**Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) Meeting Agenda**

**February 23, 2024 from 9am-11am**

**Yolo County Health and Human Services**

**600 A St., Suite A, Davis, CA 95616**

**Call to Order. Welcome, roll call, introductions and team-building activity** (Tony Kildare, 5 minutes)**.**

* Meeting called to order at 9:06 am.
* CAPC Members/alternates present: Celina Alveraz, Victoria Zimmerle, Sara Gavin, Tony Kildare, Cecilia Lopez, Robert Strange and Shelby McGriff.
* Other attendees: Doni DeBolt (Yolo CASA), Molly Kholos (HHSA), Johnny Rods (BACA), Whitney Kulp (DLS), Jeneba Lahai (YCCA), Becky Honig (YCCA), Michelle Mattingly (YCCA), Olivia Arnold (YCCA), and Guadalupe Lugo (YCCA).
1. **Action Item: Consider approval of the agenda and approve October 27, 2023 and December 1, 2023 minutes** (Tony Kildare, 5 minutes) (Attachments A, B and C)
* Tony asked if everyone took time to review the agenda and minutes that were sent out.
	+ Reminder that attachment A (the agenda) is printed out on the table if you need a physical copy.
* Victoria mentioned that the October minutes had some typos, but otherwise looked good.
* Rob explained that the December minutes were hard to follow as it was a discussion format.
	+ Suggested the information be summarized to follow the discussion more easily.
* Lupita will start to provide a summary of the information in lengthy discussion topics.
* No public comment.
* **VOTE:** Robert Strange Motioned to approve agenda. Victoria Zimmerle Seconded. Approved by all members present.
* **VOTE:** Victoria Zimmerle Motioned to approve October 27, 2023 minutes with edits to fix typos. Cecilia Lopez Seconded. Approved by all members present.
* No motion by CAPC to approve December minutes due to updating the format. December minutes approval moved to next CAPC meeting in April.
1. **Public comment** (Tony Kildare, 5 minutes)Limited to subjects relating to the collaborative and not on the agenda. The Chair reserves the right to impose reasonable time limits on individual speakers and topics.
* No Public comment.
1. **Member announcements (10 minutes)**
* Celina Alveraz (Empower Yolo): Still looking at federal VOCA cuts, which will impact victims’ services across the country. There's a lot of work being done to discuss this with our Congress and local leaders as VOCA cuts would be catastrophic for our agency as well as other CAPC member organizations. This is cutting probably almost all of our victim services. There is a proposed legislation that if these cuts do happen that California budget would backfill these cuts which may or may not pass as well. If anybody's interested in attending any of the town halls as advocates or as survivors, we would appreciate the support. There's lots of other ways that you are able to get involved, like talking to your local leaders. which would be didn't have her said it would be a lot.
	+ The other announcement is there’s a new bill (SB 1126) that proposes to amend Section 11165.6 of the Penal Code which would remove domestic violence as a mandatory report. So, if a child witnessed or was present during a domestic violence incident, a mandatory reporter would not be required to report child abuse or neglect. This is different from mandated reporting of child abuse. Research shows that kids who witness domestic violence and are removed suffer greater consequences than kids that remain with the protective parent. There are also high disproportionate numbers of BIPOC children that are impacted by these reporting policies and it's also used as a tactic against victims.
	+ Lastly, Empower Yolo is recruiting volunteers so if you know of anyone that might be interested in the Peer Counselor Training let the know the application is open. The training certifies volunteers as peer counselors in sexual assault and domestic violence. The training allows for confidential communication when survivors call or come into our office. The 72-hour training takes place in the evenings and weekends for about 6 weeks, so it's a very intensive training. You can also check out our website for more information.
* Sara Gavin (CommuniCare + OLE): Using the Elevate Youth grant, we have coordinated the June PRIDE parade in Woodland for the last few years. Unfortunately, there has been delays with the grant and we should be starting the planning now. We want to continue supporting our LGBTQ community members but need help. Are there any agencies that would be interested in partnering and supporting? We're primarily seeking time and effort from those interested in coordinating the event, as active participation is key to its success, rather than financial contributions. You can reach to me via email at (Sara.Gavin@CommuniCareOLE.org) if you are interested in helping.
* Jeneba Lahai (YCCA): There is a coalition of organizations that provide free tax preparation services for individuals and families in Yolo County. As long as you make less than $66,000, you can go any VITA site to receive these services. Yolo County Children’s Alliance provides these at our West Sacramento Family Resource Center, Empower Yolo does it in Woodland and Davis and RISE provides them in Winters and Esparto.
* Victoria Zimmerle (First 5): I want to remind everyone that we offer small sponsorships of up to $250 for local events, trainings, and activities. Historically, these grants have been underutilized. We allocate them on an annual basis, and you can re-apply for different events as long as there is a focus on young children (0-5) and families. That application is on our website (<https://first5yolo.org/wp-content/uploads/Sponsorship-guidelines-and-form-11.2018.pdf>), and we’d be happy to see many more applications come through.
* Tony: Reminder that in March, it is Social Worker appreciation month. Take a moment to take time to thank any social worker staff at your agency or organization.
1. **Action Items (65 minutes total)**
2. Discuss and vote on the Integration of the Blue-Ribbon Commission (Tony Kildare, 20 minutes)
* Tony shared that due to low attendance and limited resources, the decision was made to disband the Blue-Ribbon Commission (BRC) during their last meeting in January.
* A BRC Logic Model was created, and due to its alignment with the CAPC’s goal the BRC members agreed an integration into the work of the CAPC would be fitting.
* Because the BRC was established as a committee of the CAPC, we need to discuss disbanding the BRC and integrating it into the CAPC’s as a permanent quarterly Bench Briefing agenda item.
* Robert agrees, highlighting a broader issue of unclear subcommittee purposes.
* Tony noted that we did look at information and statistics that affect children involved in the justice system, however, the bench was just not interested.
* The BRC approved the creation of a Logic Model to support the County’s System Improvement Plan (SIP).
* We felt that we can look at this information as well as providing the SIP recommendations here instead of doing it in another meeting.
* Sara expressed reluctance to continue another forum where we are all presenting to each other if judges are not actively participating.
* Celina cited challenges with Brown Act rules and suggested another agency could take on the BRC's work without such constraints.
* Tony explained that if that is something an organization/agency is interested in taking on, it may necessitate a different name.
* He noted the judges' passive involvement as a hurdle.
* Celina suggested other avenues for organizations to communicate statistics and information with judges if interested.
* The discussion revolved around barriers to the continuation of the BRC and everyone agreed that it was fitting to disband the BRC and integrate it into the CAPC’s work.
* No public comment.
* **VOTE**: Sara Motioned to approve the CAPC’s integration of the Blue-Ribbon Commission. Chief strange Seconded. Approved by all members present.
1. Discuss and vote on proposed bylaw changes (Tony Kildare, 15 minutes)
* Tony asked if everyone had a chance to review the most updated bylaw edits that were sent out.
* Members couldn’t see the most updated bylaws due to IT issues and lack of physical copies, so there was hesitation with approving the changes.
* No public comment.
* No motion by CAPC due to inability to review in real time (unable to access large screen in Meeting Room). Action item moved to next CAPC meeting.
1. Discuss and vote on 2024 Child Abuse Prevention Month activities (Tony Kildare, 20 minutes) (Attachments D and E)
2. Hear update and discuss dissemination plan
* Lupita reminded everyone about the Child Abuse Prevention (CAPC) Month Norther California Regional Campaign theme “Be the One”. An awareness campaign that focuses on the power of connection (one connection).
* This campaign aligned with our goals and vision for CAP month.
* The CAP Month activities will include and Op-ed, resolutions, and a social media campaign.
* As a way to involve the community we will be inviting partners and community members to participate in a county-wide Pinwheel Garden on April 26th, which is National Children’s Memorial Day.
* Celina asked if the social media campaign is ready.
* Jeneba explained that we only prepared the items that required a vote, but we also want to get a sense of direction and approval from the CAPC today to provide one before April.
* Lupita also noted, we would be working with the Communications and Engagement Committee after, and it will be provided to the rest of the CAPC before April.
* Sara asked for clarification regarding the Pinwheel Garden event.
* Lupita explained that we would provide the Pinwheels and supplies and the individuals who opt-in and request a pinwheel garden kit can decide where they would like to showcase it.
* Jeneba provided an example as YCCA is planning to plant a Pinwheel Garden outside our West Sacramento Family Resource Center.
* No public comment.
1. Discuss and vote to approve resolution (Attachment D)
* Tony requested members review the resolution that was sent out.
* He also noted that CommuniCare’s name needs to be updated.
* Robert asked about the campaign information that is bolded.
* Lupita explained that we usually summarize the campaign to emphasize what it means.
* Members were in agreement to keep the language of the campaign in the resolution document, but to just keep “Be the One” bolded to emphasize the name of the campaign.
* No public comment.
* **VOTE**: Tony Kildare Motioned to approve the CAP Month Resolution with the updated data set. Cecilia Lopez Seconded. Approved by all members present.
1. Discuss and approve which CAPC Member will receive it
* Lupita requested CAPC member volunteers to accept the resolutions as three of the city council meetings are at the same time and date.
* Volunteers to accept resolutions: YCOE-Cecilia, Davis-Jeneba, Winters- Tony, Woodland-Doni, West Sacramento- Tony, and Board of Supervisors- Tony and Rachelle.
1. Discuss and vote to Op-Ed process (Attachment E)
* Jeneba explained in the past, the CAPC’s op-ed was authored by Jim Provenza and for this item we would like the CAPC to decide who they would like the author to be and approve the document for dissemination.
* Tony requested members review the Op-ed that was sent out.
* He asked that we update the information related to the data set.
* Also noted it is ok to update the information to the 2023 data set provided by their system highlighting the disproportionality of black children in foster care.
* Tony also reminded the CAPC that Gina provided an edit to the op-ed language.
* Celina noted that the data in the op-ed informed our new goal and believes that it would be a great idea to have the CAPC author it.
* The CAPC is in agreement with having the CAPC author the Op-ed and that it be provided to the Board of Supervisors for dissemination to their networks.
* Jeneba noted that the CAPC has approved these documents with the understanding that there will be further edits and only the final version would be disseminated.
* She confirmed that Yolo County Children’s Alliance will be providing the Op-ed to various media outlets, including the first partner.
* No public comment.
* **VOTE**: Robert Strange Motioned to approve the op-ed with the updated data set and edits as the chairs and the CAPC coordinator see fit. Victoria Zimmerle Seconded. Approved by all members present.
1. Discuss CAPC Representative Membership (Tony Kildare, 10 minutes)
* Tony explained that the new Executive Director of Yolo CASA, Doni DeBolt was recently hired on, and her predecessor was a member of this council.
* This item was added to the agenda as an action item to formally appoint Doni DeBolt as a CAPC member.
* Jeneba explained that Yolo CASA has always been part of the CAPC and after a transition to a new executive director we are now proposing to make it official.
* Rob pointed out that this will keep our membership consistent.
* No public comment.
* **VOTE**: Robert Strange Motioned to approve Doni DeBolt as the Yolo CASA representative. Tony Kildare Seconded. Approved by all members present.
1. **Informational Items (30 minutes total)**
2. CAPC Updates to the BOS (Tony Kildare, 5 minutes)
* Tony explained that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) asked Rachelle and him how they could support and promote the CAPC’s initiatives.
* It was suggested that we provide information/content to the BOS and they would be happy to provide it on their next individual newsletters.
* He explained we discussed earlier that we would start by providing the BOS with the finalized Op-ed.
* Jeneba suggested that the Communications and Engagement (C&E) Committee could take the role of looking over the information that gets distributed to the BOS in the future.
* Robert noted that it may hinder getting that information out if it needs the approval of the C&E Committee.
* He suggested that if we need to coordinate branding across the content disseminated by the CAPC, the Communications and Engagement Committee would be a great avenue.
* Tony suggested that we have this as a standing agenda item to showcase that we have some content that we want to look over for this purpose.
* Jeneba noted that we can use something from our CAPC archive to provide content in May since it is Mental Health Awareness Month.
* CAPC is in agreement that we provide this to the BOS consistently and that members can also use the consent to disseminate to their networks.
* No public comment.
1. CWS Data (Tony Kildare, 10 minutes)
* Tony noted that there was a request for Shaken Baby data at the last meeting, but we don’t have a lot of that occurring. If we are interested in it, we can get data from our system.
* We went over it during the edits to the Op-ed but the following are the data we have: 1,044 children were the subject of an investigation. 281 of those were substantiated allegations of abuse/neglect. And 135 Yolo County children entered foster care. Black children ages 0-5 accounted for 13.33% of entries into foster care in 2023.
* Due to this disproportionality, we have implemented the alternative response program to support families, specifically families with black children that are in need.
* Will be reviewing the concerns of the program due to the lack of referrals for our target families.
* No public comment.
1. Standing committee update
2. Communications and Engagement Committee (5 minute)
* Lupita explained that the Communications and Engagement (C&E) Committee talked about what their purpose is.
* It was decided that a big part of what the C&E Committee does is to enhance the CAP month campaign each year. So that is something that they will continue to do.
* Another initiative the Committee wants to start is highlighting programs like the alternative response and asking how we can help support those programs. Whether its providing information to increase referrals or just reaching out to the lead agencies/organizations to request how the CAPC can help.
* A year-long goal of the Committee will be to align with the FFPSA communications toolkit.
* No public comment.
1. YFSN Update (Lupita Lugo, 5 minutes)
* YFSN’s January meeting was the first in-person meeting since 2020. Members enjoyed the networking activity (Jeopardy) and prizes.
* The meeting included a presentation from HHSA’s Housing Program and a training activity from Yolo County HHSA’s MHSA Mental Health First Aid.
* At the next meeting, YFSN will have both Yolo Catholic Charities and Alta Regional providing information on the services they provide.
* No public comment.
1. Child Death Review Team Liaison (Becky Honig, 5 minutes)
* Becky explained the Child Death Review Team (CDRT) meeting was short, where there were 4 children discussed.
* 3 were all a fetal demise (prior to birth) and 1 was a teenager.
* After checking YCCA’s programs, we had no connections to these families.
* The Sheriff’s office is looking to find ways to access Yolo County residents who may go to medical centers in surrounding counties. The hope is that this may ramp up what this group can do and provide the team with a purpose.
* She also explained that there was an email regarding participating in the statewide Child Death Review team.
* Tony noted that he participated in the first meeting which looked over the needs of individual counties.
* They want to know what they can do to support the work of the CDRT groups in Yolo County, so they created a survey.
* He is happy to forward the survey to the CAPC and anyone else who is interested.
* Shelby explained this is a question that was brought up after FIMR funding was cut and limited to 2 counties in the state.
* Celina noted that it may be important to emphasize information on supports especially with immigrant children, like the teen that was mentioned during the meeting.
* No public comment.
1. Reminder: Forward the MHSA Community Survey to your networks.
2. **Meeting review**
3. Discuss 3 talking points from meeting
4. Excited for Pinwheel Gardens during CAP Month.
5. The Communications and Engagement Committee formulated their goals and purpose.
6. Sad that Chief Strange will be leaving the CAPC in June.
7. Request for future meeting topics
* None during this meeting.
1. **Meeting is adjourned at 11:01 am.**

**Next CAPC meeting:** 9am-11am on Friday, April 26, 2024, Location-Yolo CASA, Woodland, CA.

**All meeting materials are available at** <https://www.yolokids.org/child-abuse-prevention-council>

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