

# Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council

North Star Counseling Center

365 Sierra Park Road, Suite 103, Mammoth Lakes

March 11, 2013 12:00-1:00PM

## Minutes

**CAPC Members Present:** Barbara Miller, Sandra Pearce, Susi Bains, Robbi Downey, Robyn Wisdom. **Guests:** Karen Olson, Ellen Thompson. **CAPC Coordinator:** Didi Tergesen.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Barbara Miller at 12:02 PM.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Approval of Minutes:** Susi Bains moved to approve the amended December 10, 2012 draft minutes. Sandra Pearce seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

**CAPC Membership Update:** Kathy Peterson, as the new Director of Social Services will no longer serve on the CAPC. Mary Stanley retired from Social Services, so will no longer be on the CAPC. Robbi Downey announced she is leaving the area at the end of the month. At this time, no new *letters of interest* were submitted. We will continue to pursue new members to expand the CAPC.

**Mono County CAPC Mission Statement and Website:** Didi Tergesen introduced the new CAPC website that was created with help from Sandra Pearce and Kirk Hartstrom, from Mono County IT. The CAPC webpage is housed within Mono County's website, under "Boards and Commissions". Now that we are able to update and manage our website, it may be a good time to reassess our Mission Statement and Goals. Didi will send out the current Mission Statement and Goals for review with some suggestions for new CAPC Mission Statements. Updating the Mission Statement and Goals will be an action item on the next meeting agenda. Also, Didi will continue to add content to and manage the website. Please consider this a great opportunity to share resources, programs, trainings etc.

### Program Updates:

- **CAPIT (Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment)**
- **CBCAP (Community Based Child Abuse and Prevention Program)**
- **PSSF (Promoting Safe and Stable Families)**
  1. **Wild Iris:** CBCAP, PSSF and CAPIT Activities - Susi Bains shared that Wild Iris, through the CAPIT grant is offering two new parenting classes – one in Chalfant and one in Mammoth Lakes. Wild Iris has a total of two parenting classes in Mammoth (one in English and one in Spanish). Additionally, there is a weekly Parent Support group in Mammoth attended by 13 individuals. Through PSSF funds, Wild Iris is working with two families involved in reunification. Under the CBCAP, Wild Iris has referred six clients who are uninsured or underinsured to receive counseling from Mono County Behavioral Health Department. Wild Iris has started a Community Outreach and Education campaign for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Currently they have 30-second PSA's on the radio. Next month they will continue with newspaper articles and advertisements in both English and Spanish.
  2. **First 5 Mono County:** CAPIT Activities, John Fisher provided a written summary of the "Parenting Partners Year to Date Report" (see attached).
  3. **IMACA:** This past fall, Alex Ellis and Marlo Preis offered a "Child Abuse Mandated Reporter Training" for local child care providers. The training was well attended and well received. Participants explored topics such as child abuse and neglect warning signs, what constitutes neglect, culturally acceptable discipline, provider responsibility and how to complete report forms. IMACA is interested in providing an annual

training. Two online Mandated Reporter trainings were mentioned (UC Davis and Rady's) as additional valuable resources. These links will be added to our website.

#### **4. Strengthening Families**

**a. Supporting Father Involvement (SFI):** Robbi Downey shared that she, Ana Danielson and Didi Tergesen went to a one-day training on SFI in Sacramento on January 11, 2013 where they gained information on the importance of the father's role and ways to encourage greater father involvement. Simple strategies such as changing office décor, posters depicting negative images of males and mother-dominated forms were offered as ways to create a more welcoming environment for men. A more in depth SFI grant is being offered through Sierra-Sacramento Regional Coalition and Strategies that would provide training to 2 Mental Health Providers per county. The Strengthening Families team will look to possibly coordinate with another small county (Inyo or Alpine) to receive this grant and more in depth training. The Strengthening Families team will continue to look at ways to encourage greater Father Involvement locally.

**b. An Introduction to the Protective Factors (PF):** Sandra Pearce shared that "An Introduction to the 5 PF" training held in Bishop on February 7, 2013 was well attended by Mono County (16 participants attended from Mono County, 6-7 from Inyo County and 2 -3 from Alpine). This training was paid for from the Children's Trust Fund. The training combined good presentations with practical activities. If we would like to offer a Strategies training in Mono County, they offer free trainings and are willing to come to Mono County. This may be something that the Strengthening Families team will pursue for a Community Educational event for next fall.

**Update on County Self Assessment (CSA):** Karen Olsen, Community Services Solutions (CSS), is currently doing the County Self Assessment (CSA). They have completed 9 out of the 10 sections. They have incorporated CAPC activities into the report. The CSA will be sent for edit to the Child Welfare and Probation Departments. The Draft CSA Report will be sent to the state for review and edits in Middle mid-April. The Final 2013 CSA will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in Mid-May. The CSA cycle will be every 5 years now.

**Update on Children's Trust Fund Balance:** As of 3/4/2013 there was a balance of \$5,000 in the CTF. After MCOE is reimbursed the \$960 for the 16 registrations for An Intro to the PF, the balance will be \$4040.

**IMACA request for CTF:** Robyn Wisdom from IMACA presented a request for Children's Trust Fund monies to purchase 7 additional car seats for low-income families. Last year, First 5 received a Child Passenger Car Seat Technician mini-grant. First 5 contracted with IMACA, who had two individuals trained as Certified Technicians. IMACA would like to continue to offer free car seats to low-income families. The initial request was for \$730. The council discussed increasing the amount to not to exceed \$800 to cover any potential increases in cost or shipping. Susi Bains moved to recommend funding IMACA's Child Car Seat proposal from the Children's Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed \$800. Robbi Downey seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

**Round Table Discussion:** Wild Iris is hosting two Darkness2Light trainings – one in Bishop (which is full) and one in Mammoth (still open). The training teaches individuals how to recognize and respond to child sexual abuse. The Mammoth training will be on April 29, 2013 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The Registration Form is available for download on our CAPC website. Mammoth Hospital is hosting a Kid Safe Coalition meeting on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 3:00 PM. Sandra will email Didi with additional information to send out to the CAPC.

**Next meeting June 10, 2013 12:00 – 1:00 PM North Star Counseling Center**

**Meeting adjourned at 1:03 PM**

Respectfully submitted; Didi Tergesen, Mono County CAPC Coordinator