

Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council

Mammoth Lakes Library – Ellie Randol Room
400 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
September 12, 2016 11:30AM-1:00PM

Minutes

CAPC Members Present: Molly DesBaillets, First 5
(8 members: 7 members present) DonnaLisa Knowles, Parent/Community Advocate
Queenie Barnard, IMACA
Sal Montanez, Mono County Behavioral Health Department
Susi Bains, Wild Iris
Curtis Hill, Mono County Probation Department
Jody Martin, Mono County Public Health Department

CAPC Member Absent: Michelle Raust, Mono County Department of Social Services

CAPC Coordinator: Didi Tergesen, Mono County Office of Education

1. **Call to Order:** Chair, Molly DesBaillets, First 5 Director called the meeting to order at 11:32 AM
2. **Introductions**
3. **Public Comment:** Members of the public have the opportunity to address the Council on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Council. No public comment.
4. **Approval of September 14, 2015 Minutes:** Molly motioned to approve the September 14, 2015 minutes. Susi seconded the motion. No discussion. All approved. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of June 6, 2016 Minutes:** Sal motioned to approve the June 6, 2016 minutes. DonnaLisa seconded the motion. No discussion. All approved. Motion carried.
6. **Update CAPC Membership:** CAPC reviewed Michelle Raust, Program Manager for Child and Adult Protective Services, Mono County Department of Social Services and Jody Martin, Program Manager, Children’s Medical Services, Mono County Public Health Department “Letters of Interest” to serve on the CAPC. DonnaLisa Knowles motioned to approve Jody Martin and Michelle Raust as new CAPC members. Sal seconded the motion. No discussion. All approved. Motion carried.
7. **CAPC Chair and Vice-Chair for 2016-2017.** Molly motioned to nominate Sal Montanez to be CAPC chair for 2016-17. Susi seconded the motion. No discussion. All approved. Motion carried. Sal motioned to nominate DonnaLisa Knowles to be Vice-chair. Susi seconded the motion. No discussion. All approved. Motion carried.
8. **Child Abuse Prevention Resources:** Share and discuss identified local need areas.
 - a. Revisit Prevent Child Abuse America Fact Sheet: An Approach to Preventing Child Abuse
 - i. Update Emergency Respite Childcare – Susi shared that Wild Iris has funding for emergency respite childcare for families “at risk”, but does not have connections to licensed childcare providers. Queenie offered to work with childcare providers to see who may be available and

interested in providing respite childcare. Susi will look into funding parameters. Susi and Queenie will meet and provide an update at December's meeting.

- ii. Additional Childcare Opportunities in Mono County– Molly DesBaillets shared that there are two new preschools in the county funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the California State Preschool Program. The new preschools are located in Bridgeport (15 children between the ages of 2 ½ –5 years old) and Benton (opening tomorrow with 6 children enrolled, 4 additional slots available.)
- iii. Addressing Community Resistance to Making Child Abuse Reports – Community Education/Outreach suggestions:
 1. Disclose to the families in advance that you are a Mandated Reporter.
 2. Include the family in the report process.
 3. Educate them that the Child Protective Services will provide help.
 4. Use success stories in public service announcements and/or newspaper ads that show the positive. Stress that asking and getting help demonstrates strength.
 5. Use a parent partner and/or a social worker at a Mandated Reporter training to share inspirational story and dispel fear.
- b. Understanding the Child Welfare System Resource – Didi offered this resource for anyone wanting more CWS information and will send it electronically.

9. Program and Coordinator Sharing and Updates:

- a. **First 5:** Molly DesBaillets, Executive Director. CAPIT funds partially fund the home visiting program for families with self described high needs of children between the ages of 1-5 years old. Initially, First 5 offers three home visits. If need be, Home Visitors will provide once a week visits. Molly provides case management to determine the number of visits. Last year, First 5 Home Visitors provided 118 parent/child visits. Molly shared an additional resource with information on the California Victim Compensation Program. Domestic Violence and Child Abuse victims can apply for California Victim Compensation Program support. Wild Iris offered to help people fill out the applications. Program funds may be used to pay for medical bills, behavioral health sessions, relocation costs, etc. Queenie will try to order some Spanish brochures.
- b. **Wild Iris:** Susi Bains, Director of Programs. With CAPC funding, Wild Iris offers parenting and co-parenting classes in English and Spanish, pays for behavioral health sessions (maximum of six sessions and more if necessary and approved), supervised visitation court and concrete supports (i.e. food, gas, trash removal, rent, etc.). They also use the funds for community education and outreach (radio PSAs and print media). Last year there were approximately sixty parents that took parenting and co-parenting classes. One child took advantage of the counseling sessions and approximately four families

used over 200 hours of supervised visitation support. Parents self-refer, but are also referred by agencies.

- c. **MCOE:** Didi Tergesen, CAPC and Strengthening Families Coordinator shared the draft Mono County Community Resource guide that she created with the help of the Strengthening Families Team. The ultimate goal is to finalize the guide, translate it, and disseminate it to the schools, childcare sites, and agencies.

10. CAPC Agency Member Sharing and Updates: CAPC members have the option to share information related to the mission of the CAPC:

- IMACA – is planning a Mandated Reporter training with a CPS social worker for childcare providers. IMACA’s subsidized alternative payment program helped provide early education, childcare support for two families with former CPS referrals, one active CPS family and one CPS referral foster child.
- Wild Iris – recently received additional funding for their transitional housing program. They hope to expand from one available unit in Mammoth Lakes to two units. Wild Iris recently hired a traveling advocate to provide, outreach and advocacy to remote areas of Inyo and Mono counties.
- Behavioral Health Department – Behavioral Health is preparing for the Continuum of Care Reform Act. Sal has been working on several wraparound trainings, most recently the community readiness assessment training. He plans to do more community outreach to educate other agencies and schools as to what the wrap program is, who may benefit and how to refer children and youth.
- Public Health Department – Jody shared that CCS is currently planning a big medical therapy clinic for low-income, physically disabled children. These kids are the most vulnerable, high risk for abuse and neglect children. Providers come from all over. Jody is also working on changing the immunization policy at the Health Department. With the affordable care act, families are covered for well-child visits at the Sierra Park Pediatric Clinic. Immunizations offered at the health clinic are a way for a child not to be seen (and therefore screened more thoroughly) through a well-child visit.
- MCOE – Recently received funding for a Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program. The FYSC program’s goal is to build capacity and work to integrate services to support the most vulnerable children in order to positively affect their educational outcomes. If you would like any more information, contact Didi.
- Probation – Probation is preparing for Continuum of Care Act Reform. They are in year two of the RED Grant. Inyo Juvenile Hall closed. Probation is in the process of contracting with Eldorado County.

11. Meeting Schedule for 2016-17: 11:30-1:00PM, Mammoth Lakes Library (**Ellie Randol Room: December 12, 2016; June 12, 2017; Upstairs Conference Room: March 13, 2017**)