

# Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council

Mammoth Lakes Library – Ellie Randol Reading Room

400 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

September 4, 2019 1:30 PM-3:00 PM

## Minutes

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CAPC Members Present (6 of 8 members): Sal Montanez, Mono County Behavioral Health  
Quorum of 5 established DonnaLisa Knowles, Parent and Community Member  
Molly DesBaillets, First 5 Mono  
Jazmin Barkley, Mono County Probation  
Michelle Raust, Mono County Department of Social Services  
Jacinda Croissant, Mono County Public Health Department  
Kelly Conboy, IMACA

CAPC Members Absent (1 of 8 members): Matthew O'Connor, Wild Iris

Staff: Courtney Powell, CAPC Coordinator, Mono County Office of Education

Note: Jazmin Barkley arrived during discussion of item 6.

1. **Call to Order:** Chair – DonnaLisa Knowles called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM
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.
4. **Bylaw Update:** CAPC members reviewed the suggested update to the Bylaws to include the maximum number of CAPC members to be 9 instead of 8. DonnaLisa motioned to approve the Bylaws to include the CAPC members to be 9 instead of 8 with a stipulation that a selection committee of the chair and coordinator will review the applicants. No discussion. All in Favor. Motion passed. **(Action)**
5. **Membership Update:** CAPC members will vote to update CAPC membership.
  - a. Molly motioned to accept both Susi Bains' and Kelly Conboy's request to become CAPC members Jaciinda second. No discussion. All in Favor. Motion passed. **(Action)**
6. **Approval of June 5, 2019 Minutes:** Molly motioned to approve June 5, 2019 Minutes Michelle Raust second. No discussion. All in Favor. Motion passed. **(Action)**
7. **System Improvement Plan (SIP):** Michelle Raust and Jazmin Barkley shared that they are in the final stages of the review of the plan. The Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) just review the plan and asked for a few changes. They will be working on their goals for the next 5 years. Some of the major improvements are as follows by each agency; Probations priority goal is reunification within 12 months the plan now includes that probational foster youth have the CANS assessment done with in 90 days and family finding. The Department of Child Social Services, are looking to gain Resource Families is other geographic regions in Mono County,

such as the native community, develop a family partner role to help parents and youth navigating the system, child and family paring, the CANS which is the states need assessment and PSS funds to help with funds to families.

- 8. Resource and Foster Youth Services Updates:** Courtney Powell the Foster Youth Services Coordination Program Coordinator brought with her a Foster Youth and Homeless Education binder that was put together for each school district and school in Mono County. This binder was started to Didi Tergeesen prior to her phasing out of her role as the FYSCP. The Foster Youth and Homeless Education Binder contains the following; Transportation agreement, Ca Foster Care Education Laws Fact sheet in English and Spanish, Foster Youth Educational Planning Guide, Foster Youth Education Toolkit, Conquer the World, Financial Aid Guide for CA Foster Youth, Appendix 2.B, Information for Parents (Dual Language), Information for School-age Youth (Dual Language), Unaccompanied Youth Eligibility Flowchart/Sample Housing Info Form and Supporting the Education of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Dual Language. Courtney has also reached out to each agency that was a part of the original transportation agreement to obtain new signatures from the new Superintendents of each district. The binders are designed specially to help school staff answer any questions. Courtney will be look into working with DCSS and First 5 to develop a binder that is developmentally appropriate for young children and develop one for Foster Youth Resource Families. Courtney will distribute binders to each CAPC member to bring back to their agency.
- 9. CAP Month planning:** The CAPC Coordinator sought the options and ideas of the CAPC members around CAP Month ideas for April 2020, including the idea of forming a CAP Month subcommittee. The CAPC members liked the idea of forming another subcommittee with other agencies. A suggestion for CAP Month is to work with the Benton Social put on by Tiffany and Sal Montanez.

**10. CAPC Program and Member Updates:**

**Jazmine Barkley Probation:**

Probation officially has enough staff to have an officer on campus. They currently have officer Flores that is primarily on the high school campus but goes to Mammoth elementary and Middle school to develop relationships as well as Sierra, Jan Works. He has also traveled to our northern county Bridgeport and Lee Vining and will be making a visit to Benton. The objective is to emphasis the R&R diversion program and stop the referrals to probation. Sharing information and education. Officer Flores is partnering with Mammoth Lakes Police Department to do some education at the high school around marijuana use and the students 4<sup>th</sup> amendment rights.

**Michelle Raust:** Social services had a Resource Family gathering in Lee Vining and they had a good turnout. There was a combination of staff and 5 Resource Families. This allowed for families to build relationships with other families. Michelle got to participate in the CASA training that was trying to recruit more Resource Families to take on the older youth. Social Services has been working closely with the Benton community and tribe and share services and getting

the services to the tribe. Mandated reporter training is a major topic and their hope is to provide some reminder trainings.

**Molly:** The County has doubled the funding for home visiting and First 5 is transitioning towards an evidence-based model when previously they were an evidence informed model due to not having the home visiting numbers to meet the requirement. The paper work load has increased significantly, therefore, First 5's compacity has increased. They have hired a new bilingual home visitor that is a Mammoth Local and have doubled the amount of hours for the other home visitors. First 5 has blended their home visiting and pea pod group to meet the requirement of holding regular group meetings. This has caused a change in the role of the Peapod leaders to take on the role of a home visitor as well. Walker and Coleville have yet to adopt this leadership change, however, have been holding regular meetings that have been successful. The increase in home visiting helps in the reduction of child abuse and neglect. Molly is hoping to have full implementation of the model by October. The model and home visiting help with early detection of developmental delays, children enter kindergarten more ready to learn, achievement gap is narrowed, children achieve school success, parents improve their parenting knowledge and skills, parents are more involved in their child's schools, families are more likely to promote children's language and literacy in addition to the reduction of child abuse and neglect

**Jacinda Croissant (Public Health):** Public Health completed the Community Public Health Assessment last February and the results can be found on the website. Public Health has developed workshops to go through the improvement plan. The top concerns that were identified are as follows; substance use, dental care and oral health, behavioral health, clinical care, and access prevention. For the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) program Jacinda was able to purchase 2 pack and plays for families that would otherwise not be able to afford them. She will most likely be able to purchase more if there is a higher need for it. Public health has a climbing club through the high school and they are trying to expand the club to other parts of the county to help keep the youth connected and get outside. They are in the process of trying to build and expand the program.

**Kelly Conboy (IMACA):** Kelly is the new Director at IMACA in Mammoth. IMACA is going through some changes and has begun to update and utilize their Facebook and Instagram page more. They are redoing their lending library where they too will be able to purchase new and gently used highchairs, toys and pack and plays. They hope to do a grand opening once everything is done. Kelly is also now a Trauma Informed Care Trainer.

**DonnaLisa Parent:** DonnaLisa is working on getting a Darkness 2 Light training going and hopes to hold one for CAP Month in April.

**Sal Montanez (Behavioral health):** Behavioral Health is going through some changes in the Psychiatry department, where they may be contracting with a new provider. These changes will allow for more time to assess patients that need evaluations. This change will also allow for them to place people in crisis beds for 5151 holds. The Benton social is still going strong and has won some awards within the state of California for Innovation. Bingo has been a huge

success at the Benton social and they recently had a Narcan presentation. They are hoping to continue building relationships and host a Social on the Reservation.

**Courtney Powell (MCOE-CAPC Coordinator):** Courtney Powell shared she completed the OCAP report with Kathy Young. We learned more about what they are want us to track in the 2019-2020 year. Such as number of members attending the trainings, pre and post surveys and community outreach through materials and resources. Courtney's hope moving forward is to conduct a few readings at the preschools and or library to help focus on one of the protective factors of increasing a child's social and emotional competence. Lastly, Courtney shared that there are a series Sierra Learning Community trainings/ webinar from Strategies 2.0. She will be looking into hosting the remainder as remote sites.

**11. Meeting Schedule for 2018-19:** December 4, 2019; March 4, 2020 and June 3, 2020 from 1:30PM-3:00PM at the Mammoth Lakes Library. *(Informational)*

**12. Meeting Adjourned 2:42 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Powell

CAPC Coordinator, Mono County Office of Education