

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

TUESDAY– APRIL 16, 2013

5520 Overland Ave., County Operations Center (COC) Hearing Room
San Diego, CA 92123
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Voting Members Present:

Debra Zanders-Willis (Chair), Chief Mack Jenkins (Vice-chair), Hon. Judge Caietti; Kathy Smith-Brooks; Larry Richman; Barbara Warner

Absent:

Cindy Dumas, Twila Perucci, Emerald Randolph

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Zanders-Willis called the meeting of the Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council to order at 3:11 pm. Chair Zanders-Willis introduced Judge Carolyn Caietti who is now the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court and will be attending the Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council meetings.

II. Approval of the Minutes – January 15, 2013

On motion of Vice-Chair Jenkins, seconded by Council member Richman, the Council approved the minutes of January 15, 2013. All were in favor.

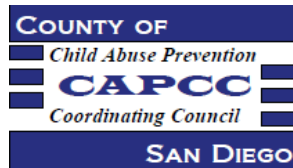
III. Public Comment

IV. Report from the Chair

- 1. San Diego Family Strengthening Network – holding **The Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening and Support** training on May 29, 2013 in National City. CAPCC co-sponsored this training. **San Diego Family Strengthening Network** is an evolving network that brings together 145 family strengthening organizations that directly or indirectly impact child abuse prevention in San Diego. **The Training** is a full-day certification training on **The Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening and Support** which details the nine Principles of Family Support and the Strengthening Families approach, with its evidence-based five Protective Factors, applied together to enhance work with families. Whether you are setting up a new program or strengthening an existing one, the Standards provide a blueprint for implementing best practice.*
- 2. Stephanie Lawson, CAPCC Coordinator's last day is on Thursday, April 18, 2013. We will be recruiting to fill this position.*
- 3. Heart Gallery of the Adoptions Unit - This is an effort to recruit adoptive homes and create permanency for kids.*
- 4. Acknowledgment of Dignitaries/Board Aides – Danny Melgoza and Christie Knight*

May 29th – Training of Family Support Network

V. Action Items



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A. Review and Discuss Community Dialogues on Child Abuse Prevention

Working with Public Conversations West and Casey to host a public dialogue with the CAPCC Council on the topic of Child Abuse Prevention in San Diego County.

B. Safe4Baby Public Awareness Campaign

Materials and media outreach, show videos at Family Resource and Public Health Centers, partner with the Department of Parks and Recreation for movie nights.

- *Held Safe4Baby meeting with representatives from CWS, Law Enforcement, Public Health Nursing. Also presented at the Child Fatality Review Committee meeting and working with program experts to identify material and messages that will benefit our families.*
- *Ordered Safe Sleep for Your Baby videos with the intent of having them placed in the CWS, FRC and various lobbies around the County. Distributed by Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.*
- *Working with Parks and Recreation to air Safe4Baby messaging during the Movies in the Park.*

VI. Public Forum – Time Certain 3:30p.m.

Keynote Speaker Elias Lopez

- *Elias Lopez, Former Foster Youth & CEO of GenerationNext, whose purpose is to develop the next generation of leaders from foster care and beyond*
- *Elias Lopez is an accomplished, certified speaker, trainer and coach at age 24. He discovered his skill as a teacher when he started leading martial arts classes at a young age.*
- *In his work now at GenerationNext he has partnered with many advocacy and non-profit groups that equip youth in their personal development since 2005. Elias emancipated from foster care in 2008 and currently lives in Sacramento County.*

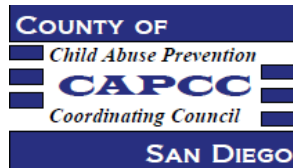
VII. Presentation of the 2013 STARS Awards

1. Sharon Delphenich

- ☆ *Dedicated to bettering the lives of children and families in the San Diego community for more than 40 years*
- ☆ *Addressed the well-being of children and prevention of abuse as a community outreach worker, licensed therapist and parent educator*
- ☆ *For the past 16 years, she has served as the Executive Director for Casa de Amparo, helping establish this nonprofit organization as a leader in the treatment and prevention of child abuse and neglect*
- ☆ *She is not only committed to making San Diego a community where child abuse is not tolerated, she is also a visionary in what it takes to realize that goal*

2. Brandi Cropper

- ☆ *Volunteer/ Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for Voices for Children*
- ☆ *Lieutenant Junior Grade - she served in the U.S. Navy and has set the standard for what it means to be a CASA, advocating for children and building relationships with them even while she was deployed overseas*
- ☆ *while serving her country, she advocated for a six year old foster child who had been abandoned and was shuffled from relative to relative, until he was placed into therapeutic foster care;*



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- ☆ *She remained in contact with the boy even while deployed, communicating via email and videotaping herself reading books to him*

3. **Mi Escuelita Preschool**

- ☆ *South Bay Community Services: Mi Escuelita Preschool is a free, full-day, therapeutic preschool designed to serve children ages 3-5 who have been traumatized by family violence and/or abuse and neglect*
- ☆ *Their goal is to help vulnerable children develop emotionally, socially and developmentally so they can enter kindergarten ready to learn*
- ☆ *Since it opened in 2006, the preschool has demonstrated outstanding success rates*
- ☆ *Students in the program have shown that they are ready for kindergarten and score similarly or better than their peers*

Presentation by Mack Jenkins, Co-Chair – CAPCC and Chief Probation Officer

1. **Michael Carr**

- ☆ *Visionary in the field of social services, with a 38 year commitment to working with youth in the inner city*
- ☆ *Executive Director of Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) San Diego for over 30 years, guiding the organization to becoming a leader in the development of community based partnerships and collaborations in San Diego*
- ☆ *Under his leadership, SAY has been at the forefront in this County in preventing child abuse*
- ☆ *Developed innovative programs that have helped families from entering the CWS system as well as strengthening families so that children can be reunited with their parents*

2. **Sheriff's Department Detective Ali Perez, Sergeant Craig Johnson & Deputy Michael Spears**

- ☆ *San Diego County Sheriff's Detective Ali Perez, Sergeant Craig Johnson and Deputy Michael Spears were met with gunfire from a high-caliber rifle when they went to arrest a man suspected of molesting two girls in Lakeside last September*
- ☆ *Detective Perez and Sergeant Johnson were seriously wounded by the suspect*
- ☆ *Deputy Spears kicked open a nearby apartment door and pulled Sergeant Johnson to safety.*
- ☆ *Deputy Spears' quick thinking helped both men escape the hail of additional gunfire from the suspect's apartment.*
- ☆ *These brave men demonstrated their commitment to preventing child abuse in our community by risking their lives and very nearly making the ultimate sacrifice to protect the young victims of abuse.*

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Zanders-Willis adjourned the meeting of the Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council at 4:14 pm to reconvene on July 16, 2013.