Child Abuse Prevention Council
Monthly Council Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2010

I. Noting a quorum, the Chair, Tom Berg called the meeting to order at 3:43 PM. He asked members to introduce themselves and their agency.

Members Present were: Berg, Shields, Grinstein, Barnes, Taniguchi, Crozier, Cutino, Dittrich, Harpster, and Mounteer

Also Present: Anne Herendeen, Kathi Speller, Efrain Ramirez, Daniel Bach and Norma Aceves

II. **Public Input: Observing no members of the Public present, Berg moved to the consent agenda asking if any members had any questions regarding items on the consent agenda.**

I. **Consent Agenda:** Member Harpster asked the purpose of the conference described in Item Seven regarding Evidence Based Practice. The Director informed the CAPC that he was attending this conference at the request of the Monterey County Chief Probation Officer, Manuel Real. He was attending both as the CAPC representative on the Juvenile Justice Commission and the as current Chair of the Juvenile Justice Commission. It is the goal of the conference to help jurisdictions implement Evidence Based Practices for our incarcerated youth thereby improving the quality of the services provided to youth by Monterey County.

Harpster/Barnes then moved approval of the Consent Agenda. It passed unanimously.

1. Approval of Minutes for the May 3, 2010 CAPC Regular Monthly Meeting

2. CAPIT/CBCAP Director's Hours Authorization Report

PP Ending	May 7, 2010	72 hours
PP Ending	May 21, 2010	64 hours
PP Ending	June 4, 2010	57 hours

3. Directors Activities:

May 3, 2010	CAPC Regular Meeting

May 5, 2010	Community Alliance for Safety and Peace, (CASP) Salinas
May 5, 2010	MC Traffic Safety Committee
May 5, 2010	SOC Planning Meeting, Quad
May 10, 2010	Pathway's Communications Committee
May 17, 2010	Juvenile Justice Commission Meeting
May 19, 2010	Community Alliance for Safety and Peace, (CASP) Salinas
May 19, 2010	Governance Council, Quad
May, 20, 2010	JSORT MDIT/Steering Committee
May 25, 2010	Board of Supervisors Meeting, Salinas
May 25, 2010	CASP Luncheon, Rancho Cielo
May 26, 2010	Greater Bay Area CAPC Meeting, Marin
June 2, 2010	Community Alliance for Safety and Peace, (CASP) Salinas

4. MaRT Training Activities (number of participants)

May 10, 2010	YWCA Safehouse Program, Salinas (10)
May 13, 2010	Permanency Planning, Salinas (8)
March 18, 2010	CASA, Salinas (12)
June 2, 2010	CASA, Salinas (15)

5. Spanish Language Outreach Trainings: Efrain Ramirez
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7. The Director requests authorization to attend the Evidence Based Best Practices Conference in San Francisco, CA 0n June 28, 2010.

IV. CHOICES Program Update and Evaluation

Kathi Speller, the Executive Director of the Community of Caring, Monterey Peninsula provided members with a written evaluation and final report on the success of the CHOICES Program which was approved at our December meeting when CAPC authorized the Director to expend up to $6000 to provide administrative support for the Choices Project. $5000 was authorized for administration and $1000 was authorized to include at-risk youth who are not involved in the existing public school system. Speller thanked the CAPC for their initial support without which the CHOICES

program could not have happened. Speller also announced that because of the success of the CHOICES program, the Community of Caring, Monterey Peninsula has won a grant of $50,000 to extend the CHOICES program into schools for the coming year. The CAPC members applauded and thanked Ms. Speller for the great job she did administering the CHOICES program.

(Evaluation attached.)

V. Parent Engagement

Ashley Franklin, one of the unmet requirements of the various grant programs throughout the state is input from users of services and/or parents to develop strategic plans for boards and commissions such as CAPC. The Director will present a solution to this on-going problem that will require the input from the CAPC.

The Director informed the CAPC of his proposal to utilize the CAPC Quality Assurance Committee, an existing structured CAPC committee, as a community engagement tool. He suggested that this committee will meet quarterly and advertise their meetings throughout Monterey County. It would be composed of parents, users of services and citizens at large to discuss issues not just for CAPC, but for any agency that requires users to participate in board activity.

An extended discussion took place among members with the consensus being that it was such a broad based proposal that it would be untenable in actual practice. There would be no way to control the subject matter of such an open forum. Most input might be in the form of complaints against existing systems without regard to an improvement in process which would be the intent of the meeting. Additionally, such a broad base would require many departments to have representatives who could answer questions within their bailiwick. The Director thanked members for their input as a focus group.

VI. Harmony at Home Collaboration Request

In response to a request from a CAPC member, a Sample Grant Application Procedure (copy attached) was submitted to the CAPC as a guide to the approval of the request from Harmony at Home. A discussion took place among members who requested several changes to the application process. By consensus of the CAPC the following suggestions were made:

- The placement of time limits on the application process
- A clearer request for budget information
- A report back to the CAPC for funds distributed

- A dollar limit on the total amount of funds available for this community proposal
- The pursuit of the issue of sustainability for future grants supporting non-profit efforts in the community related to child abuse and neglect prevention and education

The Director noted the changes and asked for certain members of the CAPC who commented on the Application to review it once the changes we drafted into the document. Members Harpster, Crozier and Berg consented to review the final draft prior to its return to the CAPC. Members asked the Director to continue the Harmony at Home request until the process was completed and approved by the full CAPC. That request would then be included with and reviewed with all of the other applications.

The following item was directed to be continued until the CAPC Grant Application Program is finalized.

CAPC has received a letter of interest in a collaborative project that will help develop a resource library for schools. Her letter of proposal will be distributed at the meeting.

The CAPC authorizes the Director to expend $XXXX to fund the resource library that will provide 24 elementary schools in the Salinas Elementary School District and the Alisal Union School District. Funds would be allocated from the KIDSPLATE account in the next fiscal year that begins July 1, 2010.

VII. Director's Reports:

Safely Surrendered Baby Program: The Director announced that both he and Member Robert Taniguchi attended the BOS meeting that approved the Safely Surrendered Baby program expansion to all of the fire stations in Monterey County that met the protocols standards of DSES. The protocols for the Safely Surrendered Baby Program are monitored by the Director of the CAPC.

Form 700-members were reminded to submit the required Form 700 to the Director. The Director thanked those members who had already submitted their forms. He informed the CAPC that he would send our reminders to those members who have not had the time to complete the form.

The Children's Project: The CAPC received a request for an additional purchase of the parent child rearing handbook "How to Raise

Emotionally Healthy Children". The libraries in Salinas desire copies that would be distributed free at their parenting classes. Behavioral Health representative Bob Brunson was informed that CAPC still had several hundred copies of the book in both Spanish and English that would be available for distribution. Additional book purchase requests would be brought to the CAPC under the proposed CAPC grant program.

VIII. Outreach: Dan Bach presented a statistical report that will utilize the CAPC as a state required focus group for comment on our System of Care (SOC) requirements for the next DSES three-year plan that will develop a plan for the expenditure of Child Abuse Prevention Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT) State Grant Funds, Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Federal Grant Funds and Preserving Safe and Stables Families (PSSF) State Grant Funds.
The State in its infinite wisdom has provide us with a *185 page manual* on how they would like to have the self assessment and SIP/PQCR to be completed on a regular annual cycle.

Part of the process is to:

- improve the outcomes of family and children
- they want the responsibility of the community
- they want support services for prevention aftercare
- they want to make sure we are engaging our consumers.

Are we doing more to look at their fiscal strategies and where to remove barriers in the structure?

New and improve: how are we going to spend prevention dollars, and now that part has been intergraded into the self-assessment and SIP process The needs assessment of that plan is now part of the self-assessment and action part of the plan is now part of the System Improvement Plan. So we are basically going to make the one document work for both purposes.

Slide review:

We are working on a friendlier report card to make this process easy to understand.

Conversation around the **Reunification Composite slide:**

Comments: It is not a good idea to reunify a child to a family that is not ready because the parent

Comments: I think the children that are return to the parents…… the parents have to go through a lot to get the kids

back…. they go through lots of programs and have to have positive outcomes or the kids are not to return home.

Comments: I think one of the problems is that there is this decision of **"The Better Parent".** The law does not favor the better parent. I would assume the foster parent has gone through training and has been licensed and all these other things is going to be the better parent but that is not what the law requires and the foster parent are worse ones because this is where we remove the child because they are getting **poor care**/ they are being **marginalized/** their being treated like **second class citizens**. The law requires minimum standards of care and that's what the birth parent has to meet, and I would say by large that the parents meet this requirement or exceed. Sometimes it does become what appears to be a contest between the foster-parents and parent and that's not where the law gives the Judge that lead way.

QUESTIONS FOR THE GROUP TO THINK ABOUT?

Why do we have spikes that take place every 3yrs? Why is that happening?

Why is the population from 1-5 yrs of age not reaching permanency as quickly as they should be? Why are they staying in the system?

Why is it that 27 % of every first entry population that comes into care stays into care for more than three years? Why is this taking place?

What are we missing? Why do you think these things are taking place?

A copy of that PowerPoint (attached) was sent to all CAPC members for review and comment at out July 12, 2010 meeting. Dan Bach will prepare six questions that members will be able to review and comment upon for Part Two of this Outreach.

IX. Adjournment: The Chair notified members that the date of our next meeting is July 12m 2010 because of the July 4th holiday for our regularly scheduled meeting. At 5:10 PM he requested a motion for Adjournment. **It was moved by Shields/Taniguchi to close the meeting. It was met without objection.**

Minutes Recorded by D. R. Maradei
Director, CAPC

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