

Executive Committee
Monterey County Children's Council
March 1, 2018
60 Garden Court, Suite 350, Monterey, CA

Executive Committee Members Present: Marcia Parsons, Nancy Kotowski, ∞ Elliott Robinson ∞ Elsa Jimenez

Others Present: Francine Rodd ∞ Clare Margason ∞ Megan Kennedy-Chouane ∞ Cynthia Holmsky

Welcome

Kotowski called meeting to order at 7:33am.

Administrative Items

Robinson moved to approve the Minutes of February 01, 2018. Jimenez seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Information/Discussion:

- I. Presentation to Board of Supervisors
 - a. Megan Kennedy-Chouane, Nancy Kotowski and Marcia Parsons will present as well
 - b. Kotowski will present the Guiding Principles and the top row of the previous initiatives (AKOK - Graduating Students Prepared for Success and CASP). She will also highlight the fact that MCCC has played a significant role as an incubator
 - c. Parsons will present the vision and mission and Guiding principles
 - d. At the last General Assembly meeting, Wendy Askew highlighted that we should focus on the Return of Investment during the presentation. She also made the comment that last year, supervisors were most impressed with constituents.
 - e. Two people from the Salinas CAT will attend and present their experiences
 - f. In response to the section on Family Friendly Businesses, Jimenez commented that she sent an email about how the County as a whole should/could pursue this certification. However, it was suggested that each department should do it independently. The Health department is trying to figure out if they meet the minimum criteria.

- II. Bright Futures March-June Presentations
 - a. Holmsky explained that last month the committee agreed to two topics, but only one was covered during the General Assembly. We were going to invite members to participate in a design session where they would imagine future shared services organization that would provide shared tools trainings etc... for the 100+ out of school programs: Design as a prototype, and why those services have value for youth connectedness.
 - b. The next topic we had talked about - would apply to subsequent meeting (probably the April meeting). This is the notion of warm referral.

- c. Rodd referred to the Active Referral Network of the Prosperity Advisory Group, as well as Help Me Grow: deeper level of referral and engagement. If we wanted to posit a framework that we could. These are good frameworks to review
- d. Holmsky would like to bring in others to lead this part of the session. Margason to check in with United Way staff about supporting a presentation or session on active referrals.
- e. Kotowski brought up the common concern that comes from the districts, which is: can people actually access the services? They need transportation.
- f. Committee discussed the need for a map that shows where the requests come from/where the services are. Margason will work on this map.

III. Gun Violence in Schools

- a. The situation in Parkland must be addressed at the beginning of the MCCC the meeting
- b. To date, there have been three dates set for student walk outs and a march for gun control. The Council should hear an update about the dates, as well as what is being done in the schools (e.g. Active Shooter Trainings could be highlighted
- c. Robinson made the comment that there needs to be more conversation(s) about gun control and bullet control. The youth of Parkland would say that adults should be having this conversation
- d. Parsons agreed that we should talk about the safety of children in our community and what we are doing. The Councilmembers can encourage or support the Board of Supervisors on further gun and bullet control measures.
- e. For example, MCCC could make a recommendation to the BoS to further support measures to reduce access to weapons and/or increase trainings, and then leave it to each of us in the Council to follow up in respective organizations or agencies. Resolutions or Responses could be presented at future meetings.
- f. Executive Committee agreed with this approach.

IV. Bright Beginnings March Presentation

- a. Content that is emerging in the strategic plan. We'd like to make sure everyone is on board. This is a great opportunity to focus on content and see where Councilmembers fit in the ECD strategic plan.

General Assembly Agenda Setting

- I. Action Items
 - a. Approve the minutes of the February 12, 2018 MCCC meeting
- II. General Council Updates:
 - a. Safety of Children in our Community – 20 mins
- III. Initiative Update Presentations:
 - a. Bright Beginnings: Megan Kennedy-Chouane to present: Early Child Development Strategic Plan Process and Content – 25 mins
 - b. Bright Futures: Cynthia Holmsky to present: Design Session for Potential Shared Services for Programs for Youth (Outside of School Programming) – 25 mins
- IV. Information/Announcements

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:34am