



The San Mateo County Child Abuse Prevention Council

Minutes: March 21, 2022

Call to Order: 10.50 a.m.

Present: Donovan Fones (CFS), Stephanie Loera (Family Connections), LaRay Hilt (CASA), Peter Ehrhorn (Family Connections), Alyssa Canfield (Star Vista), Aracely Vasquez (Star Vista), Susan Swope (JJPC), Melissa Egge (Stanford and Keller Center), Arceli Garcia (Star Vista), Betsy A'Neals (Stanford Hospital), Karla Santiago-Reyes (Family Connections), Jessica Gonzalez (Star Vista), Leanne Hay (IZZY), J.D. (Star Vista), Martha Cervantes (Star Vista), Gina Almarez (Family Connections), Olisha Hodges (CFS), Jamila McCallum (Edgewood), Michael Lim (Mental Health/Substance Abuse Commission), Melissa Wilson (Peer Support), Sandra Esquivel (SVC).

Public Comment/Brown Act – No members of the public requested to comment. The group also voted on a Resolution to meet in March virtually due to COVID 19. The motion to continue to meet virtually was made by Susan Swope, seconded by Donovan Fones and passed by voice vote. The March meeting will be held using Zoom.

Introductions –
Members introduced themselves.

Presentation –
Peer Point – Melissa Wilson gave a very interesting and compelling presentation on Peer Point, a non-profit dedicated to interrupting the school to prison pipeline for youth in San Mateo County. With a Peer Circle and Case Management it is hoped that the issue of racial and ethnic disparity with regard to school suspensions can be addressed. Using the Boys and Girls Clubs in East Palo Alto and Daly City as bases the program hopes to provide protective factors to combat truancy and suspension and to shift to a restorative justice model for addressing issues of disparity in how different youth are treated. There were lots of questions and brain-storming around funding possibilities for this exciting program.

Community Check-In – Jane outlined the events for next month since April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. On April 5th CAPC will be on the agenda at the Board of Supervisors meeting to receive the Proclamation by the Board for the month. Jane will speak briefly about CAPC activities this past year and representatives from Family Connections will present information about how their agency is transitioning during this period of lifting of pandemic restrictions. On April 14th Jane will speak to the San Bruno Citizen's Crime Prevention Committee about CAPC and April 22nd is the date set for the Children's Memorial Flag Raising. The April 18th CAPC meeting will be devoted to Mandated Reporting – members are encouraged to send in questions and come to the meeting to ask questions they have about Mandated Reporting. Lizzie Cisneros the Hot Line Supervisor will be at the meeting with Jane to answer questions.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – April 18, 2022

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