

**Family and Children's Trust Committee, Minutes of Meeting
December 7, 2015**

Members Present

Marianne Gagen, Belinda Lucey, Karin Kauzer, Carol Carillo, Olga Jones, Joe DeLuca, Julia Miner, Alicia Coleman-Clark, Lisa Johnson.

Members Absent:

Gene Price, Ruth Fernandez, Deborah McGrath.

Staff Present: Elaine Burren, and Juliana Granzotta.

Guests: Brian Faragher and Kathryn Burroughs.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9:40.

Acceptance of Minutes

Belinda moved to approve the minutes from November and Olga seconded. The motion passed unanimously: Yea: Belinda Lucey, Karin Kauzer, Olga Jones, Joe De Luca, Marianne Gagen. Julia Miner, Alicia Coleman-Clark, Lisa Johnson. Nay: 0; Absent: Gene Price, Ruth Fernandez, Deborah McGrath

Presentation by Hanna Boys Center

Brian Faragher from Hanna Boys Center was introduced. The Hanna Boys Center serves 108 boys in a residential high school. It is a Catholic organization under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of Santa Rosa. It serves 8th grade-12th grade boys who are either troubled or involved in the juvenile justice system. The Center provides clinical and educational services. It has classes of 8-10 students The Center has the normal activities of a high school including sports teams. It also has a strong faith component with religious instruction as well as religious services that are mandatory. It has a large endowment and is privately funded. It does not accept any public money. After graduation, the center follows the boys to help them build stable relationships. Approximately 70% are able to achieve stability, but 30% struggle. The Center does not take referrals; the boys must apply themselves. Since he became the principal, Brian has tried to lead the Center to become more democratic and to bring more trauma informed systems into the culture. Dr. Robert Macy from International Trauma Center has been a consultant.

Trauma has an impact not only on the victim, but also on the caregiver, who needs self-regulation and training in interventions and prevention. Brian cited the *Adverse Childhood Experience Study* which showed a correlation between 10 negative experiences and dysfunction: the greater the number of indicators, the greater the likelihood of severe dysfunction. 16% of general population has a score of 4 or more. At Hanna Boys Center 70 % have 4 for or more. The Study did not look at additional indicators of homelessness, racism, etc. Instead of "what's wrong with you?" the approach should be "What's happening with you?" The center is starting to train non-profits in Sonoma Valley. The Center recognizes the need to work more with families to get them involved with helping their sons.

Kathryn Burroughs from the *CCC Trauma Informed Initiative and Zero Tolerance for Domestic Violence* was our next speaker. She has worked children who have experienced domestic violence and staff members who work in the field. Staff members experience stress from working with clients as well as work related stresses such as lack of resources, etc. The Initiative is looking at how to help

organizations deal with the trauma that their clients and staff experience. It trains staff members with organizational workplace tools for working with trauma issues. The Sanctuary Institute has consulted with probation, law enforcement, public health, child welfare, etc.

Membership Update

Belinda Lucey has resigned as of this meeting. She has referred her site visit of Care Parent Network to Carol Carillo. We have 4 vacancies: District 1, Mental Health, Education, and 1 At Large seat.

Joe suggested that we review the types of positions and members we desire at the January meeting, since we have flexibility in the service organizations, and we may want to recruit community business and health care leaders onto the committee. Joe also suggested that we encourage any interested persons to submit an application for consideration.

Recognition of Mary Kay Miller

Mary Kay will come to the January or February meeting.

Discussion/Announcement/Public Comment

We discussed the possibility of requiring agencies to train their staffs in trauma informed processes or to offer the training to agencies who want to apply for funding in the next cycle. This will be an ongoing discussion.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:20.

NEXT MEETING: January 4, 9:30-11:30 AM, 40 Douglas Drive