

## **Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council**

Mammoth Lakes Library – Upstairs Conference Room

400 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

March 13, 2017 11:30AM-1:00PM

### **Minutes**

**CAPC Members Present:** Sal Montanez (Chair), Mono County Behavioral Health Dept (MCBHD)  
(8 members: 8 members present) DonnaLisa Knowles (Vice-Chair), Community Member  
Curtis Hill, Mono County Probation Department (MCPD)  
Jody Martin, Mono County Public Health Department (MCPHD)  
Michelle Raust, Mono County Department of Social Services (MCDSS)  
Molly DesBaillets, First 5 Mono (F5)  
Queenie Barnard, IMACA  
Susi Bains, Wild Iris (WI)

**CAPC Coordinator:** Didi Tergeesen, Mono County Office of Education (MCOE)

- 1. Call to Order:** Chair, Sal Montanez, Case Manager III, Mono County Behavioral Health Department at 11:34 AM
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. Public Comment:** Members of the public have the opportunity to address the Council on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Council. There was no public comment.
- 4. Update CAPC Membership:** The Mono County Recorder, Shannon Kendall will be emailing all CAPC members information with instructions on the E-disclosure system for filing the annual Form 700 online (statement of financial interest). CAPC by-laws require members to complete Form 700 annually (by April) and an online Ethics training every two years.
- 5. Approval of December 12, 2016 Minutes:** Susi Bains motioned to approve the December 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes. Jody Martin seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.
- 6. Update on Respite Childcare Efforts:** Didi shared a draft Respite Childcare Referral document and requested the CAPC review it. CAPC members recommended a few changes to the document including adding Private Therapists, schools and Mammoth Hospital and Clinics to the Referring Agency list. Wild Iris also made clear that they do not have the staff to set up the respite childcare service. They wanted to make clear that they have the funds to support the respite childcare, but do not have the staff to arrange it. Didi will update the document and will include it as an informational item for the June meeting.
- 7. Update on Addressing Community Resistance to Making Child Abuse Reports:** IMACA provides monthly professional development trainings to Childcare Providers. Queenie shared that she feels that the relationship between IMACA staff and providers has helped providers feel more comfortable

making child abuse reports. IMACA will work with the Department of Social Services to provide a Mandated Reporter training in 2017-18, specifically for Spanish-speaking childcare providers in Spanish. Many professionals disclose that they are Mandated Reporters with the families that they work with. One suggestion is to have childcare providers give their families a form that disclosed that they are Mandated Reporters. Wild Iris has this type of form and is willing to share it. Queenie and Didi will consider modifying it for childcare providers.

**8. Update on Resource Family Approval (RFA, formerly called Foster Parent) Outreach Efforts:** DSS staff has been receiving trainings on the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) and Resource Family Approval (RFA) process, including permanency interviewing strategies and assessment. Currently, DSS has a couple of prospective RFA homes. DSS and Probation are organizing a RFA outreach event targeted toward Latino families at Foro Latino community meeting.

**9. Program and Coordinator Sharing and Updates: *(Informational)***

- a. **First 5:** Molly DesBaillets, Executive Director. Met with the DSS Program Manager to share First 5's Parenting Partners home visiting program resources and data. Molly combined 9a and 11 to give a summary of program updates and First 5 at one time.
- b. **Wild Iris:** Susi Bains, Director of Programs. In addition, Wild Iris staff members received training in the Triple P parenting curriculum through First 5 Inyo and plan to begin offering Triple P Parenting classes this summer. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, Wild Iris is hosting a "Shop for a Cause" event at Whiskey Creek in Bishop. A portion of the proceeds will go to Wild Iris. More Wild Iris updates in section 11.
- c. **MCOE:** Didi Tergesen, CAPC and Strengthening Families Coordinator. The Mono County Community Resource Guide was finalized and has been distributed to MCOE staff, CAPC members and ESUSD students and families. MUSD approved the distribution of the brochures. Didi will provide them to MES students and families this spring. Susi and Didi are working together on Child Abuse Prevention Month activities, specifically the film screening of Resilience at the Edison Theatre in conjunction with DSS's RFA outreach and Wild Iris CASA outreach. Didi will organize Strengthening Families Displays at all seven Mono County libraries. Please send Didi any parenting class for the April Strengthening Families calendar.

**10. Program Contract Updates:** CAPC recommended and Board of Supervisor approved contracts will expire on June 30, 2017. CAPC will review, discuss and vote to approve any updated contract information at either a special meeting in May or at the June 12, 2017 meeting.

**11. CAPC Agency Member Sharing and Updates:** CAPC members have the option to share information related to the mission of the CAPC:

**MCBHD-** Sal shared that the afterschool Clubhouse Live Program has received funding support through Probation. As a result, they have been able to increase their hours of operation from Monday – Friday 3:00-6:00 PM (5:00 PM Friday). The program is located at the Sierra Center Mall, MCBHD Wellness Center and is open to youth ages 12-18 years of age.

**DSS-** Michelle is in the process of meeting with OCAP funded programs (First 5 and WI) recently. It has been helpful to deepen her understanding of the programs and services. Michelle wants to make sure DSS staff knows to refer families that they work with to First 5 and WI's programs.

**First 5–** First 5 is collaborating with Mammoth Hospital's childbirth classes to offer a breastfeeding class. Coleville and Bridgeport Peapod Playgroups continue to be strong. First 5 posted Peapod leader job positions for other communities, specifically Mammoth Lakes and Crowley Lake. First 5's Childcare Quality Program collaborates with IMACA, Cero Coso Community College and the local schools to build a system of support and services for child care providers. Kindergarten Round up and Health & Safety Fairs throughout the county are coming up. The Mammoth Lakes Health & Safety Fair is scheduled for June 3, 2017 at Shady Rest Park.

**Wild Iris-** Wild Iris has recently hired a traveling advocate who visits outlying remote areas in both Mono and Inyo counties. With new funding, they will send staff to be trained as Batterer Intervention trainers. In July or August they hope to start a 52-week Batterer Intervention class to provide holistic family services.

**Public Health Department** - Twice a year California Children's Services (CCS) provides a medical services day for local families of medically fragile and physically disabled children in Inyo and/or Mono Counties. Jody shared that their next event is scheduled in Inyo County on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**12. Meeting Schedule for 2016-17:** June 12, 2017 from 11:30 AM- 1:00PM: Ellie Randol Reading Room, Mammoth Lakes Library.

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:03PM**