



Yolo County Child Abuse Prevention Council

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Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) Meeting Minutes Friday, April 3, 2020, 9am-10:30am

NOTE: This meeting is being agendized to allow CAPC Members, staff, and the public to participate in the meeting via teleconference, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020), available at the following link: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.17.20-N-29-20-EO.pdf>

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1. **Call to Order. Welcome, roll call, and introductions (Tracy Fauver, 5 minutes)**
 - Meeting called to order at 9:01am.
 - CAPC members/alternates on the call: Celina Alveraz, Gina Daleiden, Mariah Ernst-Collins, Tracy Fauver, Cameron Handley, Sara Gavin, Karleen Jakowski, Marialsabel Mandujano, Christina Tranfaglia (alternate for Rachelle Gayton, Yolo County Probation), Brian Vaughn
 - Others on the call: Natalie Audage (YCCA), Jill Cook (CAO), Robin Frank (YCCA), Gabrielle Meyer (YCCA), Katie Villegas (YCCA), Jackie Wong (Washington Unified School District Trustee)
2. **Action Item: Approve, April 3, 2020, CAPC meeting agenda (Tracy Fauver)**
 - **VOTE:** Brian Vaughn motioned to approve, Gina Daleiden seconded. All approved via roll call.
3. **Public comment**
 - No public comment.
4. **Member announcements**
 - Celina shared that April is both Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Empower Yolo will be releasing a press release.
5. **Action Item: Approve February 7, 2020, CAPC minutes (Tracy Fauver) (Attachment A)**
 - **VOTE:** Celina Alveraz motioned to approve, Cameron Handley seconded. All approved via roll call, except for Sara Gavin, who abstained.
6. **Information item: Update on Child Abuse Prevention Month (Natalie Audage, 5 minutes)**
 - Natalie shared the changes that have occurred in CAPC Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month activities due to COVID-19 situation:
 - **Parent guide:** The 2020 parent guide, entitled *Handling Your Child's Challenging Behaviors at Every Age*, was sent to over 250 partners electronically on 4/1. The guides are available in English, Spanish, and Russian at



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<https://www.yolokids.org/handling-your-childs-challenging-behaviors-every-age>.

- Distribution of paper copies is delayed until the COVID-19 situation improves.
- **ACTION ITEM: Natalie asked CAPC members to share the website with providers and families and to consider using some of the social media posts or liking YCCA's page and sharing our posts.**
- Natalie received a request from Siskiyou County to add their logo and share the guide in their community. As discussed at a previous CAPC meeting, Natalie will communicate that this is fine as long as the logos and author statement are kept.
- **Resolutions:** The Yolo County Board of Supervisors and the City of Woodland will be doing CAP Month proclamations by consent on 4/7. Davis and West Sacramento City Councils will also adopt CAP Month proclamations by consent on 4/21 and 4/22.
- **CAPC press release:** Natalie thanked members for their feedback on the updated press release version that is more sensitive to the current situation and emphasizes the importance of social connections and resources like the CAPC/YCCA parenting guides. She requested any other feedback by the end of 4/3.
- **The Yolo County Board of Supervisor's CAPC presentation is postponed until a later date.**
- **Wear Blue Day:** Yolo will not be participating in Wear Blue Day due to COVID-19.
- **Quality Counts will be putting on a series of Zoom webinars for CAP Month** related to the Strengthening Families protective factors (e.g., parenting in times of stress).
 - **ACTION ITEM: Natalie will talk to Quality Counts about these webinars and will disseminate information about the webinars to partners, including the CAPC.**
- Cameron shared that the District Attorney's Office will be releasing a press release for Child Abuse Prevention Month that includes information about resources and hotlines.

7. **Action Item: Discuss impact and potential CAPC action items related to COVID-19 impact on children and families (CAPC members, 60 minutes)**

- Tracy started off the conversation by asking people the following questions:
 - What are the resilience-building responses that have happened so far in the community?
 - What are some challenges that still need to be addressed?
 - How is COVID-19 affecting children and families?
 - What can the CAPC do to help?
- All CAPC members stated that practices and policies have been changing frequently to respond to the changing situation and guidance from other agencies. The information below reflects where things stand on 4/3.



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- *Child Welfare Services (CWS) and Children’s Mental Health update from Karleen*
 - Every component of CWS is continuing as they are all essential, but many have shifted in the mode of service delivery to limit face-to-face contact.
 - Most staff is working remotely. Air travel has been eliminated, and travel has been limited.
 - Investigations are still conducted face-to-face.
 - Monthly contacts can use video when appropriate.
 - Yolo CWS is working with other states and regions to make sure that youth placed out of Yolo are receiving visits.
 - Caregivers have been wonderful. CWS is scheduling a Zoom meeting with them.
 - The court process has changed significantly. Yolo has taken a conservative approach and has moved to make most court appearances by telephone. All non-urgent issues have been delayed 8 weeks. CWS staff continues to do court reports.
 - CWS has been in close communication with contracted providers, including mental health providers, which have moved to providing services via telehealth. It has been challenging to engage some youth in telehealth services.
 - Challenges
 - Many families are struggling with the increased stress. Karleen reported increases in substance use relapse and domestic violence.
 - There has been a decrease in child abuse and neglect reports since this situation started (188 suspected referrals in January, 207 in February, 129 in March). Anecdotally, referrals that have come in recently have been more complex and significant.
 - One concern is that teachers aren’t seeing children in person because schools are closed.
 - There has been a decrease in children’s mental health referrals. Karleen is concerned that if staff are laid off because of a decrease in referrals now they won’t be available to handle the expected surge in cases in the future.
 - Personal protective equipment, technology, and equipment availability.
 - Workforce challenges (e.g., sick staff or staff caring for sick).
 - **ACTION ITEM: Karleen asked CAPC members to encourage community members to report suspected child abuse and neglect to CWS and to encourage referrals for children’s mental health services.**
- *Multi-Disciplinary Interview Center (MDIC) update from Cameron*
 - The MDIC and DA’s office fall under “essential services” and are fully operational and responding to cases. Staff is teleworking, whenever possible, and responding in person only when necessary. Minimal staff are on site, when necessary, and following safety precautions.
 - Criminal Courts will be starting video arraignments.



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- MDIC is still fully operational and receiving and responding to calls/emails/voicemails, responding to clients and referrals, and doing interviews on a case by case basis, with safety concerns as the priority. The MDIC is supporting families and victims via teleconferencing whenever possible and is providing therapy, outreach, and support services over the phone and via teleconferencing. They are still doing evidentiary exams, as needed. Only the client and examiner are allowed in exam room. MDIC is working with families regarding new court procedures.
- MDIC has put in place many practices to protect people when an in person response or MDI is necessary: screening people for symptoms, requesting that only 1 person accompany the minor to the MDIC, practicing physical distancing, cleaning all doors, gates, bathrooms, counters, etc. before and after every use. Minimal staff and only necessary agency partners are on site at any one time and with clients. Partners are encouraged to participate by phone if possible.
- While people are being released from jail and prison, Yolo DA is strongly opposing early release of inmates convicted of child abuse or domestic violence.
- *Yolo County Probation update from Christina*
 - Most staff are working remotely, and staff are doing a lot of contacts with children and families remotely.
 - Still doing court reports, although most court dates have been postponed.
 - Local law enforcement are doing more citing and releasing.
 - All but 4 children in Juvenile Hall have been (or are in the process of being) released.
- *CommuniCare update from Sara*
 - Dental update: Only doing emergency work at this time.
 - Primary care: COVID-19 testing in parking lots. All non-emergency visits, including those for perinatal services, are being conducted by phone.
 - Behavioral health: All services, other than Child Development Program and urine testing, are continuing.
 - Some visits are being doing by phone, but others are still in person.
 - Substance use groups, including the Perinatal Day Treatment Center, are transitioning to using telehealth.
 - Substance use intake interviews still have to be done in person at this time because of billing issues.
 - Sara expressed concerns that many people do not know that services continue to be available and that many services can be obtained by telehealth. She is concerned that there may be a surge in need at a future date.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Sara asked for CAPC members to publicize that CommuniCare mental health and substance use services are available and that many services can be conducted by telehealth.**
- *Empower Yolo update from Celina*
 - All Empower Yolo sites are open for walk-ins with minimal staffing. Many staff are teleworking.
 - There has been an increase in sexual assault calls.



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- There has been an increase in legal department requests, including restraining orders. Celina expects Domestic Violence to increase during this time.
- Programs that are continuing: food distribution; partnerships with STEAC, Yolo Food Bank; working with the county to house homeless; therapy (by telemedicine); shelters (with minimum staffing and challenges with enforcing social distancing and no room sharing); phone appointments for CalFresh, Medi-Cal, Covered California enrollment and case management; clothing (but only for emergencies), crisis hotline. The Batterer's Intervention Program is starting online/telephone the week of April 13.
- Support groups are currently on hold; Empower Yolo is working on finding an online option.
- *Yolo County Office of Education update from Mariah*
 - All Yolo districts have decided to close schools until the end of the school year. They are all working on transitioning to distance learning, which includes training teachers and adapting curricula and providing resources and computers/wi-fi access for children. All districts are able to support students with access to the internet. However, in some cases, there has been some difficulty with the supply of the wi-fi devices. They are looking at what carriers are offering deals, increasing internet speeds, etc.
 - All districts are developing and implementing a plan to continue social and emotional learning for all students. This is in process and looks different for districts.
 - YCOE is still supporting homeless and foster youth with virtual tutoring and ongoing services.
- *First 5 Yolo update from Gina*
 - All First 5 Yolo contracts have been adjusted with new temporary scopes of work.
 - Road to Resilience (R2R) is fully functional using virtual and telephonic means of service. HV is still being provided. They are finding that women are more likely to consent to getting services remotely than in person.
 - First 5 Yolo is working to get people and organizations needed supplies.
 - The First 5 Yolo \$250 sponsorship policy can be used for virtual events related to 0-5 populations. For more information, visit <https://www.first5yolo.org/wp-content/uploads/Sponsorship-guidelines-and-form-Fill-In-3.pdf>
- *Community partner update from Marialsabel*
 - Marialsabel thanked the CAPC for all of the resources that have been shared.
 - She has been reaching out to Spanish-speaking families to give them resources and information and to let them know they are not alone.
- *Yolo County HHSA, Community Health update from Brian*
 - Yolo is still in the early stages with COVID-19. The peak is still a few weeks away.
 - The County is monitoring hospitals and clinics, ramping up testing, and doing outreach to certain communities that need support. The Disease Control Team is going out and doing investigations. The County is working on surge plans and addressing supply issues.



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- **ACTION ITEM: Brian asked CAPC members to communicate that social distancing seems to be working. People need to continue to be diligent for several weeks ahead. People should not be out unless necessary.**
- *Yolo County Children's Alliance update from Natalie*
 - YCCA is continuing home visiting services with video and telephone visits. YCCA continues to accept home visiting referrals.
 - There has been an increase in Home Safety Services, Healthy Families Yolo, and the Road to Resilience Home Visiting.
 - YCCA continues to provide the following services by phone: enrolling people in Medical, Covered California, and CalFresh; working with Yolo County to address homelessness; providing housing stability services; collaborating with Yolo County Food Bank to get West Sacramento residents in need signed up for home delivery; providing a weekly food distribution.
 - YCCA is also working with the County on serving and meeting the needs of the homeless at motels in West Sacramento and is working with First 5 Yolo to provide weekly activity kits and daily texts to parents through the Nurturing Parenting Program.
 - YCCA continues to do outreach to encourage people to fill out the 2020 Census.
 - YCCA has been using DocuSign to continue to get consents, authorization, etc. It has been working really well.
- *Yolo County CASA update from Tracy*
 - CASA staff is working remotely and is doing Zoom check-ins twice a day. Tracy is working with staff to address the challenges of bringing stress home when teleworking.
 - CASA volunteers are no longer having face-to-face meetings with children. Volunteers are asked to contact children via video/phone/text/letter at least once each week.
 - CASA is moving CASA initial trainings online. One concern post-training is appointment of volunteers to children who they won't be able to meet in person.
- 8. **Meeting review (Tracy Fauver, 5 minutes)**
 - a. 3 talking points from meeting
 - Many services are still available.
 - Many services are available remotely.
 - Social distancing seems to be working. We need to continue to be diligent about staying home at this time.
- 9. **Adjourned at 11:00am.**

Next CAPC meeting: 9am-11am on Friday, June 5, 2020, in the Yolo CASA Conference Room; 724 Main St., Suite 101; Woodland, CA 95695