



## MINUTES

Date: 28 April 2022

Time: 9:30-10:30 AM

Location: Zoom ([Recording](#))

### Welcome & Introductions

Several community members and agency representatives introduced themselves including:

- Cherie Shoemake representing Bristol Hospice Foundation
- Sarah Haflich, Superintendent of El Tejon School District
- Eric Martinez representing California Veterans Assistance Foundation
- Martin Reynoso representing Kern County Aging and Adult Services

### Presentation: Children's Grief Camp; Bristol Hospice Foundation, Cherie Shoemake

- Bristol Hospice Foundation of California is a non-profit organization which aims to provide hospice care and compassionate support for families facing terminal illness, particularly those who are underinsured or uninsured. Programs include outreach, education, funding and bereavement support, including an annual Kids Camp.
- Kids Camp is designed for children ages 6-16. This is a free summer program for any child in the community who has suffered the death of a loved one. (Deceased family member does not have to have been served by Bristol Hospice.) Transportation is provided, as well as assistance with other possible obstacles. Bereavement counselor is on site and works with children in need.
- Type of Camp based on age group:
  - One day camp (8:30AM-1:30PM) for children 6-9 years old.
  - Overnight Camp (3 days, two nights) for kids 9-16 years old.
- Locations:
  - Bakersfield (Gregar Ranch)
  - Fresno (Camp Oakhurst)
  - NORCAL (Camp Arroyo in Livermore)
- Referrals to Kids Camp are accepted year round. Making a referral adds a child to the waiting list but does not necessarily commit them to attend. A registration packet is sent out 6 weeks prior to the start date and parents or guardians are responsible for submission. Two ways to begin:
  - Submit Online: [www.bristolhospicefoundationca.org/kids-camp](http://www.bristolhospicefoundationca.org/kids-camp)

or

- Complete and submit to the foundation office. Paper form can be printed from the website.
- Grief, Loss and Support Services
  - Support Groups for Adults and Children. Available in person or virtually.
  - One-on-One Grief Counseling
  - Materials and Resources
  - Annual Light Up a Life Ceremony (December)
- Contact Information: Michelle Amaro, Bereavement Coordinator
  - 661-716-4000, [Bereavement-Bakersfieldhospice@Bristolhospice.com](mailto:Bereavement-Bakersfieldhospice@Bristolhospice.com)

## **Roundtable: Partner Updates/Events**

- MCFRC Children's Circle meets every Wednesday, 11:00 AM at Frazier Mountain Park
- California Telephone Access Plan Lunch and Learn is every 3rd Thursday at 12:00 PM. Next session is 5/19/22.
  - Login Meeting ID: 668 155 3219 password: CTAP
- To sign up for eNews and updates about MCFRC events and programs: <https://bit.ly/31hunlC>
- Classes and social opportunities for Seniors through Kern County Aging and Adult Services:
  - Martin Reynoso (AAA planner): 661-868-1061
  - Email: reynosom@kerncounty.com

## **Adjourn**

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 26 at 9:30 a.m.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87171696136?pwd=VnpaRk5iZVdsSnRmL0JoVW41Nk91UT09>

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## **Participating Agencies**

El Tejon Unified School District

El Tejon Middle School

Kern County Library - Frazier Park Branch

Adventist Health - Children's Mobile Immunization Program

Kern County Veterans Department

California Veterans Assistance Foundation

Kern County Child Support Services

Kern County Aging & Adult Services - HICAP

Kern County Aging & Adult Services - Senior Healthy Living Program

Kern County Public Health

Kern Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

The Mountain Enterprise

Independent Living Center of Kern County

Community Connection for Child Care

Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance

California Telephone Access Program

Congressman Kevin McCarthy's Office

Mountain Communities Chamber of Commerce

Frazier Mountain Community Church

Mountain Communities Family Resource Center