopez
Angel Mackelvie
Jennifer MacKinnon
Joshua Mallory
Julie Musto
Nicola Parr
Candy Pierce
Pam Posehn

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**Top Four priority areas: Child and Youth Safety, Quality Early Care and Education,
Homeless Youth and Mental and Behavioral Health**

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| I. | Introductions, Public Comment | 12:00 |
| II. | Approval of January 20, 2021 Agenda | (Action Item) 12:05 |
| III. | Approval of December 2, 2020 Minutes | (Action Item) 12:10 |
| IV. | Approval of January 6, 2020 Minutes | (Action Item) 12:15 |
| IV. | Alliance President's Report | 12:20 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Membership• Executive Committee | |
| V. | Alliance Staff Report | 12:25 |
| VI. | Presentation: Proposed Governor's Budget by Kristin Schumacher,
California Budget and Policy Center | 12:30 |
| VII. | Discussion on Recommended Changes to Alliance | 1:10 |
| VIII. | Adjournment | 2:00 |

Next Alliance Meeting: February 3, 2021

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SOLANO CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Meeting held via Zoom Virtual Conference Call

Aaron Crutison, Dr. Shandi Fuller, Pam Posehn, Candy Pierce, Nicola Parr, Lisa Eckhoff, Cheryl Countee, Christina Sinohui, Tonya Burns, Jennifer MacKinnon, Juan Cisneros, Angelina Mackelvie, Liat Meitzenheimer, Gloria Diaz, Guadalupe Lopez, Zoe Bartholomew, Kathy Lago, and Jamey Eells-Booth

Angel Aguilar, Hayley Armstrong

Jennifer Redman, Pat Nicodemus, Anthony Volkar, Kerry Ahearn, Gene Ibe, Lisa Hooks, Stefany Elias, Zoila Perez Sanchez, Araceli Lopez

Ronda Kogler, Susan Ferdinandi, Lerecia Evans

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

GUESTS ATTENDING:

STAFF:

MINUTES:

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm	
I. Introductions, Announcements, and Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liat Meitzenheimer announced that her appointment will be over at the end of the calendar year. Alexandra Winston will be taking her place. Liat expressed her appreciation of the work of the Alliance. Jamey Eells-Booth reminded all that December 1 was World AIDS Day. The most prominent age group impacted by new cases of AIDS is youth ages 12-24. There are a lot of places to direct youth to get tested in an anonymous way and Solano Pride is one place that offers this service. 	
II. Approval of December Agenda (Action Item)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Juan Cisneros requested the addition of an agenda item: Approval of a letter from the Alliance in support of the Solano County Office of Education's application for a CA Community Schools Partnership Grant funded by the CA Department of Education. Nicola Parr abstained. 	Pam Posehn moved to approve the December agenda, with the addition of an item to consider approval of a letter to support SCOE's grant application; the motion was seconded by Zoe Bartholomew. The motion carried and the December agenda was approved as written.
III. Approval of November Minutes (Action Item)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pam Posehn requested a correction to the November minutes. The address for the Department of Child Support Services has moved to the Government Center, 675 Texas St., <u>Ste. 5700</u> not suite 500. Aaron Crutison abstained. 	Candy Pierce moved to approve the November minutes with correction. Zoe Bartholomew seconded the motion. The

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		motion carried and the November minutes were approved as written.
IV. Alliance President Report	<p>Membership Juan Cisneros reported that Julie Musto will be leaving in February. An application for Tammy DeWitt to be Julie’s replacement will be submitted.</p> <p>Executive Committee The committee postponed the stakeholder meeting until February to allow additional planning time with members. The planning framework information was distributed in the packet.</p> <p>Meetings Calendar Chris Hoene from California Budget and Policy Center will give his annual presentation on the governor’s budget at the next meeting on Jan. 20, 2021. Feel free to invite others to this meeting.</p> <p>The stakeholder meeting will be held noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 3, 2021 and in March, there will be further discussion on the Children’s Trust Fund and the focus will be on equity.</p> .	
V. Alliance Staff Report	<p>Children’s Trust Fund Ronda Kogler announced the need to form a planning committee to explore where best to allocate CTF for child abuse prevention. Ronda invited those who may be interested to join the conversation. If a two-year scope is proposed there will probably be 100K of funding available. Aaron Crutison needs the scope by February or March, so the discussion sessions are time sensitive. Susan Ferdinandi and Pam Posehn expressed interest. Susan mentioned this is a set number of meetings to put together a plan for the Alliance to approve. Ronda invited all other interested parties to email her.</p> <p>Legislative and Advocacy Training Ronda said members have requested training on legislative process and advocacy. California Budget and Policy Center (CB&PC) provides training on the State budget and legislative process. Ronda said the CB&PC does not offer training specific to types of organizations and what kind of advocacy they can do. For advocacy questions the CB&PC refers to the Alliance for Justice. Juan said the County Council may also provide training. Staff will look into a training on this.</p> <p>Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) Update Susan Ferdinandi reported that the speaker series has been going well. The next speaker is</p>	

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	<p>Tues., Dec. 8 with Azim Khamisa of Leadership for the Greater Good followed by Fostering the Future with Anthony Trucks on Jan. 21st from 10-11:30 a.m. The Greater Bay Area will have a combined meeting on Dec. 15th due to the holiday season. Susan will give an update on the meeting in January.</p> <p>Also she reached out to Office of Child Abuse Prevention and Strategies 2.0 to let them know Solano County’s CAPC is interested in first steps of planning and updating child abuse prevention plan for this county. The office will get back to Susan to set up an initial meeting and orientation packet.</p>	
<p>VI. SCOE Letter of Support (Action Item)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicola Parr said that the Solano County Office of Education(SCOE) is submitting a proposal for the CA Community Schools Partnership Grant funded by the CA Department of Education. Nicola said the grant would work well with the wellness center initiative that SCOE has already taken on. Community schools serve students from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. but also become a hub of support for its surrounding community with emphasis on academic enrichment, mental health support for students and adults, employment support, etc. • SCOE will be partnering with Anderson Elementary (Dixon), Golden Hills Community School (Fairfield/Vacaville) and Elite Public School (Vallejo) for this grant. Schools were selected based on percentage of students meeting the free/reduced lunch threshold. Schools were also selected based on timeliness of applications. Nicola said one grant requirement is submitting three letters of support from partner organizations and/or agencies such as the Alliance. • The letter would come from Juan Cisnoeros on behalf of the Solano Children’s Alliance. 	<p>Gloria Diaz moved to approve the letter of support. Pam Posehn seconded the motion. The motion carried and the letter of support was approved.</p>
<p>VII. Committees: Highlights and Emerging Issues</p>	<p>Mental and Behavioral Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer MacKinnon said the CA Institute for Behavioral Solutions has a lot of resources and trainings. Its webinar series called “Minimizing Disruptions in Care” helps with the evolution to tele-help for mental health, substance abuse, suicide. • Christina Sinohui announced upcoming trainings: Developing Tools for Working with CSEC Youth in Child Welfare, Dec. 16; Improving Our Support in Response to Child Welfare System Involved Families, Dec. 18; Supporting Children and Teens During the Era of COVID-19, Jan. 13 – all are online and offered by A Better Way. <p>Child and Youth Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Ferdinandi said the group discussed the importance of understanding the review process and timeline for submitting changes to Board of Supervisors legislative platform and our committee’s role. They talked about creating a local, legislative, and state timeline and discussed inviting funders to stakeholder meeting; committee members volunteered to contact specific funders to invite personally to stakeholder 	

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	<p>meeting.</p> <p>Early Care and Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Araceli Lopez reported that the committee discussed the CA Master Plan and federal proposal for universal preschool for income eligible parents and the design of sliding scale contribution. There could also be a possible change in median income for families. The group is looking forward to recap of governor’s budget at the January meeting. <p>Homeless Youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jamey Eells-Booth reported that the committee revisited the idea of the public announcement campaign w/youth experiencing homelessness. Will take a break to better map and plan how to move forward. No date has been finalized for Point in Time Count, but an app will be used called Counting Us. Finalized date for Life After High School event is Jan. 26 but they will have more information at the next meeting. Jamey asked everyone to fill out Chelsey’s spreadsheet by January. 	
VIII. Planning for Stakeholder’s Meeting	The membership broke into groups to discuss planning for the Stakeholder’s meeting. Subsequent to the small group work, members were asked to forward planning notes and suggestions to Ronda Kogler for staff to summarize.	
IX. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.	The motion to adjourn the meeting carried.



SOLANO CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE
Special Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021
 Meeting Held via Zoom Virtual Conference Call

MEMBERS/ALT. PRESENT: Aaron Crutison, Neely McElroy(Alt), Pam Posehn, Rachel Rico (Alt), Candy Pierce, Nicola Parr, Lisa Eckhoff (Alt), Araceli Lopez(Alt), Angel Aguilar, Christina Sinohui, Hayley Armstrong, Tonya Burns, Jennifer MacKinnon, Juan Cisneros, Angelina Mackelvie, Ana Isabel Montano, Guadalupe Lopez, Kathy Lago, Zoe Bartholomew, Jamey Eells-Booth,

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

GUESTS ATTENDING: Gene Ibe, Jameelah Hanif, Jennifer Redman, June Regis, Kerry Ahearn, Megan Richards, Christina Branom (Presenter), Michele Harris (Presenter), Tammy DeWitt, Alexandra Winston

STAFF: Ronda Kogler, Susan Ferdinandi, Lerecia Evans

MINUTES:

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Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm	
I. Introductions, Announcements, and Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juan Cisneros welcomed all and introduced the reason this meeting was called. The Alliance is a legacy program; Juan explained that all programs designated as legacy programs are going through an assessment process. • Ronda Kogler asked that questions be held until the end and announced that the meeting would be recorded. 	
II. Presentation: Solano Children's Alliance & Child Abuse Prevention Council Community Investment Fund Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michele Harris introduced the presentation and Christina Branom presented via slide show to highlight county assessment and recommendations regarding the Alliance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assessment results: Alliance does not meet current guidelines of County Advisory Boards; other collaboratives are now funded to work on some of the Alliance's priority areas; Alliance is the recognized Child Abuse Prevention Council. ○ Recommendations: Change the structure of the Alliance so it is not an advisory board; designate a county collaborative as the body that allocates Children's Trust Fund (CTF); use CTF to fund contractor to do/support work of the Child Abuse Prevention Council. 	
III. Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christina Branom said that in developing the recommendations, they worked to find a way to keep the Alliance active; some members of the Board of Supervisors thought the group should be dissolved. Using the CTF to fund Child Abuse Prevention is one way to continue to fund one focus of the Alliance. • In answer to a question about why members of the Board wanted to dissolve the Alliance as an advisory board, Michele Harris suggested members watch the February 2020 Board of Supervisors presentation to hear Board member comments. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to questions about responsibility for deliverables, Ronda Kogler said the Children’s Network would be the contractor and ensure that contracted work is performed. Other activities can be done so long as funding is found for them. • Jameelah Hanif asked what happens after the 3-year funding cycle. Michele said a discussion will be held by the new body that allocates CTF to decide how to move forward. • Aaron Crutison and Jamey Eells-Booth both offered that this is a good opportunity to reorganize and continue great work. • Pam Posehn expressed that new efforts and strategic planning need to be very focused to ensure meeting CAP deliverables to continue funding. Pam also expressed concern that the minimal funds dedicated to CAP will now be directed to administration. Ronda clarified that the work being done with this funding would not be administration. She said that it made good sense to put the CTF dollars towards direct services when they were being leveraged by large amounts of other dollars. In the absence of the general fund contribution that used to fund those direct services, awareness and outreach are a good way to spend prevention dollars. • Susan Ferdinandi offered that one takeaway is the money that comes into the county for CAP is small compared to other programs. This is a good investment and we need to focus the dollars on doing that works and use it as leverage to bring in other child abuse prevention funding. • Aaron expressed that child abuse prevention is everyone’s role and the responsibility. We need to educate the board and everyone on how they can contribute. • Juan said he would like to hear from Alliance member Supervisor Monica Brown on why she thinks the Alliance should be dissolved. • Ronda said she will be the point of contact if anyone has any changes suggestions or questions after reading the report. All changes and suggestions must be submitted by Wed., Jan. 13 as Michele’s deadline for changes is Jan. 20th. Ronda said although the report is not public yet, if you have not received the report and would like a copy please let her know. 	
IV. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.	