

**AGENDA**

**Solano Children's Alliance Meeting  
December 2, 2020**

*12:00pm-2:00pm*

**Please Note: This is a Zoom Meeting**

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Members

Angel Aguilar  
Hayley Armstrong  
Zoe Bartholomew  
Monica Brown  
Tonya Burns  
Juan Cisneros  
Cheryl Countee  
Aaron Crutison  
Gloria Diaz  
Jamey Eells-Booth  
Dr. Shandi Fuller  
Guadalupe Lopez  
Angel Mackelvie  
Jennifer MacKinnon  
Joshua Mallory  
Julie Musto  
Nicola Parr  
Candy Pierce  
Pam Posehn

**Call in at 1-699-900-9128; Meeting ID 859 7189 8106; Password 332308**

**Top Four priority areas: Child and Youth Safety, Quality Early Care and Education,  
Homeless Youth and Mental and Behavioral Health**

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| <b>I.</b>    | <b>Introductions, Public Comment</b>   | <b>12:00</b>               |
| <b>II.</b>   | <b>Approval of December 2020 Agenda</b>  | <b>(Action Item) 12:05</b> |
| <b>III.</b>  | <b>Approval of November 2020 Minutes<br/>(Item)</b>  | <b>(Action 12:10</b>       |
| <b>IV.</b>   | <b>Alliance President's Report</b>   | <b>12:15</b>               |
|              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Membership</li><li>• Executive Committee</li><li>• Meetings Calendar</li></ul> |                            |
| <b>V.</b>    | <b>Alliance Staff Report</b>   | <b>12:25</b>               |
|              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Child Abuse Prevention</li><li>• CTF Planning</li></ul>                        |                            |
| <b>VI.</b>   | <b>Committees: Highlights and Emerging Issues<br/>(3-4 minutes per committee)</b>                                      | <b>12:45</b>               |
| <b>VII.</b>  | <b>Planning for Stakeholder's Meeting</b>  | <b>1:00</b>                |
| <b>VIII.</b> | <b>Adjournment</b>   | <b>2:00</b>                |

**Next Alliance Meeting: January 20, 2021**

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## SOLANO CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

### General Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2020

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Brandman University

4820 Business Center Drive, Ste 100, Fairfield, CA 94533

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Neely McElroy, Dr. Fuller, Julie Musto, Pam Posehn, Rachel Rico (alternate for Pam Posehn), Candy Pierce, Nicola Parr, Cheryl Countee, Araceli Lopez, Christina Sinohui (alternate for Angel Aguilar), Hayley Armstrong, Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Tonya Burns, Jennifer MacKinnon, Juan Cisneros, Angelina Mackelvie, Joshua Mallory, Liat Meitzenheimer (alternate for Supervisor Monica Brown), Gloria Diaz, Ana Isabel Montano, Guadalupe Lopez, Zoe Bartholomew, Kathy Lago, and Jamey Eells-Booth

#### MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Aaron Crutison, Angel Aguilar

#### GUESTS ATTENDING:

Ashley Beshears, Jennifer Redman, Pat Nicodemus, Anthony Volkar, Kerry Ahearn, Gene Ibe, Jennifer Artz

#### STAFF:

Ronda Kogler, Susan Ferdinandi, Jessica Gabbart and Lerecia Evans

#### MINUTES:

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm	
<b>I. Introductions, Announcements, and Public Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pam Posehn announced that the Department of Child Support Services has moved to the Government Center, 675 Texas St., Ste. 500 on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor.</li> <li>Christina Sinohui announced the DA's Office of Family Violence Prevention was awarded a HUD grant for domestic coordinated entry. The office is partnering with Resource Connect Solano to help find temporary housing for abuse survivors.</li> </ul>	
<b>II. Approval of November Agenda (Action Item)</b>	No changes requested.	Gloria Diaz moved to approve the November agenda. Candy Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried and the November agenda was approved as written.
<b>III. Approval of October Minutes (Action Item)</b>	No changes requested.	Gloria Diaz moved to approve the October minutes as written. Jennifer MacKinnon seconded the motion. Pam Posehn abstained. The motion carried and the October minutes were approved as written.

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<p><b>IV. Alliance President Report</b></p>	<p><b>Reflection Point</b>  Juan Cisneros shared that four years ago, during the last election, the Alliance attempted to get two measures on the ballot to help bring in funds for children and families that didn't pass. Despite the uncertainty that followed the ballot failure, the Alliance continued to do the work and has accomplished a lot in the past five years. These accomplishments are outlined in a document put together by Ronda Kogler. Juan shared his pride and gratitude for Alliance persevering.</p> <p><b>Membership Review</b>  The Board of Supervisors approved the membership appointment of Nicki Parr, Angelina Mackelvie, and Jamey Eells-Booth and alternates Lisa Eckhoff and Tara Ledezma for a four-year term.</p> <p><b>Executive Committee</b>  Juan shared that the committee discussed the plan for stakeholder meeting. The general vision is to take this opportunity to launch the Alliance strategic plan and four priority areas as well as raise awareness around gaps in services and establish collaborations. Chairpersons of each committee are invited to participate in planning for this meeting, as help will be needed.</p> <p><b>January Meeting</b>  Juan noted that the first meeting of next year is on a different date – January 20<sup>th</sup>. Chris Hoene from California Budget and Policy Center will give his annual presentation on the governor's budget.</p>	
<p><b>V. Alliance Staff Report</b></p>	<p><b>System of Care Meeting Update – Ronda Kogler</b>  Ronda reported that she attended the System of Care Meeting where Kate Grammy, the Substance Use Disorder Administrator for the Behavioral Health Department, did a presentation on substance use disorders and the services the county is providing. A link to the fliers were added in the chat.</p> <p><b>Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) Update – Susan Ferdinandi</b>  Susan reported that the Great Bay Area CAPC Coalition continues to support parent and provider caregiver training via a speaker series webinar. Fliers were shared via email for the next webinars on Nov. 19 and Dec. 8.  Susan said the Coalition is continuing its equity, inclusion, and diversity work by bringing in a consultant to work with GBACAPCC. The goal is to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services and to bring cultural competency and equity work into their policy platform, in addition to developing a mandated reporter training that includes understanding of implicit bias.</p>	

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<b>VI. Review and Approve Strategic Plan (Action Item)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Juan asked if there were any questions or final needs for changes to the plan before it is approved.</li> <li>Gloria asked if there were repercussions if the group falls short of the goals. Juan said if the group is not going in the direction it wants to go, there will be opportunities to revamp or reword goals and objectives, so it aligns with where the group has capacity to go. The document can be edited.</li> <li>Ronda said the plan is determined by what this group wants to accomplish. It is a formal document with measurements, but the group sets those goals and measurements.</li> <li>Juan said if in the future the document is adjusted it should be subject to approval for transparency. Juan suggested that updates on plan progress be included in the quarterly committee reports.</li> </ul>	<p>Pam motioned to approve the Strategic Plan as written for 2020-2025. Gloria seconded the motion. The motion carried and the strategic plan was approved.</p>
<b>VII. Committees: Highlights and Emerging Issues</b>	<p><b>Homeless Youth</b> Gene said Solano Pride and SCOE are partnering on a PSA program to increase awareness of homeless youth as November is Homeless Youth Awareness month. They are getting other groups to incorporate the theme along with information about homeless youth into their programs. Anthony Volkar, communication officer at Travis Credit Union, announced their first initiative to ensure foster and homeless youth have access to financial aid as the March 2<sup>nd</sup> FASFA deadline approaches. Every Monday in November First Place for Youth (Fairfield) will assist in helping those youth with the FASFA. The second initiative is an event in January that will encourage homeless and foster youth to consider furthering their education after high school in some way, either trade school or college. Organizations are welcomed to co-sponsor free of costs.</p> <p><b>Mental and Behavioral Health</b> Jennifer said the group will work on identifying key legislation impacting mental and behavioral health. The group will be reaching out to a resource who is also a previous Alliance member for help. The HUD grant awarded to the DA's office was also part of the discussion.</p> <p><b>Youth and Safety</b> Susan reported that the group reviewed Alliance presentation survey results. Responses were mostly positive, but reviews were mixed on feeling comfortable asking questions during presentations. Susan said the group also discussed looking at the impact of state and county budgets on prevention services. Susan reported that the committee and Alliance needs to lead a call to action in advance of what is coming and raise awareness with the board of supervisors using a range of current data around evictions, food insecurity, increasing debt, increase of child maltreatment numbers, and homeless families and children. It is an urgent need and the quicker we can mobilize and address that the better.</p>	

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<b>VIII. Special Presentation</b>	<b>The Impact of COVID-19 and the Effects of Early Care and Education</b>	
<b>IX. Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m. The presentation continued until 2:10 p.m.	A motion was made by Pam to adjourn the meeting. Gloria seconded the motion, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

# Solano Children's Alliance

2020-2021

## General Meetings

*Held the 1st Wednesday of each month, from noon to 2 pm*

Date	Time	Agenda Highlights
July 1, 2020	12 - 2 pm	*Strategic Planning with Applied Survey Research
August 5, 2020	12 - 2 pm	*Membership Discussion *Strategic Planning Session
September 2, 2020	12 - 2 pm	*Strategic Planning Wrap Up and Next Steps
October 7, 2020	12 - 2 pm	*Child Abuse Prevention Meeting
November 4, 2020	12 - 3 pm	*Focus on Early Childhood Education
December 2, 2020	12 - 2 pm	*Stakeholders Summit Planning Meeting
January 20, 2021	12 - 2 pm	*Mid Year Reports from Committees *California Budget & Policy Center on Governor's Budget
February 3, 2021	12 - 2 pm	*Stakeholders Meeting
March 3, 2021	12 - 2 pm	*Children's Trust Fund Recommendation *Focus on Homeless Youth
April 7, 2021	12 - 2 pm	*Child Abuse Prevention Month *Quarterly Reports from Committees *Nomination of Officers
May 5, 2021	12 - 2 pm	*Focus on Mental and Behavioral Health *Election of Officers
June 2, 2021	12 - 2 pm	*Child Abuse Prevention Meeting

**All work done by the Alliance/CAPC should contribute to the achievement of the vision that children, youth, and families have equitable access to the opportunities, resources, and supports needed to be healthy, safe, resilient, and thriving.**

**Framework for February Stakeholder's Meeting:**

1. Speaker on what equity is, and why it is important and how to build equity in policies and practices. (30 min) -
  - a. How to incorporate equitable practices in agency activities
  - b. How to look for/advocate for equity in public/agency policies
2. Share Strategic Plan Highlights (25 min – 5 minutes for overall vision – 5 minutes per committee)
  - a. Work with stakeholders in committees to: (1 hour) *Members of CARE Team to help steer equity discussions*
    - i. Discuss best/promising practices currently used in our County and others to propose and consider.
    - ii. Remembering equity, identify:
      1. Opportunities for collaboration and coordination
      2. Opportunities and strategies for education and advocacy
      3. Gaps or needs
      4. Resources:
        - a. Who is already doing this work? (local organizations, County Depts., other collaboratives, regional and national examples)
        - b. What funding is already being used to do the work?
        - c. What funding is available to expand this work?
        - d. What role does the Alliance play to advocate for expanded resources?
3. Collect Data; gallery walk via zoom

**December Alliance Meeting: Use Committees to Help Plan for Stakeholder's Meeting**

1. Identify committee lead(s) to:
  - a. Present action plan highlights at February meeting – Discuss what those are in committee
  - b. Lead breakout discussions at February meeting.
2. Identify who each committee needs to be at their table in February



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- a. How do we engage stakeholders?
  - b. Who is responsible for getting them to the table?
  - c. Is there an opportunity to expand their committee with additional external participants? Who would these participants be?
3. Identify best/promising practices to share

### Additional Ideas:

\* Discuss whether to jump start or provide prompts for each of the numbered items under section 2 of the draft framework for the February Stakeholder's meeting. There is a lot to cover and discuss in that section, so having the beginning of a list for each area would be helpful for attendees and especially those new to the County.

\*Discuss what the goal of the Gallery Walk is, how the information will be collected and shared with participants. Estimate how much time to schedule for it.

\* Identify key resources to share (each committee) with interested stakeholders.

\*Develop a survey for attendees.