



**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**  
**Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council**

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**REGULAR MEETING NOTES**  
**TUESDAY – APRIL 18, 2017**  
County Operations Center (COC)  
5560 Overland Avenue, Room 171  
San Diego, CA 92123  
**3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Voting Members Present:** *Carolyn Caietti, Chief Adolfo Gonzales, Cathi Palatella, Chair, Twila Perucci, Emerald Randolph, Larry Richman, and Meredith Riffle*

**Absent:** *Anna Williams*

**I. Call to Order and Introductions**

*Cathi Palatella called the meeting of the Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council (CAPCC) to order at 3:01 p.m.*

**II. Approval of Minutes – October 18, 2016 and January 17, 2017 (Motion/Second/Vote)**

- *On motion of Emerald Randolph, seconded by Larry Richman, the Council approved the minutes for October 18, 2016. All were in favor.*
- *On motion of Emerald Randolph, seconded by Larry Richman, the Council approved the minutes for January 17, 2017. All were in favor.*

**III. Public Comment**

*Helen Hollis, President of Parent Care Alumni (with 174 active members), extended gratitude to the CAPCC on their behalf for supporting a program that helps families that struggle with substance abuse issues, stating they are successful today because of the CAPCC's support. She expressed hope that the CAPCC and Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) will support housing programs for families that struggle with substance abuse as a way of decreasing the use of foster care, reducing the trauma to a child by avoiding removal, and maintaining consistent bonding and attachments within the family unit. Housing is an issue in San Diego. For instance, she has a client whose reunification process is being delayed – not for non-compliance of her case plan, and not for lack of growth – but because she has 5 children and none of the housing programs have the room to accommodate these children with their mother. Kim Giardina and Cathi Palatella added that Child Welfare Services (CWS) recently submitted an application for a State-wide \$10-million grant from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for housing, called Bringing Families Home. It's a new program so it's unknown if CWS will be selected, but if selected this program will help provide housing services to families involved in the child welfare system to prevent the removal of children due to issues around homelessness.*

**IV. Report from the Chair (Cathi Palatella)**

- *Cathi announced that she has been appointed as the Director of Child Welfare Services, effective last month, and is no longer the "Acting" Director.*
- *Alice Kennedy was appointed as the Assistant Director of Child Welfare Services, effective April 14<sup>th</sup>.*

**V. New Business (Kevin Hauck, CAPCC Coordinator/CWS Contracts Manager)**

- *Meredith Riffle has been appointed to Seat 2 of the CAPCC by Supervisor Jacob's office. The official Board letter will go through soon, and Ms. Riffle is expected to be a voting member by the July 2017 meeting.*
- *Seat 3, Supervisor Gaspar's office, is vacant and they are working on appointing a member to the CAPCC.*
- *Seat 5, Supervisor Horn's office, will soon be vacant as Anna Williams will be resigning her post.*
- *If anyone has suggestions for the empty seats, please contact Kevin Hauck at [Kevin.Hauck@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Kevin.Hauck@sdcounty.ca.gov) or (858) 616-5923.*

**VI. Old Business** (*Sharon Ippolito CWS CAPCC Analyst / Selina Brollini, CWS Intergenerational Coordinator*)

- Sharon reminded everyone that the next annual CAPCC STARS Awards breakfast is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2017, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. It will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Mission Valley. It's a free event, including continental breakfast, to recognize people and organizations in the community who have been nominated as leaders in child abuse prevention. This event will feature Dr. Dawn Griffin as keynote speaker to talk about the "importance of play." Also, Delana Bennett of Star 94.1 will issue the awards. Sharon encouraged people to come to support nominees and awardees and promised it will be a fun event! For more information, contact [Sharon.Ippolito@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Sharon.Ippolito@sdcounty.ca.gov).
- Selina reminded everyone of the 3rd annual Parenting Expo event, scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This successful event was previously held at the Sheraton Hotel on Aero Drive and The Jacobs Center. This year, it is being held in the North Region at the California Center for the Arts in Escondido. All parents in San Diego are invited to participate at this free event. There will be a keynote speaker, Arthur Soriano, resource tables, breakout sessions, and a closing speaker. The closing speaker, Kimberly Giardina, will be hosting a panel of parents and grandparents for Q&A. Kevin reiterated that this event is for EVERY parent in San Diego County, even grandparents, not just foster parents or any specific group. For those needing licensing requirements, certificates will be made available. Translation services will also be made available. For more information, contact [Selina.Brollini@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Selina.Brollini@sdcounty.ca.gov).
- Selina announced there were 14 youth, 17 older adults and numerous volunteers at the very first foster intergenerational games on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, which was held at Point Loma Nazarene. Selina received many inspiring emails after the event that illustrate how this program really helps foster youth and older adults make a meaningful connection, and shows that the program is making a positive difference.

**VII. Public Forum**

*The following presentations were made:*

- Final results of the State Improvement Plan (SIP) for March 2017-2022.
  - Presented by Jennifer James, Harder & Company.
  - Many of CAPCC attendees were involved during the last year with the development of the SIP, beginning with the County Self-Assessment Process, giving input to CWS data and helping to select strategies that will be the focus for the next five years for the SIP. This is a joint effort between CWS and the Probation Department, working to improve outcomes for youth in foster care.
  - During the second half of the presentation Jennifer requested attendees to brainstorm on how CAPCC can contribute to the goals. Attendees gave input, which Jennifer recorded as follows:
    - More regular data review at CAPCC meetings to identify specific CAPCC actions that can support the SIP initiatives.
      - Split presentation by outcome/focus area.
    - Obtain baseline data on resource families.
      - This could help with benchmarking capturing training progress
      - Exit survey?
    - Messaging tactic – group to work with CAPCC members (e.g., iHeartMedia).
    - CAPCC site visit to Probation. This may help make connections and spur ideas about what CAPCC or CAPCC members can do with community units and others.
    - Community and collaboration commitment to reviewing results of SIP and identifying ongoing contributions.
  - A copy of the SIP 2017-2022 PowerPoint presentation/handout to be uploaded to the CAPCC web site.
  - For more information, contact [Corey.Kissel@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Corey.Kissel@sdcounty.ca.gov).

**VIII. Announcements**

*The following announcement was made:*

- Judge Caietti announced the upcoming annual Passport to Life Career and Education Expo, scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-1:30, at San Diego City College; a free event for young adults who are, or have been, on probation, which provides them with ideas, tools, motivation, encouragement and hope for their future. The Court and Probation collaborate to produce this event with numerous public and private organizations.

**IX. Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m., to reconvene on July 18, 2017.*

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017, 3:00-5:00 PM**  
**LOCATION: COUNTY OPERATIONS CENTER (COC), 5560 OVERLAND AVENUE, ROOM 171**