



Member of the Coastal Tri-Counties Child Abuse Prevention Coalition

June 20, 2019 ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Buellton Recreation Center ♦ 301 Second Street, Jonata School ♦ Buellton, CA

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

Ashleigh Erving and Alison Wales welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Attendance: Kelley Barragan, Florene Bednersh, Shana Burns, Jan Campbell, Ashleigh Erving, Lori Goodman, Anthony Hollenback, Polly Huffer, Alma Márquez, Megan Mowatt, Mari Ortega-Garcia, Eloisa Patterson, Cecilia Prado, Marianne Reagan, Silvia Segoviano, Alison Wales

Staff: Barbara Finch and Gloria Munoz

2. Approve CAPC Minutes from May 16, 2019

Lori Goodman motioned to approve the May 16, 2019 minutes; Florene Bednersh seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Partnership for Strengthening Families

• Protective Factor of the Month – Social Connections

Participants chose a question for reflection and discussed with a partner:

- How and why is community important to your family?
- How do your friends support you as a parent?
- What do you do to make amends when you mess up in a relationship?
- When do you forgive & stay friends & when do you move on?
- How & why have your relationships changed over time?

• 2019 Convening of the Partnership for Strengthening Families will be August 28, 2019

Child Welfare Services will be welcomed as a new partner.

5. Child Welfare Welcome & Appreciation

When discussing the convening at a prior CAPC meeting, it was suggested that the agenda include time to welcome, honor and celebrate the efforts of Child Welfare Services. CAPC members took time to write small notes to CWS staff recognizing their strength, commitment and dedication. These will be given out at the convening.

6. Domestic Violence Coordinating Council

Jan Campbell, Executive Director at Domestic Violence Solutions (DVS), gave an overview of the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, a group of agencies in Santa Barbara County whose mission is to support and enhance individual and collaborative efforts to promote violence-free relationships. (see attached) The Coordinating Council was first formed in the late 1990's and met regularly up until 2009. One of the DVS Board Members, Brandi Redman, was instrumental in the previous incarnation of the Coordinating Council and was very anxious to get it going again. A meeting on June 10th included Legal Aid Foundation, CALM, Family Service Agency, Pacific Pride Foundation, North County Rape Crisis Center, Department of Social Services and many others. Jan went over the purpose of the council as described in the bylaws.

At the June 10th meeting, they discussed who else should be at the table and what collaboration might look like. Suggestions included cross training, site visits and a resource guide. Jan added that CAPC is a great networking and education model and she would like to find out more about countywide collaboration efforts. She mentioned the Batterer's Intervention Program, revisiting the Family Justice Center, and looking at funding streams for prevention as possible opportunities.

DVS will be putting together a survey about meeting logistics. Agencies will also be asked to send a brief description of their services to DVS to coordinate the sharing of information. Jan would like to create a plan for advocacy to bring public awareness around resources available as well as intervention and prevention.

Anthony Hollenback from Behavioral Wellness asked about DVS prevention efforts. Eloisa stated that the focus has primarily been education. They provide education in high schools, conduct 40-hour trainings for advocates, and work to build awareness through Promotoras and Campesinas, FSA staff, Good Samaritan and others. Their goal is to get as many people educated so that they can feel comfortable supporting a survivor. They also have community events, including candlelight vigils in October for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Jan added that they recently got funding to participate in a program that was developed by Futures without Violence called "Coaching Boys into Men." It is a nationally recognized program that works with athletic departments in high schools. Anthony mentioned that in the Chicago area they used Restorative Justice and a train-the-trainer with teachers and first responders. Building protective factors is also relevant for violence prevention - working on social connections, teaching people about healthy relationships, getting people connected to community resources, and learning skills for resilience. Ashleigh Erving felt that the information sharing could be a good opportunity to use CAC's 2-1-1 since there is already a system in place. Barbara added that St. Vincent's has wonderful programs that are supportive and have comprehensive services to help survivors make changes in life that are often difficult.

7. Santa Barbara County Prevention Plan – Looking Forward

The national Administration for Children and Families (ACF) put out an information notice asking Child Welfare organizations to focus more on primary prevention. The Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) is supporting prevention efforts by establishing best practices for CAPCs. Santa Barbara County participated in the Prevention Summit in January and they put together an outline of a prevention plan. As a prevention team, they were to take the prevention plan and make it actionable and create positive outcomes for the year. This plan was reviewed at a previous CAPC meeting and also at a meeting of the Partnership for Strengthening Families. The Partnership is a primary prevention strategy that has helped partners across the county engage in high-level collaboration around this issue.

Barbara distributed the handout "Looking at Prevention in Santa Barbara County" (see attached) and went over the 2017-22 System Improvement Plan, 2019 Prevention Summit Action Plan and the Partnership for Strengthening Families Work Plan. The goal is to align the plans so that there is only one Prevention Plan that encompasses all. Ashleigh shared that she appreciates the opportunity to try to integrate it so that there is one prevention plan.

The Prevention Plan needs to have specific action steps. Ultimately, they want families to have a full range of options to meet their needs and a workforce that knows how to support navigation and access. Florene suggested creating a document with definitions. Kelley added that MCAH has Lunch & Learns about social determinants where they discuss expanding it across different programs and how people can use it in their own work. Barbara stated that Kelley has done a wonderful job with Maternal Adolescent Health in bringing in the Community Resiliency Model, Protective Factors and social determinants and really teaching her nurses to use all of that in their toolkit.

Participants discussed the document “Looking at Prevention in Santa Barbara County”.

Folks shared the following:

- Challenging to measure engagement (especially in the mental health realm)
 - When providing services it is hard to determine if they are targeting the potential risk or maltreatment of the child in the past. Families may come to them after the child has already experienced maltreatment or they may be presenting risk factors for future abuse or neglect
- Strengthening communication about what everyone does will help us share outcome data in a way that is useful and collaborative
- Use of the universal tracking form (all agencies funded by First 5 use this)
 - Tracking the number of referrals by Protective Factors
 - Within the Family Strengthening, there are the FDM and Protective Factor surveys that show outcomes for families
 - Creating a grid that shows what tools folks are using in primary, secondary and tertiary
- Start with data that we have and know
 - break down of zip codes (e.g. Orcutt vs. Tanglewood)
- Homelessness
 - What does this look like with families and schools?
 - How are they housing homelessness?
- School data that can get pulled
 - free and reduced lunch rates
 - Family Support Collaborative - identify where services are happening and where they are not
 - High-Poverty Areas
- Geo mapping
- Importance of conveyance of trust

8. Revisiting Scenarios for Teaming

Due to lack of time, this topic will be discussed at a later meeting.

9. Member Updates & Announcements

There were no announcements.

10. Next meeting – July 18, 2019 from 9:00-11:00am

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Gloria Munoz