

Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council

Mono County Office of Education
451 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA
September 9, 2013 12:00-1:00PM

MEETING MINUTES

CAPC Members Present: Barbara Miller-MUSD Director of Husky Club, Susi Bains-Wild Iris, Alex Ellis-Department of Social Services (DSS).

Guests: Cindy Duriscoe-IMACA, Marlo Preis-DSS, Cristina Whitlock-Department of Behavioral Health, Molly DesBalliets-First 5, Curtis Hill-Probation, Jim Leddy-Mono County Administrative Officer (by phone).

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

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Barbara Miller at 12:02PM.
2. **Introductions**
3. **Public Comment:** Jim Leddy, Mono County CAO introduced himself and is in attendance to learn more about CAPC and offer partnership.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Susi Bains motioned to approve the June 10, 2013 meeting minutes. Alex Ellis seconded the motion. No discussion. All approved. **Motion carried.**
5. **CAPC Membership:** Robyn Wisdom of IMACA resigned at the end of June. Cindy Duriscoe, Molly DesBalliets and Cristina Whitlock submitted letters of interest to serve on the CAPC. Susi Bains moved to approve Cindy, Molly and Cristina as new members of the CAPC. Alex Ellis seconded the motion. All approved. No discussion. **Motion carried.**
6. **Overview of Grant Funded Contracts:** Marlo Preis of Social Services provided an overview of programs that are funded by the Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP). These contracts are for two-year terms (FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15). The Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT) and Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) contracts will not need to be voted on by the CAPC.
 - a. Wild Iris – PSSF funds in the amount of \$20,000 (\$10,000 per year for two years) provide programs and services that address the four requirements under the PSSF grant encouraging family preservation, support services, adoption and foster promotion and time sensitive family unification.
 - b. Wild Iris - CAPIT funds in the amount of \$70,328 (\$35,164 per year for two years) to continue Parenting and Co-parenting classes in Mono County.
 - c. First 5 Mono County - CAPIT funds in the amount of \$59,764 (\$29,882 per year for two years) to continue “Parenting as Teachers” program with their home visiting program.
7. **Recommend Grant Funded Contracts:** Marlo Preis shared the proposed contracts with Wild Iris and Mono County Office of Education for two year terms (FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15) funded with County Children’s

Trust Fund (CCTF) and Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) funds. These contracts will need to be reviewed and voted on by the CAPC.

- a. Wild Iris – CBCAP/CCTF funds in the amount of \$35,680 (\$17,840 per year for two years). The CBCAP funds need to include Mental Health services, outreach and education, parent self-help/ follow-up services, and child abuse and neglect services. The contract is identical to last year with one significant change. The Wild Iris contract for FY 2013-14 and 2014-15 will have less funding available for Mental Health services. Susi Bains, Cristina Whitlock and Alex Ellis recused themselves from the vote. Cindy Duriscoe motioned to approve Wild Iris' contract. Barbara Miller seconded the motion. No discussion. All approved. **Motion carried.**
- b. Mono County Office of Education (MCOE) – CCTF funds in the amount of \$24,320 (\$12,160 per year for two years). CAPC coordination services will be the same as last year with two important changes. CCTF funds will be used to fund CAPC coordination instead of the CAPIT grant. An additional change will be that CAPC will now have their own budget of \$3,000 to fund child abuse prevention programs and services. The group will not need Board of Supervisors approval. Alex Ellis recused herself from voting. Cindy Duriscoe motioned to approve funding MCOE's contract. Barbara Miller seconded the motion. All approved. No discussion. **Motion carried.**

8. Program Updates:

- a. **Wild Iris** – CBCAP, PSSF and CAPIT Activities. Susi Bains shared the final progress report for 2013. Through CBCAP funds, Wild Iris supported mental health services to seventeen clients. Wild Iris provided English and Spanish parenting support groups to nineteen parents for thirty-six weekly group sessions. Addressing child abuse and prevention outreach, Wild Iris ran PSAs at four local radio stations during Child Abuse Prevention month. They experienced a 10% increase in child abuse reports for up to 3 months after the PSAs. Wild Iris also went on a local radio station to speak on child sexual abuse and child abuse and neglect. In addition, Wild Iris advocated for Mono County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes to adopt April as Child Abuse Prevention Month by presenting to the Board of Supervisors and Town of Mammoth Lakes. Seventy-five participants attended two Darkness2Light trainings, a program that focuses on education and prevention of child sexual abuse. Wild Iris had a booth at KidApolooza with information on how to report child abuse. Under the CAPIT and PSSF funding, fourteen parents completed parenting and co-parenting classes using the "Active Parenting Now" program. For family preservation and support, Wild Iris assisted five families who were at risk to have their child removed from home. The same families took advantage of services related to time limited family unification. Wild Iris is working in close collaboration with DSS on the promotion of adoption and outreach for foster parenting.

- b. First 5, Mono County – CAPIT Activities.** Molly shared data tracking child abuse trends in Mono County and the state. Molly is interested in the increase in reported child abuse cases for children age birth to one year old. She will look at this data to help guide First 5's programs. Molly shared that in the last year, First 5's Home Visitors have grown immensely in dealing with high needs homes. Through the CAPIT grant, First 5 will now be able to expand their "Parents as Teachers" program to serve families with children age one through five. Once approved by the First 5 Commission and Board of Supervisors, home visitors will attend a conference that will give them skills to retain high needs families, support father involvement and increase their support system.
- c. Advertising for Foster Parent Outreach –** Marlo spoke on the need to recruit foster parents and shared that Mono County currently has only one licensed temporary foster home. Many children have had to leave the county to be placed in foster care. Alex shared that there are five children in foster care currently. Wild Iris will be undertaking outreach efforts by presenting the need for foster parents at the Rotary, Lions and Mammoth Lakes Women's Clubs. Didi Tergesen shared a Foster Care Orientation Meeting flyer that will be sent home in all elementary school children's homework folders next week.
- 9. Update from CAPC Coordinator:** Didi invited everyone to attend a webinar on Resilience at 9:30AM, the 11th of September and shared that she will attend the State Child Abuse Prevention Summit in mid-October. She is excited to move forward with assisting DSS in foster care outreach. For outreach and education, Didi would like to do parenting tip PSAs. She requested CAPCs help and will send a google document with instructions. Molly shared that the Hospital has a TV channel that focuses on 60-second educational pieces put on by Parenting Counts called "inercials".
- 10. Update on County Self Assessment (CSA)** Marlo shared that every five years the county is required to do a self assessment. The CSA was just completed and has been signed by all parties involved, but is waiting for final approval. DSS uses the CSA as a guide to help them decide which programs will fill the needs of the community. Didi will email the CSA to anyone who would like a copy.
- 11. Mono County CAPC Mission Statement: TABLED**
- 12. Set Meeting Calendar Adjourned and Location for Fiscal Year 2013-2014:** Group discussed winter parking as an issue at MCOE. The Mammoth Lakes Library is available and has ample parking. Group discussed having the two winter meetings (December and March) at the Library. June and September meetings will be located at the Mono County Office of Education. Molly motioned to approve the meeting locations. Susi seconded the motion. All approved. No discussion. **Motion carried.**
- 13. Next Meeting:** Next meeting is December 9, 2013 at the Mammoth Lakes Library from 12:00 – 1:00PM.
- 14. Meeting Adjourned, 1:06.**
- 15. Respectfully submitted** by Didi Tergesen, Mono County CAPC Coordinator.