



The San Mateo County Child Abuse Prevention Council

Minutes: August 16, 2021

Call to Order: 10.55 a.m.

Present: Donovan Fones (CFS), Susan Swope (JJDCP), Peter Ehrhorn (Family Connections), Stephanie Loera (Family Connections), Betsy A'Neals (LPCH Stanford), Leanne S. Hay (IZZI Early Education), Christine Peterson (CORA), Randy Torrijos (BOS), Chris Perry (SVC).

Public Comment/Brown Act – No members of the public requested to comment.

Introductions/Member Updates – Peter and Stephanie reported that Family Connections is working on how to start school with the protocols necessary to protect kids and families from COVID. School is targeted to begin on September 7th and may be hybrid with in-person and on-line classes. They are still holding the Food Drive every Thursday and Friday in Menlo Park and Redwood City.

Leanne said that today is the first day of classes at IZZI Early Education (formerly IHSD). Classes are in-person following protocols. Leanne has provided the IZZI protocols so if you are interested in them as a resource please let me know and I can send them to you.

Betsy said that visitor restrictions are tightening back up and caregivers will need to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test in order to visit. She gave the links for several educational videos about COVID and vaccines – these links will be sent out to the CAPC email list. There has been an increase in physical abuse and supervisory accidents during the pandemic.

Donovan echoed that CFS is seeing more cases of babies with mysterious injuries as the impact of people staying at home is being felt. There has been some pull-back of in-person meetings due to the effects of the COVID variants. Referrals have slowed down but this usually happens in the summer.

Christine reported that CORA is receiving lots of DV referrals. There will be some back to school events this Wednesday and Thursday but activities have been scaled back because of COVID.

Susan said the JJDCP is continuing its projects. One survey they are working on is the effect of COVID on people's work life.

Looking Ahead – Jane asked for ideas on presenters or topics for the year. Betsy had some suggestions and they will be pursued. There was a discussion of the challenges presented by homeless families and kids not attending schools. Several resources were identified and this may be a topic that is covered in a presentation to CAPC. Next month John Fong, the new permanent Director of Children and Family Services will be at the meeting to discuss CFS priorities and future prevention efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07

NEXT MEETING – September 20, 2021

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