



Member of the Coastal Tri-Counties Child Abuse Prevention Coalition

January 17, 2013 ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Buellton Recreation Center ♦ 301 Second Street, Jonata School ♦ Buellton, CA

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

Deborah Holmes welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Attendance: Christie Alarcon, Bonnie Campbell, Sandra Copely, Stephanie Diaz, Ashleigh Erving, Donna Flores, Flo Furuike, Mattie Gadsby, Deborah Holmes, Noel Lossing, Alma Marquez, Ann McCarty, LuAnn Miller, Jose Nichols, Judi Nishimori, Rebecca Robertson, Teressa Rodriguez-Johnes, Suguey Sanchez, Arcelia Sencion, Rubayi Srivastava, Joyce Stone

Staff: Liz Drake, Barbara Finch

2. Approval of November 15, 2012 Minutes

Flo Furuike motioned to approve the November 15, 2012 minutes; Ann McCarty seconded the motion and they minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment

Ashleigh Erving announced that effective March 31, 2013, Family Service Agency (FSA) will no longer be sponsoring the 2-1-1 program. Funding has been insufficient to support the program and the Board of Directors determined that FSA can no longer afford to subsidize the service.

4. CAPC By-Laws: Update on Membership & Quorum Issues

Barbara stated that she has been working with County Counsel to figure out how to best structure the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) membership so that difficulties with establishing a quorum are minimized. Barbara asked those in attendance what they feel are the pros and cons of having an MOU with agencies versus signing up with a registration form. Barbara also asked if members want a stipulation in the bylaws stating that if a member misses two meetings, they are dropped from the membership. Rubayi suggested having members designate an official alternate for when they are unable to attend. LuAnn, Sandra and Flo suggested allowing members to have an excused absence if they can't attend and can't send an alternate. In order to be excused, a member would need to notify Barbara or Liz before the meeting that they are unable to attend and unable to send an alternate. Teressa suggested lowering the number of required members in order to make it easier to establish a quorum. Rubayi suggested having two types of members, affiliate and core. This way the number needed to establish a quorum is pulled from the core members only. Ashleigh and Teressa added that they will send Barbara examples of their membership agreements. Barbara concluded the discussion by stating that she would like to have a letter from the CAPC Chair and staff members, along with information about what the CAPC does and why it's important, to hand out to prospective members as an outreach tool.

5. KIDS Network Key Projects for 2013

Barbara gave background information on the KIDS Network and explained that in November, the Executive Committee revised their 2012 Strategic Plan (see attached). The major points are still in place; however, each year the key projects are updated. Barbara distributed and reviewed *KIDS Network Key Projects 2013* (see attached). Jose Nichols added that the Youth Serving Teens organization meets every six weeks and is very informative. He added that in terms of

increasing awareness about juvenile justice needs, mental health is an area that needs focus. Identifying young people in the juvenile justice system who have mental health needs is emergent. Joyce Stone mentioned that the Five Protective Factors is the theme of this year's Child Development Conference, which takes place in April (Child Abuse Prevention Month) at the Radisson in Santa Maria. Barbara added that if anyone is interested in presenting at the conference they can fill out an application (see attached) and send it to her electronically.

6. Updates and Announcements

a. Member Updates

- Alma Marquez passed out a brochure (see attached) which describes services offered by the Santa Maria Valley Youth & Family Center.
- Teresa Rodriguez-Johnes mentioned that she still has Supporting Fatherhood posters and calendars. She also has Car Seat Safety brochures. Please contact her if you would like some. Teresa added that she recently sent out new data regarding the Family Development Matrix. If anyone is interested in receiving the data, please contact her.
- Barbara announced that Strategies is offering their Family Strengthening Case Management Training in Camarillo on March 21st and 22nd. Strategies is also hosting two Father Engagement webinars on March 7th and April 4th. The March 7th webinar is titled Engaging Fathers for Successful Re-Entry from Incarceration and the April webinar is Engaging Fathers and Children with Special Needs. If you are not on the Strategies distribution list and would like to be, please contact Barbara.
- Rebecca Robertson reported that St. Vincent's in Santa Barbara has openings. She asked those in attendance to please contact her if they know of any single mothers with children in need of transitional housing. The mothers can't have more than two children and they shouldn't be over the age of five years old. Rebecca stated that she will email Barbara information about the program to Barbara for distribution.
- LuAnn Miller shared that the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites will be opening the first week of February. There are sites in South County and North County. LuAnn will send a flyer to Liz for distribution. This program helps low income families maximize their tax refunds which can help reduce family stress.
- Deborah introduced Bonnie Campbell, the new Director of Domestic Violence Solutions and thanked her for attending. Bonnie shared that one of her intentions is to increase collaboration with meaningful organizations such as CAPC.

b. Parents Forever

Barbara reported that Ventura County is doing a community-wide Strengthening Families outreach and recently held a Strengthening Parents Leader Conference. Two Santa Barbara County parents, one from Family Service Agency and one from Isla Vista Youth Projects, attended. Barbara stated that she is anxious to hear from them about what they learned and how the parents in Ventura County are moving forward with Strengthening Families. Santa Barbara County had a similar parent leader conference in Mid-County last May where parent leaders from Ventura, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara got together and talked about what they've been doing and shared ideas with one another. The Ventura parents are very excited to be getting their projects going and were excited to have our parents in attendance. They used the booklet that Santa Barbara County parents created as one of their handouts. Barbara concluded by stating that it is really nice to see cross-county collaboration in this outreach effort.

7. Services for Families in Recovery: Good Samaritan

Deborah introduced Donna Flores and Christie Alarcon from the Good Samaritan Shelter. Christie and Donna shared an informative PowerPoint presentation (see attached) on the residential, drug treatment and perinatal services offered by Good Samaritan in Lompoc and Santa Maria. Donna stated that Good Samaritan works closely with the criminal justice system, Child Welfare Services and Child Abuse Listening and Mediation (CALM). Good Samaritan recently received a grant to provide beds and drug treatment specifically to veterans. So far two veterans have gone through the program. Donna added that in an effort to be more father friendly, they are now providing the Nurturing Fathers curriculum to their male clients and to partners of their female clients. Also, the Engaging Fathers curriculum is being used at the Probation Report and Resource Center with Probation and Assembly Bill 109 (AB 109) clients. Good Samaritan provides case management for the Children Affected by Methamphetamine (CAM) grant and oversees the Good Samaritan Fresh

Start grant. The goal of the Fresh Start grant is to engage fathers and family members of the mothers in treatment and it has been very successful.

Donna mentioned that on-site child care is provided while mothers are in treatment sessions. While they attend their 12 step meetings in the community, they have an arrangement to babysit one another's children. LuAnn pointed out that the Good Samaritan child care providers may be interested in attending the Child Development Conference in April. The theme is the Five Protective Factors and this may give them some good resources for working with families and mothers. Barbara stated that she will send Christie and Donna a flyer about the conference when one is available.

Christie emphasized that Good Samaritan is more than just a shelter where people can go to sleep. Case management is provided. They work to identify all the factors contributing to a person/family being homeless and then determine how they can help in getting them back to self-sufficiency. Christie added that the location of the Lompoc shelter is a challenge to some because it is not centrally located. She also mentioned that lately there has been a problem in Santa Maria with parents sleeping in cars with children. They have been working closely with Child Welfare Services (CWS) to figure out how to engage these parents and get them into a shelter so the children can go to school. Of the 101 people currently at the Santa Maria shelter, 76 are women and children. A lot of families have been displaced by the economic downturn. In order to help clients transition into affordable housing, Good Samaritan is in the process of constructing a sixteen unit permanent housing apartment complex on their Santa Maria campus. Sandra Copely mentioned that she volunteers as a nurse for the Doctors Without Walls Women's Clinic and has seen many women in their 40s, 50s and 60s who are now homeless in South County. This has become a serious problem. Christie asked if Doctors Without Walls provides dental care because this is one of the barriers their adult clients experience. They currently refer their clients to Public Health in South County which has long waits and is a long distance to travel. Alma Marquez suggested contacting the Community Health Centers in Santa Maria.

Christie reviewed the resources available to clients looking for a job and concluded the presentation by sharing that all of Good Samaritan's residential facilities have rooms that are sponsored, or somewhat adopted, by community groups (Kiwans, banks, social groups, kids working on senior projects, etc.). The group will pay for the cost of renovating/updating a room when a family moves out. This helps to offset maintenance costs. Christie distributed brochures (see attached) on Good Samaritan's services and said to please contact her or Donna by telephone or email if anyone has further questions. Barbara and Deborah thanked Christie and Donna for coming and extended the Good Samaritan Shelter a formal invitation to participate in the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC).

8. Confirm Agenda for Next Meeting on February 21, 2013

Due to lack of time, this item was skipped.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. in order to set up for the Grants Consortium Kick-Off at 11:00 a.m.