



## COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council

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### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

TUESDAY – APRIL 16, 2019  
5600 Overland Ave, Room 171  
San Diego, CA 92123  
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Voting Members Present:** *Kimberly Giardina (Chair), Hon. Judge Lagotta, Chrystal Sweet (for Chief Adolfo Gonzales), Renee Hilton, Meredith Riffel, Jeff Wiemann*

**Absent:** *Chief Adolfo Gonzales, William Lynch*

#### **I. Call to Order and Introductions**

- *Kimberly Giardina called the meeting of the CAPCC to order at 3:01 p.m.*

#### **II. Approval of Minutes**

- *On motion of Meredith Riffel, seconded by Jeff Wiemann, the Council approved the minutes for January 15, 2019 and March 8, 2019. All were in favor.*

#### **III. Public Comment**

- *There was a public inquiry regarding ways to prevent child abuse. Discussions focused on the collective work of the community for resources, supports and services accessible to families early on to prevent child maltreatment and strengthen families.*

#### **IV. Report from the Chair (Kimberly Giardina)**

- *Child Welfare Services (CWS) Acting Director*
  - *Kimberly Giardina has been appointed Acting CWS Director effective March 15, 2019.*
- *Cultural Responsiveness Academy (CRA) Commencement*
  - *The CRA is in its third year and was an idea developed from the CAPCC Fairness and Equity subcommittee. It is a year-long learning experience for CWS staff of all levels focused on building cultural humility into staff skills. The current program is centered on Native American families and the previous two programs were on African American families. A curriculum focused on fathers is in the planning. This year's commencement is on June 6, 2019 at the San Diego State University.*

#### **VII. New Business (Kimberly Giardina)**

- *Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Provisions of the San Diego County Administrative Code to create the Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board of San Diego County*
  - *This is the last meeting for the CAPCC. The CAPCC will be evolving into the Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board in efforts to increase collaborations around preventing child maltreatment and increasing the amount of community partnerships.*
  - *Supervisors Greg Cox and Nathan Fletcher will co-chair the new Advisory Board. The first Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board meeting is anticipated to be in May 2019.*

#### **VIII. Old Business (Kimberly Giardina)**

- *Prevention Summit*
  - *The Prevention Summit is hosted by the Office of Child Abuse Prevention through the California Department of Social Services. The San Diego team consisting of ten community partners identified focus efforts around the zero to five year old population. The goal is to build capacity of early child care and early education partners to help better support families*

*in getting early intervention services and help the child and family to be on a better trajectory in the long term.*

- *Child Abuse Prevention Month*
  - *Rady Children’s Hospital sponsored a successful “Hands Across the Hospital” event on April 2, 2019. There was a great showing of support from the community to kick off Child Abuse Prevention Month.*
  - *Child welfare jurisdictions will be raising the Children’s Memorial Flag on April 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The flag raising will be followed by a moment of silence and reflection for all those children most impacted by abuse and neglect that has resulted in child death. CWS will raise the Children’s Memorial Flag at the Polinsky Children’s Center.*

**IX. Public Forum**

- *A presentation was done by iHeartMedia on the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Outdoor Family Strengthening Campaigns. Among some of the campaigns were Sex Trafficking, Water Safety and Safe Walks. The campaigns were featured on various platforms to include billboards, transit shelters, web site banners, commercial ads, and poster ads in various locations throughout San Diego County.*
- *A presentation was done by Kimberly Giardina on the CWS Review Working Group Recommendations and what the transformation will look like within CWS. The biggest effort of this transformation is on Family Strengthening and looking at it from a broad perspective. The focus is on the whole family and well-being.*

**X. Announcements**

- *The East Region Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Symposium was a wonderful event on April 6, 2019.*
- *Kids’ Turn San Diego is sponsoring their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser at Petco Park on June 1, 2019.*
- *There will be a Regional Learning Community through Strategies 2.0 on May 17, 2019. This is a convening of Southern California Counties and the theme this year is Livable Communities.*

**VII. Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.*