

**Executive Committee**  
**Monterey County Children's Council**  
**December 7, 2017**  
**60 Garden Court, Suite 350, Monterey, CA**

**Members Present:** Marcia Parsons, Nancy Kotowski, ∞ Francine Rodd ∞ Katy Castagna ∞ Elliott Robinson

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

**Welcome**

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Kotowski called Meeting called to order 7:33

**Administrative Items**

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Elliott Robinson called into the meeting, but was not able to stay on for the entire meeting. Therefore, all administrative items were postponed.

**Information/Discussion:**

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- I. Review Applications for Category C "At Large" Member
  - a. Members approved of Jose Arreola's application and would like to move forward with his nomination
  - b. Castagna made the point that it should be clear that his role on the council is that of a community volunteer, not as a representative of the city of Salinas. Kristan Lundquist currently fills that role.
  - c. Margason to add Approval of Jose Arreola to General Council Agenda for December 11, 2017
- II. Bright Futures Presentation
  - a. Michael Applegate has put together a presentation and has submitted it to Clare Margason. He will present on December 11, 2017
  - b. Presentation will build off of discussion from November meeting and zoom out from specific data points to a larger countywide youth connectedness discussion. Applegate will ask the council for input/future engagement on prevention, how to identify "red flags," early intervention strategies, and tracking success. The presentation will end with: How can we take the 100+ youth serving organizations and increase their impact? Especially in the areas of trainings, shared measurement, and a referral system.
  - c. Kotowski felt that this would be an easy topic to engage members around. She would like to invite the Head of Chartwell school to attend a future Children's Council meeting. Especially at a meeting where learning disabilities were going to be a topic of presentation and discussion
  - d. Castagna commented that this topic provides a good opportunity to develop cross-discipline measures and see what everyone is measuring and how.
  - e. Rodd asked for clarification of "red flags" and whether it was referring to ACES. Holmsky explained ACES was certainly connected, and that learning disabilities and/or trauma can often be tied to specific cases. Rodd elaborated on how this topic connects really well to what BB and First 5 are attempting: a shared screening tool and triage – how you refer people. Rodd commented that the

pediatricians are not at the table with us in the Council meetings, and they are the ones that see kits first. Holmsky commented that learning disabilities are not usually tracked in health assessments.

- f. Castagna agreed that there was a lot of potential for future MCCC meetings, but that we couldn't fit everything into the December assembly. Perhaps meetings could go:
  - i. What people are currently measuring across disciplines
  - ii. Statewide focus on Disabilities
  - iii. Screening and Early Prevention
- g. Margason to follow up with Holmsky and Applegate about future presentations

### III. Annual Report

- a. Kotowski suggested adding a section on past initiatives of the council
- b. Margason to check with Elliott Robinson and Marcia Parsons on past initiatives and get updates about how they are operating on their own.
- c. Kennedy-Chouane commented about the Bright Beginnings indicators, and how there is not updated data for some of them. For example: prenatal care, maternal education level
- d. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading level is an indicator that BB uses and could be included in the annual report. Margason will follow up with Kotowski's office to see if this data can be gathered quickly. If not, we should consider restructuring the data portion of the report to show cradle to career data that aligns with BB and BF.
- e. Members gave good feedback about colors, fonts, etc... of the draft. Margason will incorporate all feedback and send out the next iteration of the draft before the holidays.

### IV. Bright Beginnings Presentation

- a. Kennedy-Chouane was going to present the BB portion of the annual report, but since it will not be shared with the council until January, she will instead give a brief update on the initiative and share talking points with the council

### V. Additional Update

- a. Kotowski will give an update to the council on the statewide system of school support. There will be breaking news on this topic that will be public before the general assembly convenes and the information will connect nicely with the Bright Futures Presentation

## **General Assembly Agenda Setting**

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- I. Action Items
  - a. Approve Jose Arreola as Category C – Member at Large – Community Volunteer
- II. Council Update:
  - a. Kotowski to give an update on statewide system of school support.
- III. Bright Beginnings:
  - a. Megan Kennedy-Chouane to give a brief update and go over talking points with Council

- IV. Bright Futures
  - a. Michael Applegate to present and lead a discussion on identifying “red flags,” early intervention strategies, and tracking success
- V. Information/Announcements:

**Adjourn**

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The meeting adjourned at 8:42am.