



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

TUESDAY– JANUARY 15, 2013

5520 Overland Ave., County Operations Center (COC) Hearing Room
San Diego, CA 92123
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Voting Members Present:

Debra Zanders-Willis (Chair); Mechelle deFraitres for Chief Mack Jenkins (Vice-chair); Hon. Cynthia Bashant; Emerald Randolph (Secretary); Barbara Warner; Larry Richman

Absent:

Cindy Dumas; Twila Perucci; Kathy Smith-Brooks

I. Call to Order and Introductions

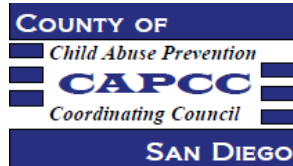
Chair Zanders-Willis called the meeting of the Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council to order at 4:13 pm.

II. Approval of the Minutes – October 18, 2012

On MOTION of Council member Richman, seconded by Judge Bashant, the Council approved the minutes of October 18, 2012. All were in favor.

III. Public Comment

- ***Adam Gettinger-Brizuela*** – *Paternal Opportunities Programs and Services (POPS)/ SD Fatherhood Network Director/Co-Chair reported that fathers and people that support Father Inclusion are doing great with Child Welfare and Childcare issues and San Diego is leading the way. A summit was held in July 2012 for 80 people working in Father Inclusion services at the Casey Family Programs' office. Attendees were from Riverside, Imperial, Orange, San Bernardino and San Diego counties. A collaborative was created with Strategies called Network Shops and discussed with the other counties about setting up their own Fatherhood Networks. Father Inclusion is the strategy for reducing child neglect and abuse. This is a positive and proactive approach that is working. Mr. Gettinger-Brizuela thanked everyone for their support.*
- ***Patti Fulgencio*** – *Family & Youth Roundtable (FYRT) shared that they work with families and youth in the public service system. They have a family and youth council that collects the voice of family members and youth. They provide the feedback and collected information to county departments such as Probation, Mental Health, and Child Welfare Services (CWS) that enable them to act on this input and make changes to their programs. FYRT also help establish family and youth councils and can provide technical assistance.*
- ***Cindy Grossman*** – *Kids' Turn San Diego Executive Director shared that their organization works with children and families experiencing separation and divorce. Monthly workshops are provided for the whole family. Parents attend separate workshops but learn the same thing at the same time and children are at their own workshop. It is a program that transforms families. They learn new coping strategies.*



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Countywide workshops are held but most of the participants are referred from Family Court and the Mediators.

IV. Report from the Chair

Chair Debra Zanders-Willis reported that the Board Letter went to the hearing of the Board of Supervisors on December 4, 2012. The Funding Plan and Budget were approved. The Council has the authorization to spend the revenue of almost \$1.4million.

V. Action Items

A. Review and discuss the Child Abuse Prevention Activities Work Plan for 2013.

Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Children's Trust Fund Activities Plan handout was distributed and presented by Kevin Hauck, CWS Manager and Roseann Myers, Assistant Deputy Director.

- *Child Abuse Prevention Month Awareness Campaign – April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. The Council will be partnering with the State Office of Child Abuse Prevention and the federal efforts to get child abuse materials and information out to the community.*
- *Safe4Baby Public Awareness Campaign – Safe Sleep campaign, to coordinate with county and community partners. Campaign ads may be added to public service messages that will be shown on televisions in the lobby of county buildings.*
- *Professional Training on Child Abuse Evidenced-Based Practices – Training/Conference schedule in April.*
 - ✓ *Solicit Training Topics from the Council*
 - ✓ *Suggested training topics include Trauma-Informed, Trafficking of Minors as Child Abuse, training for Law Enforcement and school districts – 6-month planning for the next fiscal year.*
 - ✓ *Prevention Training strategy – to partner with Strategies, an organization that provides technical assistance to Child Abuse Councils and Family Strengthening Organizations. They will provide training on principles of family support and continue development of the family support network in San Diego. They are asking for co-sponsorship of approximately \$2,500.00.*
- *Facilitate Community Dialogues on Child Abuse Prevention – One of the Child Welfare System Improvement Plan (SIP) Goals was for the Council to develop a shared vision for child abuse and neglect. Public Conversations facilitates community dialogue in child abuse prevention. Casey Family Programs will fund the first dialogue.*
- *Parent Engagement and Family Support – help parent partners and families participate in conferences and trainings as needed.*

B. Establish a Child Abuse Prevention Framework for San Diego

- *Review Assessment of Office of Child Abuse Prevention, California Department of Social Services on the state of the child abuse prevention and early intervention field in California.*
- *The County of San Diego System Improvement Plan (SIP) Goals.*



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1. Strengthen communication and coordination with community partners.
2. Develop a shared definition of child abuse prevention and intervention through community engagement and dialogue.

Council Discussion and Feedback

C. Future agenda items and next steps

A PowerPoint on the Overview of Child Abuse Prevention – Feedback from the Field: A Protective Factors Framework was presented by Roseann Myers. The goal is to optimize the development of children and families and minimize risk factors.

- *Heather Nemour, co-coordinator of San Diego Family Strengthening Network gave a brief history of Healthy Start, a school-based social services program that continues to operate with local support.*

VI. Public Forum – Time Certain 5:00p.m.

San Diego County Report Card on Children and Families

- Sandy McBrayer; CEO; The Children's Initiative

A PowerPoint on the San Diego County Report Card on Children & Families was presented by Sandy McBrayer.

Focus on Family Engagement and reduced number of children in CWS by almost 50% in the last ten years. Part of the strategy is trying to get more children exited and reunified and lead them safely with their family support.

- *Get all sectors (educators, law enforcement, professionals, neighbors, individuals) trained to prevent child abuse as a whole community. How do we intervene?*
- *San Diego Family Strengthening Network and Chula Vista Collaborative Center deal with crisis intervention and help families in all aspects. Services, counseling and training are great but also focus on building stronger neighborhoods, home environment and community connection.*
- *Paternal Opportunities Programs and Services (POPS) acknowledged and thanked CWS for opening the door to their organization.*
- *There is a pilot program for Probation that works with inmates after they initially get incarcerated, continue to work with their families and make sure that services are in place when they get out. O'Farrell Community School works with children whose parents are incarcerated, works with counselors to make sure that kids and families have the skills and readiness to cope.*

VII. Announcements

None

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Zanders-Willis adjourned the meeting of the Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council at 5:44 pm to reconvene on April 16, 2013.

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