



Member of the Coastal Tri-Counties Child Abuse Prevention Coalition

April 21, 2022 ♦ **9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**
via Zoom

MINUTES

1. Mindful Moment

Elizabeth Adams guided everyone through a mindful moment.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Barbara Finch welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Attendance: Karina Acosta, Elizabeth Adams, Blanca Aguilera, Ilce Baez, Jacqui Banta, Jessica Barriga, Amy Buckner, Summers Case, Maria Castro, Evangelina Cervera, Jill Copeland, John Crowell, Flo Furuike, Michelle Graham, Elizabeth Hernandez, Miriam Huerta, Senen Martinez, Lydia Marquez, Natalia Mendez, Mitzi Meza, Berenise Montano, Agustin Morales, Rosa Padilla, Christian Patterson, Gabriela Perez, Juan Pimentel, Shana Pompa, Socorro Ramirez-Gamiño, Marianne Reagan, Jesus Ruiz, Araceli Sanchez, Rynn Schumacher, Marilyn Simon-Gersek, Eva Tagle, Kimberly Valenzuela, Kendra Webster

Staff: Barbara Finch and Gloria Munoz

3. CAPC Reconsideration of the Covid-19 State of Emergency

- a. The CAPC reconsidered the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency;
- b. The CAPC considered whether state of local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing;
- c. It was found that the CAPC reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency, and that State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing and;
- d. A motion was made by Elizabeth Adams, seconded by Jacqui Banta to direct staff to continue to notice and hold hearings as remote hearings consistent with Government Code § 54953(e)(3). The motion carried by the following votes: YES-36 NO-0 ABSTAIN-0

4. Approve Minutes from March 17, 2022

Jacqui Banta motioned to approve the March 17, 2022 minutes and John Crowell seconded the motion. Summers Case abstained from voting; all others voted in favor and the minutes were approved.

5. Public Comment

Shana Pompa announced that Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley is having a Coaching Clinic on Saturday, April 23rd in Santa Maria from 9-2pm. They are using the money they got from the Buffering Services Grant to bring in a Sport Psychologist from the LA Rams. She will talk about how to build character and how to address social emotional issues with kids that they are coaching. Gloria will send out the flyer.

6. Protective Factor of the Month

The Protective Factor of the Month was Resilience. Folks were divided into triads and asked to discuss: What are some values you live your life by and why did you choose them? Folks shared the following themes:

- Kindness
- Seeing a rainbow after a storm
- Leave negativity behind and move forward with positivity
- Respect
- Trustworthiness
- Grace
- Humor
- Gratefulness
- Honesty
- Integrity
- Using our core values as our compass

7. April Campaign Feature Presentation

• Children's Resource & Referral

Michelle Graham, Chief Executive Officer of Children's Resource and Referral, thanked CAPC and CenCal for the generous sponsorship. Jacqui Banta honored her staff for their continued support to flex and support the various efforts throughout the county. She shared two wonderful videos on activities they have had during the month of April. They have and will be hosting the following events:

- April 1 Wear Blue For Kids Kickoff
- April 2 Collaboration with CCCN outreach at SLO Day of the Child
- April 4 Santa Maria Board Meeting and Pinwheel event with Domestic Violence and CDSS
- April 14 Stay and Play at Waller
- April 15 Allan Hancock CARE Carnival
- April 16 Kite Day & Special Needs Easter Egg Hunt
- April 21 Parent Café focus on Communication
- April 30 Dia del Niño Santa Maria Library

8. Intro to Families First Prevention Services Act

The Families First Prevention Services Act is a federal program that the state of California and Santa Barbara County have decided to opt into. The US Department of Health and Human Services is the federal agency that oversees this and within California, it is the California Department of Social Services. At CDSS, they have both the Child Welfare side of things and the Office of Child Abuse Prevention. At the county level, the Department of Social Services is where our Child Welfare Services is housed and it is also where our Child Abuse Prevention Council is anchored. The prevention work will happen within these departments. Barbara and Marianne gave an overview of the process of the Families First Prevention Services Act: A Vision for Comprehensive Prevention Services (see attached PPT).

Marianne concluded by stating that the state's final plan for these evidence based practices has not been finalized. Over the next seven months, one of the tasks of Child Welfare, Probation, and the prevention partners will be to figure out what the comprehensive plan is going to look like for Santa Barbara County. The Comprehensive Prevention Plan will be submitted to the state in January 2023. The department will issue Requests for Proposals to find organizations that can provide evidence-based interventions for families where children are at imminent risk of entry into care.

Barbara added that the work of AB 2083, which aimed to improve experiences and outcomes for youth in the foster care system, set the stage for this next phase. The Comprehensive Prevention Plan will expand the Vision

to include primary and secondary strategies for keeping children out of the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. The goal is for all kids to have nurturing families that can meet all of their needs.

9. Strategies TA – Opportunities and Resources

Lydia shared that they are partnering with the California Training Institute in a series called “Reimagining Prevention”. She added that there was a webinar on The Roadmap to Comprehensive Prevention Planning. You can check the webinar at: [Reimagining Prevention Webinar Series | \(caltrin.org\)](https://caltrin.org). There are upcoming clinics scheduled in the month of May. She encouraged folks to look at the upcoming trainings.

Barbara added that the FFPSA dialogue with the California Department of Social Services designed for this group will be on May 12th at 1pm. We will send the invitation to the group.

Lydia shared that they are offering the Collective Impact Community Engagement Toolkit, which is a toolkit that is based on authentic engagement through an equity lens. The webinar will be on May 10th. The California Training Institute is also doing a series around change management. Future webinars will be focused solely on the Comprehensive Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Lydia at Lydiamarquez@all4kids.org.

10. Regional Parent Leadership Events

The regional virtual workshop for Parent Leaders will be held in Spanish on Tuesday, May 31st from 6-7:30pm and on Wednesday, June 1st from 6-7:30pm in English. It will be live on Zoom. Barbara encouraged folks to let their parents know and sign them up once registration links are sent out.

The Children’s Memorial Flag event will be on Friday, April 22nd at 3pm. Gloria will send out the details to the group.

11. Announcements & Closing Thoughts

Folks shared one thing that they are grateful for as they left the Zoom room.

12. Adjourn at 10:50am - Next meeting: May 19, 2022

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Gloria Munoz