



The San Mateo County Child Abuse Prevention Council

Minutes: April 17, 2023

Call to Order: 10:49 a.m.

Present: Lizelle Lirio de Luna (San Mateo County Health), Carine Verduco (CFS), Melissa Guariglia (Family Connections), Leslie Garcia (Star Vista), Sahil Niwas (Stanford), Noelia Corzo (SMC), Allison Bettner (FHS), Michelle Blakey (First 5), Andrea Avina (Star Vista), Ziomara Ochoa (BHRS), Chris Abalos (Probation)

Public Comment/Brown Act – No members of the public requested to comment.

Introductions –

Members introduced themselves.

County Supervisor Corzo –

Supervisor Corzo gave a brief talk about her personal life, and career experience. She will be attending CAPC meetings as often as possible; stating that CAPC will have her full support on different issues.

Community Update:

Jane stated to Supervisor Corzo that her acknowledgement of the Mandated Reporter training at the Proclamation makes a significant difference within the county agencies. The Children's Memorial Flag Raising will be on April 28th at 9:00 a.m., an official announcement will be sent out to all CAPC members.

Jane stated that the mandated reporting law has changed this year. "Not having resources or not having money" is not considered Neglect. Jane also mentioned that Safe and Sound in San Francisco (CAPC) has a program they are supporting; Mandated Reporting to Community Supporting.

Members provided Supervisor Corzo with a brief talk about their jobs and the work they do at their agencies within the county.

Prevention Planning –

Carine reported that Cross Sector Group will begin to do data collection around the requirements of the prevention plan and what the populations look like now. They have continued to circulate the Evidence-Based survey throughout the community. Carine said that the County has continued to be an advocate for their prevention services. She stated that there will be a draft County Prevention Plan in May.

Carine spoke about the future of the Family Resource Centers and what those models will look like; providing Evidence-Based Parent Education Programming and short-term Clinical Services to families at school-based sites at Early Childhood Education Centers.

Sahil Niwas stated he would like to see the County distribute flyers with Prevention Month information on how parents can better engage with their children and become informed about mandated reporting. He stated that he believes that resource centers in libraries can be more of a safe place for children and community members rather than going to malls where it can become more expensive with each visit. He stated that sex education is also especially important as an intervention in schools.

The San Mateo County Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) is an independent collaborative mandated by the California State Welfare and Institutions Code 18967. CAPC functions as an advisory, advocacy and education board. A copy of the CAPC agenda is available for review at the Hall of Justice and Records, 400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063. The Hall of Justice and Records is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Carine announced that her office was available to provide a Mandated Reporter presentation at county agencies upon request, and also to clarify any confusions or other areas of concern as related to mandated reporters.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – May 15, 2023

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