



Member of the Coastal Tri-Counties Child Abuse Prevention Coalition

June 20, 2024 • 9:00am - 10:30am - Buellton Recreation Center

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

Kimberly Valenzuela and Barb Finch welcomed everyone and asked participants to introduce themselves by sharing their name, organization, and how they feel going into summer.

Attendance: Karina Acosta, Kelley Barragan, Whitney Booker, Katelyn Brady, Maria Guerrero, Catelynn Kenner, Christian Patterson, Mireya Pina, Shana Pompa, Karen Sanchez, Kimberly Valenzuela, Michelle Vargas, Alison Wales

Staff: Elizabeth Drake, Barbara Finch

2. CAPC Business

Approve Minutes from May 16, 2024

It was moved and seconded by Karina Acosta and Shana Pompa respectively to approve the minutes from the meeting on May 16, 2024. All voted in favor and minutes were approved with no abstentions.

There was a brief discussion on whether to cancel the July meeting or reschedule it to August as Barbara will be out of town. It was moved and seconded by Alison Wales and Kelley Barragan respectively to cancel the July meeting. Katelyn Brady abstained from voting. All voted in favor and the July meeting was canceled. The next meeting will be held on September 19th.

Membership Agreements

Barb asked the group to ensure that all member organizations have an updated CAPC Membership Agreement on file. The agreements state they are to be updated annually. Barb or Liz will send a blank agreement to everyone via email.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Parent Leadership in Santa Barbara County

Karina Acosta gave a presentation on parent leadership in Santa Barbara County (see attached). She reviewed the history of Parent Voice, what it looks like in comparison to our county partners, the agencies involved, and the groups' roles and efforts within our county. Ideas for improving parent

leadership include creating a communal calendar where agencies can share what services are available along with contact information.

There was a brief discussion on the success of parent partner programs inside and outside of the county along with the challenges of funding such initiatives. Ideas included hiring a part-time person to manage parent leadership and exploring other funding options.

5. Implementing AB 2085: Discussion

Barb asked the group for their impressions/input after watching the mandated reporting video.

Feedback included the following:

- It's great that the video addresses bias in the reporting process, and it's important that the whole team within an organization is trained on this (supervisors, managers, peers, etc.).
- It's nice to know that exploratory and clarifying questions are okay to ask.
- The special section for healthcare providers, along with the section which addresses the Plan of Safe Care, is valuable and helps to clear up confusion/tension between the hospitals and Child Welfare.
- It would be good to have local forms, documents and phone numbers to support this training.
- It's important to remember that change in reporting does not change CWS practice.
- Having a solid network of supports available will help mitigate CWS calls/reports; however, funding for these programs are lacking. Sometimes people don't know who else to call when there's a problem, but it might not meet the criteria for CWS to investigate. Consistent training on neglect would be helpful.
- Communication protocols between agencies could improve in order to create a more collaborative approach. This includes addressing CSEC (Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children) issues, families who don't meet the abuse criteria but who need help, and those who are in family maintenance and still receiving referrals. It would be good to have MDTs (Multidisciplinary Team Meetings)/CFTs (Child and Family Team meetings) or some other method to bring together agencies to better support these families. If the person reporting doesn't hear back from CWS, Probation, etc., it's hard to know how/if the child can be supported with additional resources.
- There is a capacity issue with ECM (Enhanced Care Management) at CenCal. This benefit provides extra care coordination services to members with complex needs. This county has 7,000 children who need referrals; however, FSA is the only provider. This service only reaches MediCal clients.

6. Adjourn - Next meeting: September 19th, 2024

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Drake