

Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council

Mammoth Lakes Library – Ellie Randol Room

400 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA

December 9, 2013 12:00-1:00PM

MEETING MINUTES

CAPC Members Present: Barbara Miller-MUSD Director of Husky Club, DonnaLisa Knowles-Parent, Alex Ellis-Department of Social Services (DSS), Susi Bains-Wild Iris, Cindy Duriscoe-IMACA, Molly DesBaillets-First 5.

Guests: Marlo Preis-DSS, Lisa Reel- Wild Iris and CASA Program

CAPC Coordinator: Didi Tergesen- Mono County Office of Education.

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Barbara Miller at 12:02 PM.
- 2. Public Comment:** Lisa Reel gave an update on the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program. The National CASA program started about thirty years ago. Last year, Inyo and Mono Counties collaborated to create a dual county CASA program. CASAs are sworn in officers of the court that advocate for foster and adjudicated youth. Currently there are three children working with CASAs. Four individuals are working to complete their CASA training. For more information visit <http://www.easternsierracasa.org>.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Susi Bains motioned to approve the September 9, 2013 meeting minutes. Molly DesBaillets seconded the motion. No discussion. All approved. **Motion carried.**
- 4. CAPC Membership:** Sandra Pearce, from the Mono County Health Department, resigned in mid-September. Curtis Hill, from Mono County Probation Department submitted a letter of interest to serve on the CAPC. Susi Bains moved to approve Curtis Hill to be a new member of the CAPC. Alex Ellis seconded the motion. All approved. No discussion. **Motion carried.**
- 5. CAPC Membership Requirements:** Please visit www.fppc.ca.gov to complete the required two-hour ethics training. Online training needs to be completed every two years. Form 700 needs to be signed every year. If you have completed ethics training for other Boards, you do not need to do it again. Please print and sign the certification of completion, Form 700 and send to Didi.
- 6. Overview of OCAP Fact Sheets:** Marlo presented an overview of the most recent OCAP Fact Sheets that guide current programs. CAPIT grant funds support First 5's "Parents as Teachers" home visiting program and Wild Iris' parenting and co-parenting classes. Wild Iris uses CBCAP to support mental health services, outreach and education and child abuse neglect activities. PSSF funds support Wild Iris programs and services that address the four requirements under the PSSF grant: encouraging family preservation, community based support services, adoption and time sensitive family unification. Additional discussion, Alex shared that based on DSS's System Improvement Plan, there is a need for differential response in cases where child abuse reports do not fit the legal criteria. Ideally, other Community Based Organizations would intervene before a report and also respond to these specific child abuse reports. Supervised visitation (for parents that need help with visitation) is another area of need.
- 7. Foster Parent Outreach:** Marlo shared that she and Kathy Peterson, Director of Social Services, presented DSS's foster parent outreach plans and strategies to the Board of Supervisors. Currently Mono County has one foster parent. This

year's goal is to increase licensed foster care homes in Mono County by 200%. Licensing takes place from an office in Fresno, Fresno Foster Licensing Care. DSS supports people through the process of becoming a foster parent. In October, there was a Foster Parent Orientation meeting in Mammoth Lakes where six people attended. DSS is coordinating with the CAPC coordinator and Wild Iris to increase outreach efforts. CAPC coordinator sent out over 800 flyers to all Mono County elementary students prior to the last Foster Parent Orientation meeting. Susi presented to the Mammoth Lakes Women's Club and plans to present to other service clubs. DSS will continue to use the following strategies for foster parent recruitment: radio interviews, emails, flyers, posting on Mono County's calendar, newspaper articles and advertisements. Next Foster Parent Informational Meeting is January 8th at the Antelope Valley Community Center in Walker from 5:30 – 7:00 PM.

8. Update from CAPC Coordinator: In mid-October Didi attended the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Summit in Sacramento. She encourages all to consider attending this conference next year, as it was worthwhile. If you haven't had a chance to look at her conference notes, there are some good resources and links. Strongest messages from the conference; the importance of being culturally sensitive when working with families; the prevalence of the Protective Factors throughout agencies and organizations in California and nationally; and the importance of using messages of hope instead of fear and tragedy when working with prevention messages for child abuse and neglect. After the conference, Didi revised the Public Service Announcements (PSAs) to focus on the Protective Factors. She shared the latest PSA with the group. She has been in contact with KMMT to run the PSAs. Also, from the conference, the Strengthening Families team is interested in providing a county-wide training on cultural competency.

9. CAPC Special Projects: CAPC has a \$3,000 Special Projects budget that needs to be used by June 30, 2014. The group discussed possible special projects that would address the County's needs: a Mono County 211 phone line, Foster Parent Outreach and Support, trainings on the Protective Factors for Parent Leaders (Leaders for Change) and Supporting Father Involvement. Next meeting CAPC Special Projects funding proposals will be on the agenda.

10. Program Updates

a. Wild Iris – CAPIT, CBCAP and PSSF funds. Susi reported on first quarter activities. CAPIT: five parents participated in a six-week parenting class. Additionally, one parent completed an eight-week co-parenting class. PSSF: Wild Iris serviced a total of four high-risk families. CBCAP: there are seven clients receiving Mental Health services and six parents in a parent support group. Of the six, five participated in all of the groups. In the second quarter, numbers have increased dramatically.

b. First 5 – CAPIT and Strategies for Supporting Father Involvement. TABLED until next meeting.

11. Mission Statement: Molly motioned to approve a new mission statement. Susi seconded the motion. No discussion. All approved. **Motion Carried. New Mission Statement:** "Mono County CAPC is dedicated to supporting activities, resources and programs that encourage safe, healthy and resilient families."

12. Next meeting: March 10, 2013 at the Mammoth Lakes Library from 12:00 – 1:00PM.

13. Meeting Adjourned: 1:02 PM.

14. Respectfully submitted by Didi Tergeesen, Mono County CAPC Coordinator.