

Executive Committee
Monterey County Children's Council
November 1, 2018
901 Blanco Circle Salinas, CA

Executive Committee Members Present: Katy Castagna ∞ Elsa Jimenez∞ Nancy Kotowski∞
Marcia Parsons

Others Present: Deneen Guss∞ Cynthia Holmsky-Nelson∞ Sonja Khoeler ∞ Clare Margason
∞ Francine Rodd

Welcome

Kotowski called meeting to order at 8:11am. Katy Castagna presented a gift to Nancy Kotowski on behalf of the executive committee. The gift was meant to thank Dr. Kotowski for all her work with the Children's Council and to wish her well in her retirement.

Administrative Items

Parsons motioned to approve November,1 2018 meeting meetings and Castagna second.
Motion approved.

Information/Discussion:

- I. Debrief of November General Assembly meeting and plan for December meeting
 - a. Guss asked about what has already been planned out for next year. Executive Committee agreed that there were topics the Council would like to review but they do not have a 2019 detailed timeline as of now
 - b. Kotowski commented that Councilmembers are so busy with everything they are doing, and they therefore can easily forget what happened in the meeting prior. There always needs to be a comprehensive review of what was covered and there needs to be a line of sight to what happens next
 - c. Castagna noted that MCCC has been doing that with Bright Futures, and where we can support the work on youth especially
 - d. All agreed that the focus should be around the cross-cutting topics that affect all goals of Bright Beginnings and Bright Futures
 - e. All present decided to finalize December planning and then go into 2019
 - f. Nelson-Holmsky commented on the value of viewing the homelessness through the eyes of children and families. She then shared out the data analysis that was done by Michael Applegate of Bright Futures
 - g. The committee had a long discussion about the reporting and the reliability of the data. They talked about how Councilmembers can share this data to inform grant applications around affordable housing. Castagna shared that this might shape how they distribute Stuff the Bus resources
 - h. Koehler brought summaries of the data from the Homeless Census to use in tandem with Applegate's report
 - i. Kotowski agreed that there needs to be a deeper look into school level data and the different definitions of homelessness that MCOE has.

- j. Members requested to have this homelessness data mapped out over a map of the county – by zip code. Kotowski shared a potential connection with elections department and their mapping unit
 - k. All agreed that Applegate’s data should connect to MCCC Annual Report, or there should be a separate report on homelessness. This could be helpful for HEAP funding allocation and the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers. Koehler was tasked to reach out to Katherine Theoni and the Coalition about this.
 - l. Koehler can get a timeline from above people, then Holmsky-Nelson or someone from the MCCC Executive Committee could share the data with them as soon as possible. There also needs to be a cover letter for this on Children’s Council letterhead
 - m. Castagna mentioned that she is attending a meeting with MBEP’s Housing Committee. Perhaps she can share Applegate’s analysis with them as well. This is another way to show the need in places like Castroville where there is already momentum around affordable housing developments
 - a. In regard to December MCCC meeting, Rodd suggested that we read the definition of homelessness aloud at the December MCCC meeting. Lead with the description to set the stage. There can be a discussion around over-crowded housing and homelessness and how they take different shapes in different places
 - b. Kotowski and her staff will analyze the write-ups that were completed in November with the question “what does my organization need to know?”
 - c. There will be another small group or write up activity in in December:
 - i. What are the underlying values in your agency regarding homelessness?
 - ii. What’s the role in Children’s Council in advocating for children and youth dealing with homelessness?
- Result: Shared Values for Council to help shape our statements and future work to be a voice for children and youth

II. Annual Report

- a. Kotowski asked about changing the format. What is important and must be included? What needs to be added/changed. What is unique about the report? What is the role of MCCC and what have we put our time and energy into?
- b. It was agreed Mayra Perez-Diaz should discuss with Rey Reyes and David Dubrowski from MCOE about the data portion. They can take the lead and Applegate and Bright Beginnings can collaborate if they would like additional specific data included.
- c. Koehler mentioned that it would be great to include data on transitional aged youth
- d. It was agreed that the 2017-2018 report should keep the list of initiatives that were incubated by MCCC. The report can also add and update on AKOK/PBIS because there has been a lot of momentum since the last report
- e. Kotowski to do an introductory letter before she retires

- III. Outgoing Council members: Nancy Kotowski and Dean Flippo
 - a. At the end of the December meeting: Castagna to recognize Nancy Kotowski and present gift. Nancy Kotowski to recognize Dean Flippo and present gift.

General Assembly Agenda Setting

- I. Action Items
 - a. Approve the minutes of the November 5, 2018 Monterey County Children's Council meeting
- II. Presentation/Discussion
 - a. Review of Information Organizations Need to Know (from last meeting)
 - b. Presentation on Existing Data on Homeless Students (K-12) in Monterey County – Michael Applegate
 - c. Discussion and Activity on Underlying Values Regarding Homelessness
- III. Information/Announcements
 - a. This is Nancy Kotowski and Dean Flippo's last MCCC meeting

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:34am