

Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council

Mammoth Lakes Library – Ellie Randol Reading Room
400 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
Mono County Office of Education – North Office
37 Emigrant Street, Bridgeport, CA 93517
September 11, 2017 11:30AM-1:00PM

Minutes

- CAPC Members Present (5 of 8 members):** DonnaLisa Knowles - Parent & Community Member
Michelle Raust – Program Manager, Department of Social Services,
Child Protective Services
Jody Martin – Program Manager, Public Health Department
Queenie Barnard – Program Director, IMACA
Molly DesBaillets – Director, First 5 Mono
- CAPC Members Absent (3 of 8 members):** Curtis Hill – Probation Officer, Mono County Probation Department
Sal Montanez – Case Manager and Wraparound Coordinator, Mono
County Behavioral Health Department
Susi Bains – Director of Programs, Wild Iris
- CAPC Staff:** Didi Tergesen, CAPC Coordinator, Mono County Office of Education
- Guests:** Alan Sackett – Marine Corps Family Advocacy: Twenty-nine Palms
Anna Jones - Marine Warfare Training Center (MWTC) Family
Advocacy and Clinical Counselor
Cathy Young – Staff Service Analyst, Department of Social Services

1. **Meeting called to order** at 11:35 AM by DonnaLisa Knowles, Vice-Chair
2. **Introductions**
3. **Public Comment:** Michelle shared that she thought it would be helpful to have Anna Jones and Alan Sackett from the Marine Base attend the CAPC to learn about services offered in the county in order to link families to appropriate supports.
4. **Information on CAPC membership requirements:** CAPC members are required to complete the online ethics training every other year. The link to the training is: <http://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx>. Didi will contact people who need to complete this training.
5. **Update CAPC Membership:**
 - a. Renew two-year membership for Curtis Hill, Mono County Probation Department.
Motion: Jody Martin **Second:** DonnaLisa Knowles. Discussion: It was suggested to ask Curtis if he still wishes to be a member since he was not in attendance. **All in favor. Motion Passed.**

- 6. Approval of June 12, 2017 Minutes:** Review and approve meeting minutes.
Motion: Queenie Barnard **Second:** Jody Martin. **All in favor. Motion passed.**
- 7. Meeting Schedule for 2017-2018:** CAPC will vote to approve the CAPC meeting schedule for 2017-2018. Proposed schedule: December 11, 2017; March 12, 2018 and June 11, 2018 from 11:30 AM – 1:00PM at the Mammoth Lakes Library, 400 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.
Motion: Jody Martin motioned to approve. **Second:** Michelle Raust. **All in favor. Motion passed.**
- 8. Respite Childcare information and Updates:** CAPC will review and discuss Respite Childcare billing/payment process and hear any additional updates. Michelle suggested that the MWTC family advocacy program be added as one of the referring agencies. Didi will email the Respite Childcare chart to meeting guests and will add this to the December meeting to confirm the reimbursement process.
- 9. Update on Resource Family Approval (RFA) Outreach Efforts.** Michelle reported that currently there are two resource families going through the Resource Family application process. One family is located in Coleville and one in Mammoth Lakes. There are currently three relative placements that are going through the process as well for specific children. Two current licensed foster homes will need to go through the RFA process. So right now there is a total of four foster parents in the process of becoming resource families and three relative placements for specific children. Emergency placements still require emergency background checks and a home study. After the child has been placed, the family still needs to submit a RFA application within 5 days. DSS then has 90 days to complete the approval process. Once RFA approval is complete, they can get foster child support. Mono DSS cannot offer retro-payment, but does work to help find funds to help child support. One issue that may limit people becoming RFAs is that some people only wish to provide emergency support and do not want to adopt or go through the lengthy in-depth RFA process.
- 10. Update on Family/Parent/Peer Partner Service:** Michelle shared that this has not been used yet.
Michelle shared that this year CPS has been working more with First 5 due to the age of children involved.
- 11. CAPC Agency Member Sharing and CAPC Program Updates:** CAPC members and staff have the option to share information related to the mission of the CAPC.
MCOE CAPC Coordinator – Didi shared that there will be two trainings in Mammoth Lakes on the Protective Factors in September provided by Strategies 2.0 trainers that are funded by OCAP. The first will be a brief overview of the Protective Factors for childcare providers with Spanish interpretation. The second training will be an all day Introduction to Protective Factors training open to all. The Five Protective Factors are research-based strategies that help strengthen families and mitigate stressors that are known to cause child abuse and neglect.

Additional learning opportunities will be offered this year through the Sierra Learning Community, both in-person and virtually. On Tuesday, September 12th, the learning community will be looking at strategies that other counties have done to collaborate to strengthen families. Thursday, November 9th, Steve Graner a fellow from the Childhood Trauma Academy will offer virtual Trauma-informed Practices training.

Additionally, Didi is working on updating the 2018 Mono County Bilingual Resource Guide.

Lastly, Didi hopes to offer more Resilience film screenings this year.

First 5 – First 5 Mono will be offering Emotion Coaching parenting class in Walker, flyers provided.

Public Health - Jody will be moving back to San Diego at the end of September, but will still be available remotely until they find a replacement. Northern Inyo Hospital will host the Medical Conference for children that are medically fragile and physically disabled on October 27th. Jody's wishes to encourage the CAPC to focus this year on the addressing the rising number of parents and babies who are testing positive for drugs. She encourages people to continue to make referrals to First 5's Home Visiting program. Jody will continue to call in for CAPC meetings until someone is hired to replace her.

IMACA- Queenie shared information on a proposed Emergency Childcare Bridge Program that will be administered through the County Welfare Department in partnership with local Resource and Referral Agencies. Each County Welfare Department will be encouraged to work with their local Resource and Referral Agency. The Resource and Referral will assign a Child Care Navigator to work with a resource family, to assess childcare options, help complete childcare applications and learn about different options for childcare funding. Funding implementation is for January 2018. Resource & Referral staff will be required to attend a trauma-informed training.

Mono County Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services –Drug Endangered Children Trainings are scheduled on October 24th and 25th. Michelle shared that they are extending invites to Pediatricians and the Women's clinic. She shared that our county needs to create a protocol for drug-endangered children. Contact her if you are interested in attending this training. Jody suggested the idea to offer CEUs for trainings to attract nurses and doctors to attend. Michelle suggested that this year's Child Abuse Prevention Month incorporate information on drug endangered children.

Meeting adjourned at 12:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Didi Tergesen, CAPC Coordinator