



The San Mateo County Child Abuse Prevention Council

Minutes: January 27, 2020

Call to Order: 10:45

Present: Brittney Reiser (CORA), Aracely Vasquez (Star Vista), LaRay Hilt (CASA), Silvia Campos (CFS), Lanah Hotchkiss(CASA), Carina Ramirez(Star Vista), Bruna Oliveira(Star Vista), Samantha Taylor (Star Vista), Omar Sanders (Family Connections), Maria Del Rio (Star Vista), Lorie Sterling (SMC FHS), Donovan Fones (CFS), Cindy Donis (BHRJ), Amy Lam-Bonilla (PHN FHS), Alyssa Canfield (Star Vista), Michael Lim (Access CA).

Item: Public Comment/Brown Act – No members of the public requested to comment.

Introductions – Jane mentioned a website that has a video on substantiated sexual abuse cases in Dallas, TX. It is called SaveJane.com. She also said that GBAC is co-sponsoring a presentation by Cory Jewell Jensen in Concord on April 6th. The topic is what we can learn about child sexual abuse from perpetrators. If anyone wants to attend our county can send a couple of people at no charge. And lunch is free too! She also reported back to the group about attempts to secure a presenter on the topic of Immigration. If anyone has a name to suggest we could do that in the Spring.

Presentation: Trauma and Development. Cindy Donis, LMFT, from the Health Department gave a presentation on the definition, effects and indicators of trauma, especially in young children. The second half of the session was derived from the book, Trauma Stewardship by Laura van Demoot Lipsky. She discussed the effects of vicarious trauma on caregivers, and the warning signs of vicarious trauma.

Cindy did a great job making a difficult topic understandable and she also was adept at squeezing a lot of information into a short time without seeming to be rushed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05.

NEXT MEETING – February 24, 2020, 10:45-12:00

Meeting Adjourned: Time

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