



San Mateo County Child Abuse Prevention Council

June 5, 2025

1:30 - 2:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 1:30 p.m.

Present:

Name	Agency	Role
Morgan Peterson	San Mateo County Children & Family Services	Program Analyst
Donovan Fones	Human Services Agency	Supervising Mental Health Clinician
Ally Barron	StarVista Differential Response	Program Coordinator
Melissa Egge	Standford; Keller Center	Child Abuse Pediatrician
Melissa Guariglia	Family Connections	Director of Infrastructure & Clinical Services
Dr. Beth Grady	San Mateo County So. S. F. Clinic	(Retired) Pediatrician
Melissa Guariglia	Family Connections	Director of Infrastructure & Clinical Services
Sean Hughes	Social Change Partners	
Eric Valladares	Family Connections	Sr. Executive Director
Katie Hubner	Social Change Partners	
Michelle Velis	BHRS	Pre
Sahil Naws	Community Member	
Andrea Avina	SV Together for Families	Program manager

I. Welcome and Public Comment:

The San Mateo County Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) was welcomed by Sean Hughes with Social Change Partners. A brief overview of the objectives for today's committee meeting was provided.

Public Comment/Brown Act:

No members of the public requested to comment.

II. Introductions and County Staffing Updates

Carine Verduco will rejoin the CAPC Council Committee lead contact for San Mateo County prevention program and will be reengaging in the CPP.

III. Grounding our Work: Revisiting the Strategic Plan

Progress Update - Strategic Plan's Goals (after 1 year of implementation)

Goal 1: catalyst for prevention

Status

- Last year went through the Strategic Planning process
- Identified the mission and vision of CAPC
- Developed and approved the Strategic Plan under the leadership of Michelle Grupe
- Work begun to change management of CAPC and expand membership.

Goal 2: convener of cross sector partnerships

Status

- Developing a regular cadence for CAPC meetings
- Expanding stakeholder participation in the meetings
- Beginning work to do community education

Goal 3: Coord of Countywide Prevention activities

Status

- Increase public awareness of CAPC
- Increase public participation in the council
- To provide professional development trainings around the county on child abuse prevention issues
- To support and integrate the CAPC work with rollout of County's CPP

CPP progress provided at the last CAPC Council meeting. The implementation plan for the CPP is in process. Launch of the Care system will allow the County to access Federal funding in Oct. 2026 to support this work.

CAPC Committee Feedback on the Strategic Plan progress: no feedback provided.

CAPC Committee feedback on CAPC Committee Meetings (4 Questions):

- 1.) What is working well?
- 2.) What is believed to be the value in the work being done by the Council?
- 3.) What improvements can be made?
- 4.) What is motivating council members to remain engaged in the meetings and forum?
- 5.) Where do council members foresee CAPC in the upcoming years in two areas:
 - a) coordinating work across the County
 - b) supporting the work being done at a program level

The way Emergency Response work is done has changed over the years. Currently SOP practices are being implemented, which involves trauma informed assessments and connecting families to natural resources, so children and youth do not have to endure the trauma of being in the system.

The Youth Outreach Program (YOP) is a prevention program for youth at risk of entering the child welfare system or formal probation and is geared towards youth 12 – 17 years. The prevention efforts are evident by the changes in child welfare and probation programs. Child Welfare relies on prevention programs such as YOP to assess the need for its involvement. There is now more focus on prevention, leading to less removals.

One purpose of the CAPC Council committee is to increase the number of available natural resources available to families resulting in decreased involvement from the system. The goal is to have a comprehensive list of services and resources for families with risk factors and for families to receive greater support from their communities.

DATA sharing has helped to learn about trends.

CAPC role is to support a cross-sector collaboration to ensure child welfare, public health, and the school system remain coordinated and engaged. Children & Family Services is not a resource to do all the work alone and relies on the partnerships with CBOs, schools, public health, to do primary prevention.

Exploring more intentional embedding and measuring of protective factors.

- Shifting focus from foster care entry rates to well-being and resiliency of the community and families
- Practicing intentionality when connecting with families served
- Strategic in the language used in communications with the community about the work being done to not cultivate fear

Future of CAPC Council:

One Stop Hub for resources for families at risk. One model is the Allcove San Mateo, a teen resource center. The County is interested in a resource model like the school-based FRCS (Family Resource Centers) model.

IV. Website Review and Discussion

<https://www.smcgov.org/hsa/child-abuse-prevention-council-capc>

CAPC Committee members feedback on the San Mateo County CAPC Website

What suggestions do council members suggest making the website more accessible, useful, and public friendly?

- Provide QR Codes
- Make it into an App
- Embed a resource guide and links to videos

Websites to reference as a model: Live Beyond Aces <https://livebeyondca.org>

It is: visually engaging,

Has resources available in several languages

Provides testimonials

Offers links to other websites offering related resources

Another model: NAPA County's website <https://www.copefamilycenter.org/capc>

It is family oriented and user friendly.

VIII. Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 7, 2025

Location: HSA Office, Rosa Parks Conference Room

500 County Center, Redwood City, Ca.

(Hybrid model)

Time: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

IX. Meeting Adjourned