

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council

REGULAR MEETING NOTES

TUESDAY – OCTOBER 15, 2013

5520 Overland Ave., County Operations Center (COC) - COC Hearing Room

San Diego CA 92123

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Voting Members Present:

Debra Zanders-Willis (Chair), Hon. Judge Caietti, Chief Mack Jenkins, Emerald Randolph, Barbara Warner, Kathy Smith-Brooks, Twila Perucci

Absent:

Cindy Dumas, Larry Richman

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Debra Zanders-Willis called the meeting of the Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council to order at 3:04 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes – July 16, 2013

On motion of Council member Warner, seconded by Chief Jenkins, the Council approved the minutes of July 16, 2013. All were in favor.

III. Public Comment

- *Mr. Adam Gettinger-Brizuela of POPS represents Fatherhood and Father Inclusion in San Diego County. They have been invited to the California Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention and Early Intervention Summit in Sacramento from October 16 to October 17, 2013*
- *Cindy Grossman – Executive Director of Kids' Turn San Diego; Offers services to families experiencing divorce/ separation, and military transition; Teen Talk program, A+ Communication for step parents, Continuing the Conversation (counseling program for children)*

IV. Report from the Chair

On September 9, 2013, the Board of Supervisors approved the CAPCC Spending Plan and Board Letter.

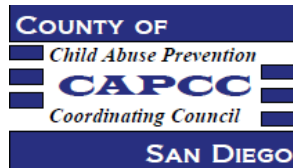
V. New Business

A. California Strengthening Families Roundtable Report Out

Roseann Myers – Child Welfare Services

Twila Perucci – District 1, CAPCC Council Board Member

- *Handouts were distributed*
- *Roseann and Twila attended the California Strengthening Families Roundtable on September 13, 2013, sponsored by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP), and Strategies in Sacramento, CA*
- *We have a family support network in San Diego; encouraging to see this movement statewide; good results in some communities with their child abuse prevention program and strengthening principles*
- *Strengthening Families builds five protective factors – parental resilience, social connections, knowledge of parenting and child development, concrete support in times of need, and social and emotional competence of children*



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- *Presentation from Shasta County – HHSA, First 5, Public Health Grant; three agencies came together as one; resource mobile go straight to the families, preschools, help for children, prenatal program in the rural areas*
- *Collective impact principle for positive outcomes – organizing data, community feedback and input*
- *Planned Community Dialogues will assist in budget planning for next year*

B. Family Integrated Treatment (FIT) Program Final Report

Cristina Magana – Harder + Co.

- *Power point presentation; handout was distributed and discussed by Harder + Co. – Dr. Amy Ramos and Cristina Magana*
- *The Children’s Trust Fund (CTF) supported the FIT grant by providing a total of \$325,530 for enhanced visitation services to CWS clients that help increase reunification*
- *FIT digital success story was shown on the big screen*
- *FIT Grant was funded by: Administration Children and Families: Discretionary Grant Program to Increase Well-Being of, and to Improve Permanency Outcomes for children Affected by Methamphetamine and other Substance Abuse; Grant ended in 2013*
- *The FIT Partnership is a cross-disciplinary collaboration across multiple agencies in San Diego County: Child Welfare Services (CWS), Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS), Rady Children’s Hospital, Visitation Centers – New Alternatives, Crisis House, and Casa de Amparo*

C. Jump Start

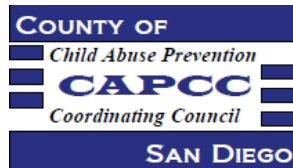
Jean Avila – Alcohol and Drug Services, County of San Diego

- *Handout was distributed and discussed.*
- *The Jump Start Program is the continuation of FIT Services. Three County of San Diego agencies: Behavioral Health Services (BHS), First 5 and CWS provide services to children of alcohol and drug-addicted mothers.*
- *Need Visitation Services to bring kids to the program; client engagement*
- *Care Coordinators – FIT representative to communicate with Treatment Providers*
- *Sustainability – help to get funding for staffing as the Treatment Centers are the hub for the client services; invaluable to have the social workers come out to the centers*
- *CWS and Probation collaboration has bigger impact in Sustainability*
- *Allocated space is one of the program challenges with Visitation Contracts*
- *Challenge is to try to treat kids in the community rather than transport them to the treatment centers; Visitation contractors transport children to the treatment center; rely on other organizations and individuals – foster parents or relatives for supervised/unsupervised visits*
- *There is only funding for women and children in the treatment program; expand to include fathers in the program*
- *Total wrap-around and collaborative services dealing with addiction and being a part of CWS*

VI. Old Business

Follow-up and Planning for Community Dialogues on Child Abuse Prevention

- *Last August, a meeting was held with the Council Members and Meenakshi from Public Conversations. It was a discussion for the members with a focus on child abuse prevention.*



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VII. Action Item

Approve Staff Recommendation to Frame Community Dialogues on Protective Factors (Motion/Second/Vote)

- *Helpful to have information prior to meeting and would like a dialogue that is not rigidly framed. There is a lot of community resources for the venue with each region in the county, work with community partners*
- *CAPCC at the County Operations Center is a formal venue*
- *Council Members will be invited but are not required to attend the community dialogues; staff will report back to the council with recommendations*
- *Are there specific staff recommendations? CAPCC will set up a process, keep dialogues in specific theme and move forward; follow-up at state level for funding streams from the Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP); organize and report every year to the state*

On motion of Chief Jenkins, seconded by Judge Caietti, the council approved the follow-up and plan for Community Dialogues on Child Abuse Prevention. Motion Approved.

VIII. Public Forum

Law Enforcement Panel on Current Child Abuse Issues

San Diego County Sheriff's Department – Lts. James Bolwerk and Chuck Kaye, Sgts. Hernan Gonzalez, and Roberto Lopez and San Diego Police Department – Sgt. Antonio Johnson

The types of cases investigated by Law Enforcement (LE) Officers are physical and emotional abuse, sex assault and exploitation, neglect, and Drug Endangered Children. There are approximately 7,000 Child Protective Services' (CPS) referrals or crime reports per year for the San Diego Sheriff's Office (SDSO). These are investigated by Detective callouts and response: forensic interviews, SART exams, SAFE audits, and follow-ups on tips from the public. New issues that LE is facing are technology driven: cell phones' sexting and pornography, online child pornography, and Internet Crime Against Children (ICAC) cases. Child abuse may be prevented by: Educational outreach – media, websites, schools, LE and community groups; closely monitoring registered sex offenders

- *What can be done to prevent child abuse? Streamline resources and continue to work with CWS, file accurate investigative reports, information sharing, establish a single point of contact and create LE liaisons, aid investigation and prosecution*
- *CWS to hire Social Workers*
- *Night visors for SDPD will help*
- *Sexual trafficking of minors: the Gang Unit, different from the Child Abuse Unit of the SDSO handles these cases; San Diego County Regional Human Trafficking and CSEC Advisory Council – pending state legislation*
- *CWS is working with Probation Dept., how do we provide services to offenders detained in Juvenile Hall? Public service announcements; county video to create awareness may be played in sheriff's stations, jails, courts*
- *Education prevention; Safety Net –started in 2008*
- *LE needs assistance from court; Judge Caietti to connect LE to Court Child Abuse Unit*

Chair Zanders-Willis thanked the LE for their partnership.

IX. Announcements

There were no announcements.

X. Adjournment

Chair Zanders-Willis adjourned the meeting of the Child Abuse Prevention Coordination Council at 4:35 p.m. to reconvene on January 21, 2014.