

AGENDA
Solano Children's Alliance Meeting
May 1, 2019

12:00pm-2:00pm

Please Note: Solano Family and Children's Services
421 Executive Ct N #A
Fairfield CA 94534

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

Members

Aaron Crutison
Juan Cisneros
Candy Pierce
Gloria Diaz
Lisette Estrella-
Henderson
Zoe
Bartholomew
Maurilio Leon
Pam Posehn
Stacey Burke
Sharon Henry
Jane Johnson
Guadalupe Lopez
Tonica Brown
Robert Tobin
Candice Floyd
Maria Guevara
Dr. Shandi Fuller
Julie Musto
Joshua Mallory

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| I. | Introductions, Public Comment | | 12:00 |
| II. | Approval of May Agenda | (Action Item) | 12:05 |
| III. | Approval of April 3, 2019 minutes | (Action Item) | 12:10 |
| IV. | Alliance President Report: | | 12:15 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Membership Update • Executive Committee Report | | |
| V. | Alliance Staff Report | | 12:20 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) Update • Legislative update – AB8, AB324 and SB 436 | | |
| VI. | Nomination Committee- | | 12:30 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Officers (Chair and Vice Chair) | (Action Item) | |
| VII. | Facilitated Discussion on Next Steps from Policy Forum | | 12:45 |
| VIII. | CAPC, Advocacy & Legislation Workgroups (Time Permitting) | | 1:45 |
| V | Adjournment | | 2:00 |

Next Alliance Meeting: June 5, 2019

Materials given to members less than 72 hours prior to a regular meeting can be obtained at 827 Missouri Street, Suite 5 Fairfield, CA 94533, or by contacting staff at 707-421-7229.

**ALLIANCE WORKGROUP PRIORITIES FOR 2018-
2019 FISCAL YEAR**

Work Group 1: Advocacy and Legislation:

SCA should continue to play an active role in legislative and budget issues and continue active involvement in advocacy and education.

Alliance Work Group Members: Kathy Lago, Zoe Bartholomew, Kelly Dwyer, Pam Posehn, Juan Cisneros, Maurilio Leon, Megan Joseph, Kim Govi and Alan Kerzin

Priorities to focus on for 2018-2019

1. Plan and Coordinate Fall Convening Meeting addressing gaps in services and advocacy strategies.
2. Plan for 6th Annual Policy Forum with an emphasis on consumers accessing community resources, and highlighting children youth, and family's policy priorities of new Governor.
3. Attend County Legislative Committee.
4. Prioritize bills to follow and take action during legislative session starting in January.
5. Prioritize State Budget items to follow and take positions. Start with inviting California Budget and Policy Center Rep. to address the proposed January 2019 Governor's Budget Proposal.
6. Provide Legislative and Budget updates to the BOS
7. Schedule BOS presentation after the Policy Forum to show results and next steps.

Work Group 4: CAPC Activities

Alliance Work Group Members and CN Staff: Gloria Diaz, Isabel Montano, Pam Dixon, Susan Ferdinandi, Aaron Crutison, Maria Vicondoa, Candy Pierce, Guadalupe Lopez

Priorities to Focus on for 2018-2019

1. Provide planning and coordination support for Child Abuse Prevention. Month awareness campaign and related events. (April 2019)
2. Assist with planning a convening of California Child Abuse Prevention Councils in partnership with the Greater Bay Area Child Abuse Prevention Council Coalition (proposed date is May 22, 2019)
3. Identify training needs of Alliance members relative to recognizing the signs and symptoms of child abuse and neglect, mandated reporter training, child abuse prevention, intervention and treatment.
4. Provide support and guidance for the Child Abuse Prevention Campaign's focus areas; Building Protective Factors; The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children; Parenting in times of Economic Stress; Shaken Baby Syndrome.

Children's Alliance Membership Roster

<u>Category of Membership</u>	<u>Member/Alternate</u>
Solano County H&SS	Aaron Crutison Alternate: Proposed Neely McElroy
Solano County H&SS	Dr. Shandi Fuller Alternate: Cindy Watson
Solano County Juvenile Probation Department	Julie Musto Alternate: Amy Potter
Local Child Serving Public Agency	Pam Posehn Alternate: Rachel Rico
Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court or Representative of Juvenile Justice Services	Candy Pierce Alternate: Proposed Sara Jones
Solano County Superintendent of Schools Or Designee	Lisette Estrella-Henderson Alternate: Nicola Parr
Local School District or Designee	Stacy Burke Alternate: Cheryl Jones
Solano County District Attorney's Office	Sharon S. Henry Alternate: Angel Aguilar
Community Based Organization that Provides Services to Families and Youth	Jane Johnson Michalle Shown-Rodriguez
Community Based Organization that Provides Services to Families and Youth	Maria Guevara Francie Macmillan
Community Based Organization that Provides Services to Families and Youth	Vacant Alternate: Paul Cecchetti
Community Based Organization that Provides Services to Families and Youth	Juan Cisneros Alternate: Debbie Peralez
Community Based Organization that Provides Services to Families and Youth	Robert Tobin Alternate: Alaina Starr
Member at Large - Parents, Grandparents and Consumers	Candice Floyd
Member at Large - Parents, Grandparents and Consumers	Joshua Mallory
Member of the County Board of	Monica Brown

Supervisors or Designee

Alternate: Kelly Dwyer

Local Law Enforcement

Gloria Diaz

Alternate: Ana Isabel Montano

Regional Center

Guadalupe Lopez

Alternate: Rafael Hernandez-Perez

Child Care R&R or Child Care Planning
Council

Zoe Bartholomew

Alternate: Kathy Lago

Community Based Organization that ties to an
Ethnic Community

Maurilio Leon

Alternate: Angie Lopez

Children's Alliance

A partner of the
Children's Network
of Solano County

SOLANO CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

General Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2019

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Solano County Office of Education

5100 Business Center Dr

Fairfield, CA 94534

MEMBERS PRESENT: Juan Cisneros, Zoe Bartholomew, Rachel Rico (alternate for Pam Posehn), Stacy Burke, Julie Musto, Francie (alternate for Maria Guevara), Candy Pierce, Gloria Diaz, Guadalupe Lopez, Rafael Hernandez, Angel Aguilar (alternate for Sharon Henry), Maria Guevara, Angie Lopez (alternate for Maurilio Leon), Joshua Mallory, Kelly Dwyer (alternate for Supervisor Monica Brown), Michalle Shown-Rodriguez (alternate for Jane Johnson), and Dr. Fuller

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Candice Floyd, Aaron Crutison, Kathy Lago, Lisette Estella-Henderson, and Robert Tobin

GUESTS ATTENDING: Gene Ibe, Earl Holly, Lisa Eckhoff, Marbeya Ellis, Sam Phonnathong and Anthony Volkar

STAFF: Alan Kerzin, Susan Ferdinandi, Alyssum Maguire, Ericka Erickson, and Ronda Kogler

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm	
I. Introductions, Announcements, and Public Comment		
II. Approval of (April Agenda) (Action Item)	Request to move Children's Trust Fund on the agenda to item III	Gloria Diaz moved to approve the April agenda with changes. Guadalupe Lopez seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the April agenda was approved with changes.
III. Approval of (March Minutes) (Action Item)	No changes requested	Gloria Diaz moved to approve the March minutes. Joshua Mallory seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the March minutes were approved.

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VI. Children’s Trust Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhonda Kogler shared revenue projections for the Children’s Trust Fund for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Additionally, she shared the proposed distribution of the fund recommended by the Executive Committee, which is to re-allocate \$130,000 of the fund to continue supporting the Family Resource Center Network, Child Abuse Prevention Activities and CTF Administration at the same levels as the 2018-2019 fiscal year. 	<p>Joshua Mallory moved to approve the CTF. Angie Lopez seconded the motion. Gloria Diaz and Kelly Dwyer abstained. The motion carried, and the CTF was approved.</p>
V. Alliance President Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Executive Committee Report- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Juan thanked everyone who helped put the Policy Forum together. It was a huge success and write up in the Vallejo Time – Herald re-capped the event well. Eight Alliance members participated along with almost 100 other community representatives, including elected officials, parents, and agency staff. ○ Membership update Stacy Burke and her alternate were approved for another term by the Solano Board of Supervisors. We do have a Community Based Organization opening now that Maria Vicandoa has left the Alliance. The application of a prospective member will be forwarded to the Executive Committee to review and submit for approval by the Board of Supervisors. ○ Future meeting topics include, May Officer elections and delving into data and feedback from Policy Forum, June establish Workgroup Priorities for the 2019/20FY, identify what we are missing, July (potentially go dark due to July 4th holiday) 	
IV. Alliance Staff Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAPC Update- Susan • Legislative Platform 	<p>Maria Guevara moved to approve the support of AB 8, AB 324 and SB 36 bills. Gloria Diaz seconded the motion. The motion carried and the support for bills AB 8, AB 324 and SB 36 were approved.</p>
VII. Special Presentation	<p>Special Presentation: Building Healthy Communities and Preventing Child Neglect- Susan Ferdinandi; Children’s Network</p> <p>Susan Ferdinandi provided a presentation titled “Preventing Child Neglect: It’s More Than A Family Affair.” The presentation included information about the purpose of Children’s Trust and Prevention Funds, which is to strengthen families in order to prevent child abuse and neglect. She also delved into the definition of neglect and provided data regarding the amount of reported and substantiated cases of neglect in Solano County. Lastly, she focused on prevention and included information about the economics of child abuse, including why it’s important to utilize social-ecological</p>	

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	<p>models and the protective factors to reduce incidences of neglect and abuse by focusing on prevention.</p> <p>For any questions please contact the panelist.</p>	
<p>VIII. CAPC, Advocacy & Legislation Workgroups</p>	<p>No time permitted</p>	
<p>IX. Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 2:04pm</p>	

Policy Forum Roundtable Discussion Notes:

- **Homeless Students- Frame the Issue- What can our Community Do to be a Champion for Homeless Students? And, what can I do personally to be a champion for homeless youth? Recommendations:**
 1. Train teachers to understand barriers their students face
 2. Provide after-school programs so low-income students can learn
 3. More tutoring option
 4. Open up showers before school and provide washing machines so students can clean themselves up
 5. Food closet or donated food at school for low income or homeless youth
 6. Provide volunteer officers or plain clothes officers instead of uniform to build trust
 7. Provide school supplies
 8. Help students to express themselves
 9. Support school food pantry
 10. Couch surfing, (have a spare room available)
 11. Have better listening and communications skills
 12. Collaborative Resource Centers that are accessible to youth
 13. A place where homeless students can live
 14. A center that helps kids to find their passion or purpose after high school (set them on right track with paid mentorship with public funding).

- **County and City Efforts to Provide Affordable Housing and Shelters, Recommendations:**
 1. Every city needs a homeless intervention team- not operating @ zero tolerance
 2. Do deep dive in city housing elements to address homelessness and affordable housing
 3. County can/should do a better job with access to mental health services
 4. Need Mobile Crisis unit (County) in all cities to be most cost effective
 5. Cities/County need to “change the narrative” to de-stigmatize homelessness
 6. Cities utilizing Social Workers in partnership and/or as city staff, and expanding partnerships outside County Region,
 7. Cities hosting homeless roundtables with community partners,
 8. Need to build on partnerships that include mental health support services,
 9. Mental Health and Health Care support in the community in partnership with city homeless providers,
 10. Need stronger political will
 11. City/County Partnership with each city to address partnerships and increase housing
 12. Need better prevention approach to homeless including children and families
 13. Align Strategic Plans with county and cities with stakeholders, consider “safe parking” instead of being illegal to sleep in cars

- **What Can our Community Do? Recommendations:**

1. Unity-Collaboration
2. Spread Awareness
3. Create Safe Space
4. Provide resources/mentors /training
5. Volunteer
6. Enhance partnership, “it takes a village.”
7. Be compassionate- open mind
8. Hold accountable, helping people
9. Create a defined success measure
10. Be humble
11. Set aside bias/stereotypes, judgement
12. Everyone has to work together to make it work, including the faith-based community, schools, homeless shelters, funding programs like the Boys and Girls Club that will help students academically, Day Centers, and provide food for homeless student and families.

- **Policy Recommendations:**

1. Appropriate portion of cannabis \$ to build affordable housing and shelters (state level)
 2. Affordable Housing option, BMR Rates (sliding scale) for houses
 3. Open space for affordable housing
 4. Increase minimum wage to help pay for rising rent costs
 5. Universal Basic income (Stockton model)
 6. City buy half of home cost with County funding
 7. Get involved with AB 1520 Task Force Recommendations, Ending Child Poverty in Ca. There is a package of 16 bills that came out of AB 1520 they are, ACA -1 (Asm. Aguiar-Curry). would lower voter threshold required to pass local funding of infrastructure and affordable housing projects, from a 67% threshold to 55% threshold
- AB 10 (Asm. Chiu). Would increase amount of CA Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) available to \$500 million annually, and leverage federal dollars to create \$2 billion in funding for affordable housing annually
- AB 307 (Asm. Reyes). Would create a grant program to support homeless youth
- AB 1434 (Asm. Kalra). Would increase SSI/SSP payments to 100% of Federal Poverty Level, and increase payments annually with increases in CPI
- SB 573 (Chang). Would allocate funding for the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) of \$250 million annually. HEAP was created in 2018, with \$500 million in one-time funds, with grants going to local Continuum of Care recipients, to address homelessness.
- S 923 (Feinstein) Fighting Homeless and Housing Act
- HR 1856 (Waters) Ending Homeless Act

Alliance By-Laws

- **Article III Purpose:**
 - C. Identifying gaps between needs and services provided;
 - D. Enriching Existing Services;
 - E. Prioritizing needed services;
 - G. Recommending funding for services and programs;
 - H. Researching, monitoring and advocating for legislation related to children, youth, and families.

- **Article IV Roles and Responsibilities under Alliance/Board of Supervisors:**
 - The Alliance is responsible to the Board of Supervisors in carrying out its assigned tasks, including duties related to CAPIT and the Children's Trust Fund. Recommendations for funding, services, and programs and legislation shall be reviewed by the Alliance and submitted by the Executive Committee directly to the BOS, who shall have the final approving authority.

- **Article IX Committees:**
 - C) Reviewing and monitoring legislation;
 - D) Lobbying for effective children's services with appropriate governmental bodies, so long as the positions taken are consistent with the BOS policy decisions.

Solano County 2019 State Legislative Platform

- **Children, Youth, and Family Priorities:**
 - increase funding for homeless children and youth (one of BOS top Priorities)

- **Health and Human Services:**
 - 14) Support grants and funding for programs to address homelessness, imminent homelessness , and related issues. Works with cities and other community partners to expand affordable housing for low income populations

- **Housing:**
 - 3) Support funding opportunities to assist cities in providing affordable housing for low-income and homeless individuals