

# Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council

Mammoth Lakes Library – Ellie Randol Reading Room

400 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

September 14, 2015 11:30AM-1:00PM

## Minutes

CAPC Members Present: Molly DesBaillets, First 5 Mono County  
Alex Ellis, Mono County Department of Social Services  
Susi Bains, Wild Iris  
Curtis Hill, Mono County Probation Department

CAPC Members Absent: Sal Montanez, Mono County Behavioral Health Department  
DonnaLisa Knowles, Parent Advocate and Community Member

CAPC Coordinator: Didi Tergesen, Mono County Office of Education

Guests: Queenie Barnard, IMACA

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairperson, Molly DesBaillets called the meeting to order at 11:42 AM.
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** Curtis Hill motioned to approve the Minutes from June 8, 2015. Susi Bains seconded the motion. No additional comments. All approved. Motion carried.
- 5. Update CAPC Membership:** Cindy Duriscoe, formerly IMACA's Director of Child Development and Family Services, submitted a letter of resignation. Susi Bains motioned to approve Cindy's resignation letter. Curtis Hill seconded. No discussion. All approved. Motion carried.  
  
Queenie Barnard, IMACA's Director of Community Connection for Children, Alternative Payment Program and the Mono County Child Care Council Coordinator submitted a letter of interest to serve as a member on the council. Susi Bains motioned to approve Queenie Barnard's letter of interest to serve on the CAPC. Curtis Hill seconded. No discussion. All approved. Motion carried.  
  
Mono County CAPC by-laws allow for up to eight members. Currently, the CAPC has seven members. Didi Tergesen, CAPC Coordinator will send members a CAPC recruitment letter for members to share.
- 6. CBCAP, PSSF and CTF Funding for CAPC Program and CAPC Coordination:** On July 14, 2015, the Mono County Board of Supervisors approved the continuation of funding for the next two fiscal years (FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17). CBCAP (Community Based Child Abuse Prevention), PSSF (Promoting Safe and Stable Families) and CTF (County Children's Trust Fund) are OCAP (Office of Child Abuse Prevention) funds. Please see summary of budget, Attachment A.

**7. CAPIT Grant renewed by DSS with First 5 and Wild Iris:** Department of Social Services renewed the CAPIT (Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment) contract with First 5 and Wild Iris for the next two fiscal years (FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17). Please see summary of budget, Attachment A.

**8. Program and Coordinator Sharing and Updates:**

**a. First 5:** Molly DesBaillets, Director of First 5 shared an update for the first quarter. This quarter, home visitors are working with 35 Mono County families, with a total of 49 children being served. Eleven of the 35 families meet national high need standards. Families' meet national high needs standards when they possess two of the ten high needs indicators. Low income is the most common high need criteria that First 5 sees in Mono County families. Families with two or more children under the ages of five are the second most common high need indicator. And lastly, families who have a child with special needs is the third most common high need criteria seen in the county by First 5.

Molly is providing support for home visitors through reflective supervision every two months. First 5 staff will attend the Department of Social Services training "Trauma-informed Care" on September 16, 2015. After the morning training, County Counsel will provide HIPAA training to the First 5 staff.

**b. Wild Iris:** Susi Bains, Director of Programs, Wild Iris shared that this quarter the CBCAP is helping to support one individual with mental health services. Additionally, upon request by social services, Susi provided alternative response to several families. Wild Iris provided financial support to the new foster parent in the county through the PSSF grant, to help the new foster parent with the cost of becoming a foster parent. One family is receiving transportation support to get to and from appointments. This quarter, two families are being helped with supervised visitation. On October 9, 2015 Wild Iris will screen a short film "ReMoved" about a young girl removed from her family due to domestic violence. The screening is to help fundraise and encourage domestic violence and foster parent community awareness and involvement.

Additionally, foster parent and CASA information will be provided at the screening. The CAPIT grant supports Wild Iris's parenting classes. This quarter, twenty parents are enrolled in the parenting class and there is a waitlist. Instructors are using a Strengthening Families curriculum.

**c. MCOE, CAPC Coordinator:** CAPC Coordinator recently provided a Strengthening Families through the Protective Factors story time at the Mammoth Lakes Library. CAPC Coordinator introduced several books to introduce the protective factors. In addition, parents received information on the Protective Factors with a September calendar of family strengthening activities. Coordinator contract increased from 4 hours/week to 8 hours/week this year. Special Projects funds will not

be offered this year. CAPC Coordinator plans to continue Strengthening Families Protective Factors outreach through First 5's Pea Pod playgroups, library story times and through working with the Strengthening Families team to create a bookmark contest "What I Love Most About My Family" and is available to offer Mandated Reporter trainings.

**9. CAPC Agency Member Sharing and Updates:** CAPC members have the option to share information related to the mission of the CAPC:

- a. Department of Social Services (DSS): Alex Ellis shared that DSS recently hired a new social worker, who is bilingual and a Program Manager. There is one new foster parent in the county. Currently there are three foster families in Mono County. Since January 2015, there have been seven foster children. Alex explained, California Codes NREFM and AB12. NREFM (Non-related extended family member) allows Child Welfare departments to place children with "non-related extended family members" after specific verification. AB12 extends support services to foster youth between the ages of 18-21 years of age, to help them transition into adulthood. There are prerequisites for the youth to receive assistance, for instance, they need to be actively job searching or enrolled in a work education program.
- b. IMACA: No updates at this time.
- c. Wild Iris: Susi shared that Wild Iris recently hired one new bilingual counselor who is currently being trained. They are looking for an additional crisis counselor.
- d. Probation Department: Curtis Hill from Probation shared that they will have a new case management system this week that will improve their ability to compile statistics and reports. Probation will hold a Racial Ethnic Disparity Grant meeting at the end of the month.
- e. First 5: Molly shared PeaPod group information.
- f. MCOE/First 5, Safe Kids: Didi shared the September 19<sup>th</sup> Car Seat Check Event Flyer and will send out the Safe Kids Mono resource flyer.
- g. Brainstorm/Suggestions: Group discussed the importance of sharing trainings (i.e. Trauma-informed care and WRAP trainings) and to hold trainings or information sessions related to Multi-disciplinary teams (MDT). After or during the WRAP process, it was suggested that the WRAP support team meet to discuss ways to best work with the family.

**10. Meeting Schedule for 2015-16:** December 14, 2015; March 14, 2015 and June 6, 2015: 11:30 AM-1:00PM at the Mammoth Lakes Library.

**11. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM**

**12. Respectfully submitted by Didi Tergesen, CAPC Coordinator**