

County of Santa Clara
Child Abuse Council

Friday, February 8, 2008
Minutes

Regular

1. Call to Order/Roll Call.

The regular meeting of the Santa Clara County Child Abuse Council (CAC) is called to order by Chairperson Cathcart at 7:40 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Government Center, San Jose, California. A quorum is present.

Voting Members Present

Lance Beizer	Debra Pinck
Stacy Castle	Sarah Scofield
Peggy Cathcart	Gale Simmons
Melanie Daraio	Ron Soto
Betty Garcia	Barbara Valdez
Daniel Nishigaya	Heather Vogel
Andrew Pane	Dennis Wyatt
Margaret Petros	

Voting Members Absent

Leslie Alexander
John Herlihy
Janet Martin
Linda Martinez

Vacancies: 4

Community Advisory

Members Present

Ken Borelli
Anne Carlson
Ann Whyte

2. Approve Consent Calendar.

On motion of Member Wyatt, seconded by Member Soto, it is unanimously ordered that the Consent Calendar be approved to include Items 4, 6A(1) and 6C(1).

3. Public Comments.

Jaime Lopez, Deputy Director, Department of Family and Children's Services, Social Services Agency, provides an update on the recent Federal and State audits, and he reports that the auditors were impressed with the joint response, the newly funded Family Wellness Court, and the vast array of services provided by the County. He notes that the auditors found a need for more consistency in the services provided to various segments of the population, more stakeholder involvement, and more mental health services to adults.

Chairperson Cathcart introduces Leah Dansby, Resource Specialist, Juvenile Probation, who is considering applying for membership on the CAC.

*** 4. Approve minutes of January 11, 2008.**

On motion of Member Wyatt, seconded by Member Soto, it is unanimously ordered that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2008 be approved, as submitted.

5. Accept Treasurer's Report (Member Wyatt)

a. Discuss/Approve fiscal report and current committee budget summaries.

Member Wyatt advises that the committee budget summaries will be distributed later. He requests that committees complete expenditure reports by May 9, 2008.

He notes that the Allocation Committee will include in its budget the expense for monitor training held in December 2007.

On motion of Member Castle, seconded by Member Vogel, it is unanimously ordered that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, as submitted.

6. Accept Committee Reports:

A. Accept Executive Committee (EC) verbal reports from Chairperson Cathcart.

*1. Accept EC minutes of November 27, 2007.

On motion of Member Wyatt, seconded by Member Soto, it is unanimously ordered that the November 27, 2007 EC minutes be accepted, as submitted.

2. Approve revised CAC 2008 meeting calendar.

On motion of Member Wyatt, seconded by Member Simmons, it is unanimously ordered that the revised CAC 2008 meeting calendar be approved.

3. Approve scheduling a CAC retreat at Hidden Villa in Los Altos Hills on March 14, 2008.

Chairperson Cathcart notes that the date for the retreat is included in the calendar already approved, and she announces that it was necessary to choose a different facilitator, Don Aguilar, Ellipsis Consulting, who explains that his company has been involved in organizational development of many non-profit and public agencies.

4. Discuss/Approve Committee Work Plans for Fiscal Year 2008/09.

On order of the Chairperson, there being no objection, it is ordered that approval of the Committee Work plans be held to the next meeting after the retreat.

5. Accept Administrative Vice-Chairperson verbal report. (Member Vogel)

Vice-Chairperson Vogel reports that the Membership Committee met and that the next meeting is scheduled at 12:00 noon on February 21, 2008 at 2030 Forest Drive, Suite 10, San Jose.

6. Accept Program Vice-Chairperson verbal report. (Member Beizer)

Member Beizer expresses appreciation for the support and expression of sympathy from the CAC members. He advises that he has been diagnosed with a medical condition, which has interfered with his responsibility as Program Vice-Chairperson.

B. Accept Allocations Committee verbal report. (Member Soto)

Chairperson Cathcart commends Member Soto for his efforts on the Allocations Committee. He reports that a proposal workshop was held January 29, 2008 to discuss the second phase in the Request For Proposals (RFP) process which includes 17 organizations and has a February 22, 2008 deadline for submission of the RFPs. He indicates that the Committee will present the proposals in the near future.

*C. Accept Interagency Collaboration Committee (ICC) report. (Member Blake)

*1. Accept ICC minutes of November 14, 2007.

On motion of Member Wyatt, seconded by Member Soto, it is unanimously ordered that the November 14, 2007 ICC minutes be approved, as submitted.

D. Accept Legislation and Policy Committee verbal report. (Member Borelli)

Member Borelli reports that the Committee met to complete a draft Work plan and will meet again February 27, 2008. He notes that Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed the extension from 72 hours to 30 days for the Safely Surrendered Baby Act, which will be resubmitted. He suggests that the CAC may want to further consider this legislation. He expresses hope that the CAC will be involved in development of guidelines for a new Task Force to investigate child deaths.

Continuing, Member Borelli indicates that he is a consultant to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on Migration and Immigration Services which has ordered parenting guideline for new immigrants, and he hopes to have copies for CAC members. He states that the Committee is coordinating a workshop, including representation from the office of Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, at the Child Abuse Symposium.

A brief discussion is held relating to the recent immigration raids in Santa Clara County and the impact it causes on children of undocumented families.

E. Accept Public Awareness Committee verbal report. (Member Castle)

Member Castle requests volunteers for a booth at the Tet Festival on February 9 and 10, 2008. Nita Stephan, Council Coordinator, will distribute directions to the Tet Festival to all Council Members.

G. Accept Student Educational Needs Committee verbal report. (Member Herlihy)

Community Advisory Member Whyte reports that the Committee's Work plan is completed.

H. Accept Symposium Committee verbal report. (Member Petros)

Member Petros directs attention to the registration brochure for this year's Symposium and notes that online registration is available. She encourages members to register and requests assistance in publicizing the event scheduled on Friday, April 4, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. at the Marriott Hotel in Santa Clara. Chairperson commends the Committee on the

Symposium which is renowned Statewide.

On Council consensus, it is ordered that the Committee Reports be accepted.

7. Accept Task Force Reports

a. Accept Children Of Color Task Force verbal report (Chairperson Cathcart)

Chairperson Cathcart announces that the Council will vote on whether to rename the Task Force as the Disproportionality Task Force to broaden its role.

b. Accept By-laws Task Force verbal report (Member Nishigaya)

Member Nishigaya reports that the Task Force met January 28, 2008 and continues to focus on revisions which will provide guidance and allow long term consistency and flexibility. The next Task Force meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on February 25, 2008 at the District Attorney's Office, first floor reception conference area.

On Council consensus, it is ordered that the Task Force Reports be accepted.

8. Accept Special Interest Reports

a. Accept Child Abuse Prevention Community Collaborative (CAPCC) verbal report
Vice-Chairperson Vogel states that no meeting has been scheduled yet.

b. Accept Child Death Review Team verbal report (Member Martinez)

There is no report.

On Council consensus, it is ordered that the Special Interests Reports be accepted, as submitted.

9. Announcements:

a. Chairperson Cathcart reports that she attended her first Greater Bay Area Child Abuse Council (GBACAC) meeting in Marin County, that she will post the minutes

in the Council's web site, and that the GBACAC is providing materials to the Public Awareness Committee.

- b. Chairperson Cathcart announces that she may request that an emergency meeting be held in March to approve the Work Plan.
- c. There are currently four vacancies on the Council. For Internet access to the vacancies list and applications visit www.sccgov.org.
- d. Boards and Commissions agendas and minutes are now available on the County of Santa Clara web site at <http://www.sccgov.org/portal/site/bnc>. Commissioners are requested to provide any feedback/comments to the Deputy Clerk.

10. Adjourn.

On order of Chairperson Cathcart, there being no objection, the meeting is adjourned at 8:45 a.m. to the Annual Retreat scheduled on Friday, March 14, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. at Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, in Los Altos Hills; subsequently adjourning to the Annual Symposium scheduled on Friday, April 4, 2008 at 8:30 a.m., at Marriott Hotel, 2700 Mission College Boulevard, Santa Clara; subsequently adjourning to the regular meeting scheduled on Friday, April 11, 2008 at 7:30 a.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose

Respectfully submitted,

Hortencia Herrera

Deputy Clerk