

**Policy Council on Children and Youth &
Child Abuse Prevention Commission**

**Minutes
August 17, 2015**

OPEN MEETING/CALL TO ORDER/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chairperson Anne Molgaard called the meeting to order at 11:45 am. Members present were: Buck Ganter, Sheryn Hildebrand, Jena Conner, Paula Martin and Natasha Carter. Laura Welter joined us by phone from Safe Passage in Fort Bragg. Non-members present were: Joanna Olson, and Jeff Killebrew. Minutes taken by Joy Beeler of HHSA.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Quorum Check: Requirement met.

Minutes: Minutes for the July 20, 2015

PCCY- Recommendation of Appointment of Interest Application to BOS: Annie Liner to fill seat #28 – A member of the community at large.

Buck Ganter motioned to approve the consent items, Sheryn Hildebrand seconded and the motion carried via unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION “OPPORTUNITIES” (Presentation):

John Azzaro representing, Heroes for Youth, a community coalition made up of concerned people who, together, are fostering a spirit of support and mentoring for the youth, our future, in our county.

Designed to both raise community awareness of the needs of our youth and to create opportunities to meet them, presented their new “Opportunities” video, a brief video overview of three ways you can support the youth of Mendocino County. The presentation can be found at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fuL4BpYK3TM>

After the presentation, John provided PCCY members with copies of the Opportunities video to share with their constituents. He also asked for suggestions of places/people that he might show the video to in order to reach the widest audience possible. He has already had a conversation with KZYX and they are interested in the crisis in foster care and will be doing a three part series in the fall – He welcomes ideas for what to include in this radio program. John gave a brief overview of the past five years of Heroes for Youth and the final question he had for PCCY was is still a need for the Heroes for Youth program – in the future what should their focus be?

PCCY members offered suggestions such as posters/flyers in schools, producing news spots to encourage foster parenting and having a booth at fairs. John Paul (MCOE) was given as a good contact to give permission to get flyers to schools.

The members felt it would be a good idea to be very clear about Heroes for Youth focus in the future. Continue to use the movie as the focus, moving it forward and measuring its deliverables.

PROJECT AWARE (UPDATE):

Natasha Carter reported on the Project Aware initiative that MCOE is working on to expand mental health literacy and awareness in the county through the school system. Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. Youth Mental Health First Aid is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. The training will be held on Sept. 16th and 17th from 1 – 5 pm. She invited everyone to share with co-workers and staff and attend these FREE classes.

ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES SURVEY (Action)

Sheryn Hildebrand reported that CAC and First 5 are working together to build awareness in Mendocino County, of the negative impact of adverse childhood experiences. They hope to build awareness, in part, by having people take the survey. The goal is to have a clear understanding of how changing adverse experiences will affect positive change. Awareness campaigns will be ongoing throughout the year. The hope is that they will be able to use the survey as a segue way to the conversation and a tangible item for statistics.

Would PCCY members be willing to take the survey – anonymously of course!

ADJOURN MEETING

Agenda items for next month meeting to include: Heroes for Youth- progress, goals, coordinating efforts. Joy will send out agenda item requests in the beginning of September so if you want to see something added to the agenda be sure to fill one out and return it to her.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, September 21, 2015 from 11:30am to 1pm.

(Agricultural Conference Room at the Agricultural Building)

890 N. Bush Street (on the Corner of N. Bush and Low Gap) Ukiah, CA 95482

And by teleconference

A table will be available for handouts and materials. Materials need to be provided to Joy Beeler at beelerj@co.mendocino.ca.us no later than 12:00pm the Monday prior to the meeting to be distributed to remote sites.