

**Executive Committee**  
**Monterey County Children's Council**  
**November 2, 2017**  
**60 Garden Court, Suite 350, Monterey, CA**

**Members Present:** Marcia Parsons, Nancy Kotowski, ∞ Francine Rodd ∞ Katy Castagna ∞  
Elsa Jimenez

**Others Present:** Clare Margason ∞ Megan Kennedy-Chouane

**Welcome**

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Kotowski called Meeting called to order 7:32

**Administrative Items**

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Parsons moved to approve the Minutes of September 7, 2017. Castagna second the motion. Motion passed. There were no minutes from October because the meeting was cancelled.

**Information/Discussion:**

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- I. Replacement/Recruitment of Member-at-Large
  - a. United Way has posted the vacancy and shared with Chambers of Commerce and Media Sources, but no one has applied yet
  - b. Jose Arreola Community Safety Administrator, City of Salinas/Director, Community Alliance for Safety and Peace was recommended.  
Kotowski agreed to reach out to Jose to request support
  - c. Andrea Manzo from Building Health Communities was recommended  
Rodd will reach out to her to request support
  - d. Jody Hansen has a recommendation  
Margason will reach out to Jody for further information
  - e. Margason to develop new member orientation and work to engage new members/help them integrate into the council.
- II. Creation of Mission Action Committee
  - a. The idea is to provide members with an improved structure for aligning work of the council with the mission/vision
  - b. Kotowski voiced that this is a key responsibility of the executive committee and that an action committee should work closely with them. All present agreed with this
  - c. Castagna and Kennedy-Chouane put forth the idea that the executive committee, and perhaps a future action committee could look at the mission of the council and align activities between meetings with the Bright Futures and Bright Beginnings work
  - d. Margason to invite Cynthia Holmsky and Wendy Askew to the next executive committee meeting to further this discussion
- III. November 13 Youth Connectedness Presentation
  - a. Michael Applegate from Bright Futures plans to present data on youth connectedness in Monterey county

- b. Kotowski would like to see data and PPT slides before the General Assembly meeting. Margason to follow up with Michael Applegate
  - c. Discussion around limitations of CHKS survey and expansion of PBIS tool
- IV. November 13 Bright Beginnings Presentation
- a. Kennedy-Chouane to give an update on:
    - i. ECD advisory group and present a picture of the four prioritized factors as they are developing
    - ii. How these factors align with data. How do we use data that will help us do our work? KRA data is not a reflection of the school, but it is collected by the schools.
    - iii. Recommendation that was given to the county as a legislative platform

### **General Assembly Agenda Setting**

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- I. Bright Beginnings:
  - a. Megan Kennedy-Chouane – 20-30 minute presentation: ECD Advisory Group Update and Root Causes of Disparities in Kindergarten Readiness
- II. Bright Futures
  - a. Michael Applegate - Goal 5 Youth Connectedness Presentation
- III. Information/Announcements:

### **New Business/Announcements**

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- I. Sheriff Bernal to change his alternate to Jayne Surbeck before next meeting
  - a. Margason to follow-up on this
- II. Annual Report
  - a. Kennedy-Chouane to submit draft of Bright Beginnings section
  - b. Parsons to draft letter from the chair
  - c. Margason to meet with Rey Reyes about data for report, and to keep executive committee updated on progress
- III. Mayor's Association
  - a. Kotowski recommended that someone from the council attend the monthly luncheon and see about doing a presentation on youth connectedness at the mayor's level in order to get the cities engaged

### **Adjourn**

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The meeting adjourned at 8:35am.