

Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council

Mammoth Lakes Library – Upstairs Conference Room

400 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA

March 10, 2014 12:00-1:00PM

MEETING MINUTES

CAPC Members Present: Barbara Miller-MUSD Director of Husky Club
Alex Ellis-Department of Social Services (DSS)
Susi Bains-Wild Iris (WI)
Cindy Duriscoe-IMACA
Molly DesBaillets-First 5
Curtis Hill, Mono County Probation Department.

Guests: Ana Danielson- Mono County Office of Education (MCOE).

CAPC Coordinator: Didi Tergeesen- MCOE, CAPC Coordinator.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Barbara Miller at 12:05 PM.
2. **Introductions**
3. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Susi Bains motioned to approve the December 9, 2013 meeting minutes. Molly DesBaillets seconded the motion. No discussion. All approved. **Motion carried.**
5. **CAPC Membership:** No changes.
6. **CAPC Membership Requirements:** Please visit www.fppc.ca.gov to complete the required two-hour ethics training. 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. Online training needs to be completed every two years. Please print and sign the certification of completion, Form 700 and send to Didi.
7. **Special Projects Funding Proposal:** CAPC heard funding requests on proposed Special Projects to be completed by June 30th, 2014. CAPC Special Projects Budget totals \$3,000.
 - a. **North Star Counseling Center (NSCC):** Ana Danielson, MCOE, requested funds to support counseling services to students and families in Mono County. In 2012-2013, MCOE provided over \$19,000 in voucher funds for MUSD and ESUSD students and families. As of February 28th, \$14,533 was expended. MCOE allotted \$15,000 of voucher funds for this year. Ana is requesting funds from \$525, for fifteen counseling sessions, up to \$1,400 for forty counseling sessions. Each counseling session is \$35. Alex asked why the budget is less this year. Ana responded that there is less available this year and also explained that the funding that helped to start and support North Star will be ending on June 30th. Alex commented that DSS has found NSCC invaluable. Susi shared that WI has funds to provide individuals and/or families counseling sessions at NSCC. WI's only requirement is that the individual or family is at risk. First 5 also offered that they have funds to support counseling for children, five and under, and their families. Barbara suggested that since WI and First 5 have offered to support funding counseling for individuals at NSCC, that it may make sense to balance the special projects budget by funding NSCC a reduced amount. All of the requests add

up to \$350 over the \$3,000 budget. Susi motioned to approve funding thirty NSCC Counseling sessions for a total of \$1,050. Molly seconded the motion. No additional discussion. All approved. **Motion carried.**

- b. Cultural Awareness Training:** Didi requested that the CAPC support funding \$150 for Cultural Awareness Training by Lourdes Gonzalez. She shared the importance of understanding the cultures of the families we work with in our county. The training cost is approximately \$300. She is requesting that the CAPC fund half of the training. The other half will be covered by MCOE. Susi asked if the training was primarily addressing working with Hispanic/Latino individuals and families or if other cultures would be presented, for instance the Native American culture. Didi shared that because the trainer is Lourdes, the focus will be her culture – the Hispanic/Latino. Molly suggested that the training specifically state Hispanic/Latino Cultural Awareness Training. Molly motioned to approve funding up to \$150 for a Hispanic/Latino Cultural Awareness Training. Cindy seconded the motion. No additional discussion. All approved. **Motion carried.**
- c. Mandated Reporter Training Mini-Scholarships:** Didi shared that Rady Children’s Hospital is offering Mandated Reporter Trainer-of-Trainers (ToT) training through the Sacramento-Sierra CAPC Regional Coalition in Sacramento on Monday, April 28th. Didi plans to attend and will use the CAPC Coordination travel budget. Didi emailed Directors from Mono County agencies and organizations to recruit additional participants. Sal Montanez from MC Behavioral Health Department is interested in attending the training, but is unable due to the travel expense. Didi proposed to write a mini-scholarship to sponsor Sal Montanez to attend the ToT. Ana Danielson is also interested in becoming a Trainer-of-Trainers. Travel to the training will be covered for Sal and Ana by carpooling with Didi. Didi is requesting that CAPC Special Projects funds cover the expense of hotel, food and the cost of the training for Sal Montanez (up to \$280). Behavioral Health will cover Sal’s salary. Didi is requesting that the CAPC cover the cost of the training (\$25) for Ana Danielson. MCOE will cover hotel, food and Ana’s salary. The mini-scholarship request is for up to \$300. Susi motioned to approve the Mandated Reporter Mini-Scholarship up to \$300. Molly seconded the motion. All approved. No discussion. **Motion carried.**
- d. Car Seat Technician Training:** Molly shared that Mono County has never had a car seat technician training. At this time, there are only two certified car seat technicians in Mono County. In order to distribute free car seats to families in need, a certified car seat technician is required to install the car seat. With the current shortage of technicians, training additional people will be of great benefit to our county. Molly is requesting that the CAPC fund \$1,500 toward a Car Seat Technician Training in Mono County. There are several agencies (Sheriff’s Department, Mammoth Lakes Fire Department and Mammoth Lakes Police Department) that have agreed to pay their staffs’ salary to attend the three and a half day training and subsequently perform car seat checks. Inyo County is also interested in supporting the training and has two people interested. Molly recused herself from voting. Alex Ellis motioned to approve funding the Car Seat Technician Training for \$1,500. Cindy seconded. All approved. No discussion. **Motion carried.**
- e. Other Special Project Proposals:** There were no other special project proposals, and the 2013-2014 Special Projects Budget is no longer available for additional requests.

8. Program Updates:

- a. First 5, Mono County: Strategies for Supporting Father Involvement – Side Note: Molly requested that a 211 program update be added to the next agenda. Molly shared that supporting father involvement is an overarching philosophy of First 5 that is incorporated into every program. Molly encourages all to consider that we serve families, and to treat fathers as integral parts of the family. Molly shared Supporting Father Involvement resources and self-assessment survey. She encourages all to look at the resources and take a short amount of time to complete the survey. Through taking the self-assessment survey, Molly was able to recognize First 5's weakness and is currently addressing it through recruitment of a PeaPod leader position specifically for a father. Home visiting program has had 100 visits that include fathers. She encourages her Home Visitors to schedule appointments at convenient times so that fathers may be included, for example offering appointments in the evenings and on weekends. Home visitors also encourage information be left on the coffee table so that father can review
 - b. Wild Iris: Update on Supervised Visitation and Differential Response Efforts – Susi shared that Wild Iris has changed from "Wild Iris Women's Crisis Center" to "Wild Iris Family Counseling and Crisis Center", partly due to the addition of the CASA family program. On April 1st, 2nd and 3rd, up to fifteen individuals will be trained as Supervised Visitation certified monitors. Courts mandate supervised visitation (for child abuse cases, domestic violence, etc.), but there has been a shortage of supervised visitation monitors. After the training, there will now be neutral third party individuals that are trained and certified by the state of California to address this need. Also, WI will assist with Differential Response efforts with families designated "at risk". These are families where a child abuse case has been filed, but not substantiated. DSS strongly suggests that the family receive services so that they not become part of the system. Wild Iris will offer services to the family to proactively support them in staying out of the system.
- 9. Child Abuse Prevention Month:** Wild Iris will be doing Foster Parent Outreach, Child Abuse Awareness Month print ads and PSAs and the Clothes Line Project in conjunction with the sexual assault awareness outreach. WI Clothes Line Project will be at the Bishop City Park (4/12), Minaret Mall (4/26), Bishop High School (4/28) and Mammoth High School (4/30).
- 10. Update from CAPC Coordinator and Foster Parent Update:** In an effort to provide tools to strengthen families, three Protective Factors Public Service Announcements (PSAs) are currently airing on KMMT, KHRV and the Sierra Wave. PSAs are aired in Spanish on the Sierra Wave Spanish language program on Sunday afternoons. DSS wanted to share that there is a one new foster family in North Mono County.
- 11. Meeting time discussion:** Members discussed the need to lengthen meetings and suggested a quarterly meeting schedule with meetings starting at 11:30, ending at 1:00, due to court schedule. Meeting time extension will be added as an action item to the June agenda.
- 12. Next meeting:** June 9, 2014 at the Mono County Office of Education, Conference Room from 12:00 – 1:00PM.
- 13. Meeting Adjourned: 1:04 PM.**
- 14. Respectfully submitted** by Didi Tergesen, Mono County CAPC Coordinator.