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*Member of the Coastal Tri-Counties Child Abuse Prevention Coalition*

October 18, 2012 ♦ 10am - 12pm

Buellton Recreation Center ♦ 301 Second Street, Jonata School ♦ Buellton, CA

### MINUTES

#### 1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Deborah Holmes welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

**Attendance:** Eulalia Apolinar, Ashleigh Erving, Flo Furuike, Deborah Holmes, Teressa Rodriguez-Johnes, Amy Krueger, Noel Lossing, Alma Marquez, LuAnn Miller, Arcelia Sencion, Rubayi Srivastava

**Staff:** Liz Drake, Barbara Finch

#### 2. **Approval of June 21, 2012 and August 16, 2012 Minutes**

The members present were unable to approve the minutes from June 21, 2012 and August 16, 2012 due to the lack of a quorum. After a short discussion regarding membership, it was agreed that Barbara Finch will review the CAPC bylaws and update the membership roster.

#### 3. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### 4. **SIP Update**

Barbara Finch stated that she and Amy Krueger have been working very hard on the 2012-2017 Santa Barbara County System Improvement Plan (SIP) and thanked everyone who participated in the September 13th workgroup meeting. The focus areas for the new SIP are as follows: No Recurrence of Maltreatment, Reunification within 12 Months, and Placement Stability for Children who are in Placement over 24 Months. The CAPC's roll will be to assess what services are being offered to families in the county in regards to the focus areas, help streamline the referral process, and look for ways to provide cross-training in order to eliminate information/communication gaps.

##### **a. Strengthening Partnerships (CWS, DV, Substance Abuse)**

Barbara shared that the areas of continued concern for Child Welfare Services (CWS) are the availability of services for mental health, domestic violence, and substance abuse. There are a lot of evidence-based practices available in the community that CWS can use to help clients in these areas; however, CWS doesn't always know where they can be accessed. Evidenced-based programs such as parent education, home visitation, therapeutic services, father involvement and parent partnerships were highlighted as some of the service delivery models that need further development so that CWS knows what route to take in order to get people into these programs. Improving communication and collaboration between the County and its community partners will help strengthen relationships, determine gaps in services, facilitate efficiency, and improve the quality of life for Santa Barbara residents.

##### **b. Mapping Programs & Resources**

Barbara reported that one of the strategies identified in the SIP is to improve education and outreach, especially within the substance abuse community and with domestic violence providers. Barbara asked those in attendance if they would share what is happening in their agencies in regards to substance abuse and/or domestic violence. The following feedback was provided:

- Arcelia Sencion stated that Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People has the Advocates for Domestic & Child Abuse Prevention (ADCAP) program. An advocate from their agency responds directly to 9-1-1 domestic violence calls in their service area, including the unincorporated area of Lompoc. Also, they strengthened their relationship with the Lompoc shelter by developing a referral form so that when a referral is made, the client is directly connected with Domestic Violence Solutions. People Helping People also received a Drug Free Communities grant and are always looking for ways to establish programs and services for youth around substance abuse. They have a staff member who teaches a Life Skills class at Jonata and College Elementary Schools. The curriculum includes strategies on how avoid the pressures of underage drinking. People Helping People is also starting an Alateen group in the valley. Arcelia added that there is a need for substance abuse counseling in the valley that's affordable. People Helping People also works with the Santa Ynez Tribal Health Clinic, which has expanded and created a Behavioral Services Department. They are looking to extend their services to the community. Arcelia suggested that it might be a good idea to include this agency in the CAPC membership.
- Luann Miller reported that Isla Vista has a lot of resources for students around domestic violence, students who are raped, and substance abuse; however, resources for the non-student community are really limited, especially in Spanish. There is a teen center that brings in some resources and programming, but it is not enough.
- Alma Marquez shared that Santa Maria Youth and Family has a substance abuse treatment center in their facility for teens and they offer group therapy; however, it is only for those who are Medi-Cal eligible. For adult treatment, they refer their clients to Domestic Violence Solutions.
- Deborah Holmes distributed a list of services provided by CALM and their locations (see attached). She added that CALM also works in collaboration with Good Samaritan, CWS, Adult Drug Treatment Court, and the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB) to provide substance abuse services for clients under the Fresh Start and the Children Against Methamphetamine (CAM) grants. Deborah is also working with Sandra Copely on the Perinatal Task Force. The focus has been on postpartum depression, attachment and mood disorders during the perinatal period. They are looking to expand the work to include mental health and substance abuse. Deborah stated that there is a need in our communities to address perinatal substance abuse issues as well as mood disorders because the two are often related.

Barbara explained that the CAPC will work together on mapping resources throughout the county so interested parties will know who offers what, and to streamline the information flow. Assessing the availability of resources and streamlining processes are both included in the SIP. Luann said that the KIDS Network was working on mapping county services and Barbara replied that she will look and see what she can find. Amy stated that from a Child Welfare Services perspective, they are interested in the mapping of community services. Rubayi stated that she will share the information she collected for the Orfela grant. Ashleigh mentioned that 211 has been working on something related to this mapping project and that she will be reporting the information she collects to Kathy Gallagher.

##### **5. Family Development Matrix Year End Data Report**

Teressa Rodriguez-Johnes gave a presentation on the Family Development Matrix and the Santa Barbara County Collaborative Report as of December 11, 2011 (see attachment). Highlights of her presentation included, but were not limited to, the following:

- The Family Development Matrix (FDM), funded through the Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP), is a database and an evidence-based assessment tool used to measure how families are progressing based on services provided by the Network of Family Resource Centers and the County's two Differential Response providers, Community Action Commission (CAC) and Child Abuse Listening and Mediation (CALM).
- There are 20 core indicators and an assessment tool that measures families in four categories (see attachment). The FDM is unique in that it is a tool used in partnership with the families. Families participate in completing the

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Assessment and it is strength based. Usually families are looked at in terms of their challenges; however, this tool also looks at the strengths of families and builds on them to help in other areas.

- First Five coordinates the FDM for the Network of Family Resource Centers, CALM and CAC. Santa Barbara County is part of a statewide network of 28 counties participating in the FDM and has been featured nationally for their county-wide approach which links FDM indicators and outcomes to Pathways to Prevention goals and the Protective Factors (see attachment). Teresa continues to participate on a state panel of experts for the FDM and the Family Strengthening.
- The Federal Government is very interested in the FDM because there is no standardized program across the nation that measures family progress. They are looking at aligning the FDM with the CWS outcomes of Safety, Permanency and Family\Child Well-Being.
- Using the FDM helps agencies leverage additional dollars because they can show funders they have measurable outcomes. The Santa Barbara County Collaborative Report dated December 11, 2011 shows that clients are making progress and families are being strengthened (see attachment). Compared to other counties, family engagement is high in Santa Barbara; however, there is still some work to be done.
- First 5 invests a lot in training advocates to make sure they have the capacity to meet the needs of families based on the data they receive from the FDM. The goal is to improve the data even more by strengthening the correlation of the FDM to recidivism rates.

### 6. Grants Consortium Update & Planning

Deborah announced that CALM has offered to take the lead on the grants consortium. She emailed members of the CAPC and received a lot of positive responses from agencies that want to participate. If any members of the CAPC haven't responded and want to join the consortium, please contact Deborah. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the first tentative meeting will be held on January 17, 2013, after the CAPC meeting, at the Buellton Recreation Center. Deborah will confirm this with her grants department. The purpose of the first meeting will be to get to know one another, talk about each organization's capacity for grant writing, identify grant contact information from each agency, and talk about items that need to be in place should a grant opportunity arise that requires collaboration. Deborah asked Rubayi to facilitate the meeting and Rubayi agreed.

Barbara mentioned that the KIDS Network is looking at putting together a similar consortium. CAPC members discussed what level of involvement they would like to have with the KIDS consortium and decided that the CAPC's focus will be on grants for child abuse prevention, neglect and possibly treatment. Since the KIDS Network represents a broad spectrum of agencies, the CAPC will have a liaison to the KIDS Network but will not join in unless a grant addresses their particular focus. Luann agreed to be the liaison for the CAPC at the KIDS Network Executive Meetings; however, Jennifer Bergquist is her alternate for the KIDS General Meeting and there are times when neither of them are able to attend. Alma Marquez stated that she will try to attend when LuAnn and Jennifer aren't able to so that the CAPC will have representation at the KIDS General Meetings. If CAPC members are interested in updates from the KIDS Network meetings and visa versa, Barbara will look into possibly adding that to each agenda.

### 7. Looking Forward

#### a. Parent Leadership/Parent Partners

Barbara stated that there is \$6,000 allocated in the CAPC budget for parent leadership and that the MOUs with the four agencies need to be updated. After reviewing the System Improvement Plan and the Five Year Plan, the Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) recognized Santa Barbara County for doing great work with parent leadership. They want to know what the County is doing around the planning, implementation and evaluation of the funded program. Barbara asked if members would consider strategies to help parent leaders take a more active role with the agencies they represent. For example, parents would take their leadership a step further by sitting on the Board or an advisory committee. CWS is also looking at developing parent partner models for peer-to-peer support. Families who have been through the system successfully will be supporting families who are coming into the system.

Barbara asked other if agencies would like to provide the parent leadership or if members feel like the CAPC should continue with the same MOUs. Members agreed that it would be wise to renew the MOUs with the existing agencies and find ways of engaging Lompoc with the work that's being done. It was also agreed that discussions will continue in regards to the direction the agencies want to go, and to encourage parent leaders to have conversations about the directions they want to go in order to cover all the bases. Rubayi suggested that the parent leaders collaborate with other parent led programs in Santa Barbara County.

**b. Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Academies**

Barbara mentioned that the CAPC will host two Child Abuse Prevention Academies in 2013. There will be discussion in future meetings regarding what the content will be and who will present.

**c. CAPC Connection**

Barbara announced that she will work on getting the CAPC Connection back on track. Hopefully, a new edition will be distributed soon.

**8. Updates & Announcements**

**a. KIDS Network**

See item 6 (Grants Consortium and Planning).

**b. Coastal Tri-Counties Child Abuse Prevention Coalition**

Barbara reported that conference calls with the Tri-Counties Child Abuse Prevention Coalition are still happening monthly. Ventura is doing a county-wide Strengthening Families effort which involves parents, systems and policies, and professional development. First 5 is very involved and it's exciting to see them come on board with child abuse prevention. San Luis Obispo received a Strategies grant (the CAPC did not receive one this time) to strengthen their promotores. Barbara is looking forward to hearing from them about what they are doing and if this is something that Santa Barbara can look at enhancing as well.

**c. Member Updates**

LuAnn announced that she is working with the Child Care Planning Council (CCPC) on the MOU between the CAPC, CCPC and the Network of Family Resource Centers. LuAnn also mentioned that she may include Eileen or Sharol, who are involved in the Race to the Top grant project. Teresa stated that Eileen would be the person to contact. LuAnn said that she is hoping to bring a draft for input to the November CAPC meeting.

Teresa stated that Ben Romo is the new Executive Director of First 5. A retirement party for Pat Wheatley is in the works and will be announced soon.

Noel Lossing reported that CWS, with help from the CAPC, hosted a Mandated Reporter Train the Trainer seminar. The general consensus was that the event ran smoothly; however, the trainer needs to work on increasing the pace of the class. This will be noted for any future trainings.

Barbara asked everyone to please track their Mandated Reporter Trainings (how many trainings are given, and how many staff are trained) for the OCAP annual report.

Barbara announced that Kathy Gallagher, the Director of Social Services, has given her resignation notice and will be moving to Contra Costa County. Her last day will be November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Deborah added that Ann Detrick, Director of Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Services, is retiring.

**9. Confirm Dates and Agenda for Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m. The next CAPC meeting will be on November 17, 2012. Future agenda items will include updates on the following: grants consortium, resource mapping, CAPC membership and the MOU between the CAPC, CCPC and the Network of Family Resource Centers.