



MINUTES

Date: 27 April 2023

Time: 9:30-11:00 AM

Location: 3015 Mt. Pinos Way, Frazier Park, CA 93225

Welcome and Introductions

- Several community members and agency representatives introduced themselves including:
 - Mel Weinstein, with the Veteran's Film Fest
 - Rick G, representing Mountain Memories Association and the Ridge Route Museum
 - Daisy Torrez, representing Kern Family Health Care
 - Kassie Mulligan, representing Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance
 - Chase Steigleder, Branch Manager at Frazier Park Library
 - TiYonna Mitchell, Community Development Program Specialist with Kern County Child Support Services
 - Melissa Olea-Gonzales, Program Specialist with Kern County Child Support Services
 - Kim Brown, representing Henry Mayo Community Education
 - Israel Rodriguez and Mitchell representing Flood Ministries
 - Diana Holt, ETUSD Student Success Facilitator
 - Lieutenant P. Etchbarne and Officer D.C Williams with California Highway Patrol
 - Joan Kotnik with CERT & the American Red Cross
 - Jake Lopez, Local Representative for Congressman Kevin McCarthy's Office
 - Christy Gomez, representing Balanced Fitness Plus
 - Misty Johnston, with Frazier Mountain Community Church
 - Corey Hansen, representing El Tejon Middle School

Presentation: Importance of Family Resource Centers & MCFRC Services, Lindsay Call

- The Department of Human Services recently conducted some market research with families and teens that have interfaced with the Child Welfare System to see how resource information could be delivered most effectively. They found that even short resource guides were overwhelming; what youth and families was an advocate walking beside them. In short, a Family Resource Center. A new resource was created to direct people to the nearest Resource Center in Kern:
 - <https://www.kcdhs.org/resources/community-resources>
- The Mountain Communities Family Resource Center is a community based nonprofit which aims to improve the quality of life for families and the entire mountain community.

- Our Family Success Coaching program is mainly funded by First 5 Kern through the Prop 10 Cigarette Tax. It provides customized support for families with children up to six years old. Clients enrolled into the program have priority access to our education workshops and services. Family advocates assist parents with tracking developmental milestones, personalized SMART goal support, home visits, and supplies.
- The MCFRC has an emergency food pantry on site where community members are able to pick up a food box once a month if they are experiencing food insecurity. Market gift vouchers to one of our local markets can also be provided if needed.
- Advocates are able to refer clients to many different types of resources including:
 - DHS : CalFresh, Medi-Cal, Calworks, General/ Cash Aid
 - Employment/ Resume Assistance
 - Unemployment Assistance
 - Utility Assistance
 - Rent/ Mortgage assistance
 - Prescription Assistance
 - Legal Referrals
 - Veteran Services
 - Dental/ Vision Referrals
 - Kern Transit Bus Tickets
 - Food Referrals
 - Hygiene Kits
 - Computer and phone use. Faxing and printing services.
 - Spay and Neuter Vouchers
 - Crisis intervention
 - Domestic Violence Referrals
- For more information contact an advocate at the MCFRC:
 - P: 661-245-4303 F: 661-884-6311
 - www.mcfrc.com
 - mcfrc@mcfrc.com

Discussion: Youth/Student Services

- Frazier Park Library will be hiring for a temporary position this summer in support of the summer lunch program. High School students are able to apply if they have completed the 10th grade with a work permit from the school.
 - chase.steigleder@kernlibrary.org.
- Kern County Child Support Services will be hosting Back to School drive through events on August 3, 2023
- Boys and Girls Club would like to offer a summer school program and is looking for possible grants to make that feasible.
- Mr. Jansen's 7th and 8th grade class will be taking a 14-day trip to Washington DC
- Frazier Mountain High School will be offering a summer school program with a focus in Mathematics. The summer school program is not only for students who need to recover credits but also for those who wish to get ahead. The Summer school program will also be open to 8th grade students.

- El Tejon Middle school will not be able to offer summer school this year. The middle school's FFA program will provide hot meals to families once a week as part of the program's community service initiative.
- An outdoor summer camp will be offered at El Camino Pines. Traditional camp activities, outdoor education, hiking and three meals a day are all part of this day camp program, which El Tejon will be using.
- MCFRC is exploring possibilities for sponsoring some "field trips" this summer for families up to teens. El Tejon shared that they might be able to help with transportation for their youth.
- Possible future activities for teenagers include:
 - Bike Rodeo (made possible by CHP)
 - Color Run
 - Mobile Escape Room
 - Movie on the big screen @ the Park
 - Corey suggested that our mountain youth love anything with water because of the limited water sports in our community

Roundtable: Partner Updates/ Events

- Frazier Park Library will be hosting their summer kick off on June 15, 2023 from 12:00 - 2:00pm where families can have lunch, sign up for the summer reading program, and participate in various activities. The library will also be offering a free lunch program for youth up to age 18 from June 5, 2023 to July 28, 2023.
- The MCFRC invites you and your organization to our annual Park Day/Resource Fair on June 17, 2023. There will be prizes for community members who visit many of the booths to learn about resources available to our community.
- Valley Veterans Film Fest will be held on Tuesday June 20, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Fox Theater. Please see the flyer for more information.
- GBLA is promoting Elder Abuse Awareness in the Month of May.
- Kern Family Health offers various community support services
- Ridge Route Museum is offering a scholarship for 2023. Contact the museum for details: (661) 245-7747
- Mountain Memories Association will be offering three \$500 scholarships for 2023. The deadline to apply is May 31, 2023. Winners will be announced in June. Please follow the link for more information and to access the application:
 - <https://g3o82a.a2cdn1.secureserver.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/College-Scholarship-2023.pdf>
- If you'd like to receive our 2023 monthly eNews updates about MCFRC events or programs, sign up here: <https://bit.ly/31hun1C>

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Next Meeting: Thursday, May 25 at 9:30 a.m.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83957747414?pwd=d0tJSzh3SWJ2ZHlxb055QW41Q0I3QT09>

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Participating Agencies

El Tejon Unified School District

Frazier Mountain High School

El Tejon Middle School

Frazier Mountain Community Church

Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance (GBLA)

Mountain Communities Family Resource Center

Kern Family Health Care

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