

# Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council

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

## Minutes

**CAPC Members Present:** Molly DesBaillets, First 5  
(8 members: 6 members present) Susi Bains, Wild Iris  
Queenie Barnard, IMACA  
Sal Montanez, Mono County Behavioral Health Department  
Jody Martin, Mono County Public Health Department  
Michelle Raust, Mono County Department of Social Services

**CAPC Member Absent:** DonnaLisa Knowles, Parent/Community Advocate  
Curtis Hill, Mono County Probation Department

**CAPC Coordinator:** Didi Tergesen, Mono County Office of Education

- 1. Call to Order:** Chair, Sal Montanez, Case Manager III, Mono County Behavioral Health Department
- 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. There was no public comment.
- 4. Update CAPC Membership:** Molly DesBaillets motioned to approve renewing the two-year memberships of Sal Montanez, Susi Bains and DonnaLisa Knowles. Queenie seconded the motion. No discussion. All approved. Motion passed.
- 5. Approval of September 12, 2016 Minutes:** Susi Bains requested a correction to Wild Iris's Program Update on page 2 of the September 12, 2016 Draft Minutes. "With CAPC funding, Wild Iris offers parenting and co-parenting classes in English and Spanish, pays for behavioral health sessions (minimum of six sessions and more if necessary and approved), supervised visitation court and concrete supports (i.e. food, gas, trash removal, rent, etc.)." The correction is they offer a maximum, not minimum of six sessions. Susi motioned to approve the September 12, 2016 minutes with that change noted. Molly seconded the motion. No further discussion. All approved. Motion passed.
- 6. Update on Emergency Respite Childcare Efforts –** Queenie shared that it is not realistic to have childcare providers "on call" at their hourly rate. She recently needed to find childcare providers for a meeting and found that there was little to no interest. The group discussed the need to provide providers a financial

incentive to be respite childcare providers. Molly suggested to pay providers \$20/hour. Sal added that they be paid a minimum of two hours regardless, or a total of \$40.

Wild Iris is able to fund respite childcare, but they do not have a list of providers nor the time to make the calls. In the past, they were able to pay a family member or a friend of the family to provide respite childcare. Additionally, Wild Iris does not require the respite care provider to be a licensed childcare provider. Per their funding, they are required that referrals are from an agency. Services will be coordinated during regular office hours and are dependent on availability of grant funds. Susi shared that in the past, they have provided funding for both emergency childcare and respite care. The group discussed the need to create a respite childcare flow chart for the referral process and to line out who will call the providers. Didi will create a draft respite childcare flow chart for review at the next meeting in March.

- 7. Update on Addressing Community Resistance to Making Child Abuse Reports** - Queenie is in the process of scheduling a Mandated Reporter training for childcare providers. She hopes to recruit a bilingual Spanish-speaking CPS social worker.
- 8. Update on Foster Parent Outreach Efforts** – On December 8, 2016, Mono County Department of Social Services hosted a Resource Family Approval/Foster Parent Social. Two prospective people/families showed up. Future recruitment efforts discussed include: a Spanish speaking RFA/Foster Parent Outreach meeting, outreach to the faith-based communities, gay and lesbian couples and “empty-nesters”. There is now state funding for the recruitment, retention and support of foster parents. The Continuum of Care Reform has changed the foster parent process so that the local Department of Social Services can certify people. The goal is to keep more local foster kids in the county. The new certification process certifies prospective Resource Families for so that they are able to provide a spectrum of services from respite care to adoption.
- 9. Program and Coordinator Sharing and Updates:**
  - a. First 5:** Molly DesBaillets, Executive Director shared a book she purchased for her First 5 staff called, “Those are MY Private Parts”. Queenie asked if the book are available in Spanish. Molly will look into it. Jody recommended copies of the book go to the pediatricians’ office. Wild Iris has some Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) funding to purchase additional books. Additionally, Molly shared that First 5 home visitors are serving a lot more high needs families, which has been both rewarding and challenging.
  - b. Wild Iris:** Susi Bains, Director of Programs shared that Alex Ellis, formerly of social services will be offering a 52-week child abuse prevention and parenting class that meets the California Penal and WIC codes. The class will start in January and is open enrollment. Additionally, Wild Iris is considering using the “Triple P” parenting curriculum for their parenting classes.
  - c. MCOE:** Didi Tergesen, CAPC and Strengthening Families Coordinator

- i. **Sacramento-Sierra CAPC Coalition** – Didi shared that the Sacramento-Sierra Regional CAPC Coalition has recently reformed with the Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Center as the lead. They started bi-monthly in-person meetings with a virtual/call-in option. If anyone is interested in being an alternative, please let Didi know.
- ii. **Mono County Community Brochure** – Didi shared the final 2017 Mono County Community Resource Guide in English. She is waiting for the Spanish translation and will send both out to the group when she receives it. Ideally every agency will have access to the resource guide. Didi plans to make copies to be sent out in elementary school homework folders.
- iii. **CAP Month – April 2017**- Didi shared that she and Susi met earlier in the month to discuss collaborating for April's Child Abuse Prevention Month. They are interested in creating a CAP month calendar to share events, activities and tips. Additionally, they are looking into hosting the movie "Resilience" in Mammoth. Resilience is a film by Jamie Redford (Robert Redford's son) about overcoming childhood adversities. Michelle suggested that the movie would be a great place to do a foster parent/Resource Family outreach.

#### **10. CAPC Agency Member Sharing and Updates:**

**MCOE** recently opened an Adult Education and after-school Tutoring Program that is located at the Mammoth Lakes Library. Both programs are busy, especially the Tutoring Program. In addition, the library also has a busy after-school arts and crafts program upstairs called "The Makers Space". The tutoring and Makers Space seem to be fitting a need for more after school programs in Mammoth, especially for middle school aged youth. Didi also shared copies of the All County Letter that was created by County Department Directors in response to concerns that have arisen as a result of the recent election.

**Behavioral Health** – Sal shared that the "Clubhouse Live" after-school program is doing well. They have a lot of attendees.

#### **11. Meeting Schedule for 2016-17: 11:30-1:00PM, Mammoth Lakes Library**

- a. March 13, 2017: Upstairs Conference Room
- b. June 12, 2017: Ellie Randol Reading Room

#### **12. Meeting adjourned at 1:03 PM**