



San Mateo County Child Abuse Prevention Council

March 6, 2025

1:30 - 2:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 1:30 p.m.

Present:

Name	Agency	Role
Debra Pomeroy	San Mateo County Children & Family Services	CAPC Coordinator/Facilitator
John Fong	HSA - Children & Family Services	Director
Morgan Peterson	San Mateo County Children & Family Services	Program Analyst
Donovan Fones	Human Services Agency	Supervising Mental Health Clinician
Nancy Quiggle	Star Vista	Director of Early Childhood & School Based Services
Randy Torrijos	San Mateo County Board of Supervisors	
Ivette Huerta	Pre-To-Three, BHRS	Mental Health Program Specialist
Melissa Guariglia	Family Connections	Director of Infrastructure & Clinical Services
Beth Grady	So. S. F. Clinic	Pediatrician
Melissa Guariglia	Family Connections	Director of Infrastructure & Clinical Services
Michelle Blakely	First 5	Deputy Director
Sean Hughes	Social Change Partners	
Carolyn Travis	Youth Advocate	Collective Action Against Child Abuse Network
Ivan Marquez	Shasta Clinic (RWC) & BHRS	Family Partner
Iliana Solis	StarVista	Program Manager CAPS/TFF
Eric Valladares	Family Connections	Sr. Executive Director
Katie Hughes	Social Change Partners	

I. Welcome and Public Comment:

The San Mateo County Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) was welcomed by San Mateo County CAPC Coordinator Debra Pomeroy. A brief overview of the objectives for today's committee meeting was provided.

It has been a year since the implementation. Gratitude was expressed to all committee members for their contributions.

Public Comment/Brown Act:

No members of the public requested to comment.

II.. 2024 Child Welfare Referral Data

A presentation on Child Welfare Referrals was provided by San Mateo County Children & Family Services Director John Fong.

Data was collected from suspected child abuse reports received by the Child Abuse Hotline in 2024. A total of 5077 child abuse reports were received, of these 1768 referrals required immediate investigation. Standard response time is 2 hrs. – 24 hrs. (10% of calls) or 10 days (25%) in adherence to the State mandate. The remaining 3k reports are those that did not meet the criteria requiring a response to.

Reviewed types of allegations, (7 categories). The larger percentage is general neglect concerns. Only 2% of the allegations received had substantial evidence of the reported concerns.

The majority of the referrals received were from mental health providers, followed by education and then law enforcement. Many of the reports were made by anonymous callers.

The regions from where reports were received was split across all of the regions: North, South, Central, with reports also received from the Coast and cities out-of-county. The data is further divided within each region by city with the greater percentage of reports coming from Redwood City and San Mateo, followed by Daly City, East Palo Alto, and South San Francisco.

A multi-disciplinary (sexual assault) protocol and agreement exists in San Mateo County; signed by:

- Human Services Agency
- District Attorney
- San Mateo Medical Center
- Keller Center
- Law enforcement
- County Manager

For approximately 2 decades a coordinated response has been in existence.

The data will assist with:

- Messaging for community awareness campaigns
- strategically planning where to focus prevention efforts
- utilization of within the CAPC Committee to address CAPC efforts
- determining systemic gaps in services available to the community
- Establishing a partnership amongst community organizations for the purpose of outreach efforts and messaging
- guiding a community engagement plan

Cities have programs in place which will provide a platform from which to begin conversations and to carry out the work.

Child Welfare will continue to provide the data and updates to policies in partnership with community organizations.

The goal is to align messaging across partners and systems to ensure the same information is disseminated in the community.

April 3, 2025 CAPC Community Meeting – Workgroups

Members are encouraged to bring questions to the workgroups.

III. April 2025 – CAPC Month

The feedback received in today's committee meeting will be used to build a year-round awareness campaign.

Decision to promote Protective Factors, a framework that all community prevention providers currently use in their daily work.

Planned Activities for 2025 CAPC Month

- April 22 - BOS Proclamation *Jackie Speier is sponsoring the proclamation.
- April 25 - Children's Memorial Flag Raising Ceremony
- Distribution of Blue Ribbon materials, provided by Partners in Prevention.
- Distribution of the Protective Factors Pocket Guide, c/o GBAC (Greater Bay Area CAPC)

CAPC Committee members are to send Debra Pomeroy a list of events and activities they are sponsoring in April 2025 for CAPC Month. These will be added to the activity calendar.

The Protective Factors Pocket Guide, with San Mateo County logo, will be distributed to CAPC committee members the week of April 1. The link will be updated to connect to a .pdf version of the Community Information Handbook (listing of community resources). In May 2025, a web based version of the handbook will be available.

A Press Release went out about the April 22 BOS Proclamation

There are social media posts going out weekly.

IV. Member Announcements

Presenters at the BOS Proclamation will be finalized at the April CAPC Committee Meeting.

Debra Pomeroy will be retiring at the end of March.

VII. Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 3, 2025

Location: HSA Office, Rosa Parks Conference Room
500 County Center, Redwood City, Ca.

Time: 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

*Workgroup breakout meetings

VIII. Meeting Adjourned