

Sacramento County Children's Coalition (SCCC) Children's Trust Fund Committee Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2025 | 3:30 – 5:30pm

Location: Department of Child, Family and Adult Services (DCFAS), 9750 Business Park Dr., **Ste. 220**, Sacramento, CA. Also streaming live via video/teleconference.

Bradley Miller (Chair)	P	Sherry Griffith	T
Robin Blanks-Guster	P		

*Membership Attendance: P=Present; A=Absent; T=Teleconference;
=Not counted for quorum due to temporary leave of absence or termed out.

Staff: Kari Emery-Cotner (P)

Guests/Contractors:

CAPC: Jasmine Brosnan (P), Ashley Simon (T)

Child Action: Denye Versher (T), Kelli Newman (T)

PRO Youth and Families: Alysa Caamal (T), Sydney Saiya (T), Cassandra Ramirez, (T)
Nima Ebrahimi (T)

Saint John's Program for Real Change: Quinta Davenport (T)

Public: None Present

1. Meeting Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions – The meeting was called to order at 3:34pm. Quorum was established.

2. Teleconference Approvals –None

3. Minutes Review & Approval –

- The April 24, 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion made by Robin Blanks-Guster, and seconded by Bradley Miller, to approve April 24, 2024 meeting minutes. **Motion carried.**
- The October 23, 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed. Note that Sherry Griffith was in attendance. Since Bradley Miller was not present at the October 23, 2024 meeting, he abstained. **Approval TABLED.**

4. Contractor Invoices & Quarterly Reports -

- Quarter 2 Invoices: Invoices are in process of being completed. Motion made by Robin Blanks-Guster, and seconded by Bradley Miller, to approve staff working with contractor to review Quarter 2 invoices and submit later for approval to the Committee Chair. **Motion carried.**
- Quarter 2 Quarterly Reports Submitted:
 - **CAPC update/report:**
 - Provided an overview of their Quarterly Report.
 - Information and Referral Line:
 - Mandated Reporter Training:
 - Ashley Simon will start providing Excellent-Good-Fair information broken out by in-person and virtual (live) for comparison.

- Child Death Review Team (CDRT):
 - The CDRT/FIMR 2017-2021 5-year report was presented to the Board of Supervisors by Dr. Kasirye and John Sydow and it is publicly available.
 - FIMR counts all deaths before 23 weeks gestation only. Note that CDRT also counts these, so they are double counted.
 - The Prevention Cabinet is always happy to come provide an overview to the Coalition if asked.
- CPS Oversight Committee 2024 Annual Report:
 - CAPC will attend the Critical Incident Subcommittee meetings moving forward.
 - The inclusion of the Welcome Homes in the report is only to report on what was done prior to the inception of the Welcome Home Community Advisory Committee.
- **Child Action update/report:**
 - Provided an overview of their Quarterly Report.
 - Classes are also presented in Farsi.
 - Members requested that a summary footnote be included in the next report.
 - 16 people have already received licenses this year as compared to last year in total receiving 17.
 - Objective 1: There were more recruits last year than anticipated and therefore there is carryover. We should not expect to see 50 "new" recruits this fiscal year.
 - Opening Doors received a grant and is providing \$1,500 to provide materials to those obtaining licensure. To date, 3 grants have been awarded.
 - One licensee is now Working with a coach to set up a calming area and learning center for the children in her center.
 - DCFAS provided some retention stipends to care centers who provide care to subsidy children. It is about \$600 to allow them to purchase materials or other needed supports. At least one licensee received this.
 - CCL LPA – They are partnering with them to translate or support the pre-licensure.
- **PRO Youth and Families update/report:**
 - Provided an overview of their progress.
 - Sydney Saiya has joined them as their new Director.
 - Objective 3.4a, regarding curriculum completion, states "Since some students are in extracurricular activities and our programs happen in after school hours, we have less students who have the ability to commit to the entire time." Some options that might allow for completion would include holding sessions during school hours, increasing incentives, and accommodating other drop-in hours.
 - 28 youths have completed the program.
 - Suggestions from the CTF Committee:

- With the addition of the 4 sites, it would be helpful to give some disaggregated data and break it down by site.
- It would be helpful to see the calendar showing the 6 sites and what the general activities are at each.
- Program outreach: If there is more current data, it would be helpful.
- Alysa Caamal will prepare a synopsis of the new curriculum and send to staff to share with the CTF.
- They plan to discuss implementation of a QR code so that children who have interest can be counted.
- **Saint John's Program for Real Change update/report:**
 - Provided an overview of their Quarterly Report.
 - Some very important things to Saint John's:
 1. Creating opportunities for children to be exposed to normalcies within their community such as outings to museums, the theater, a live nativity scene at a temple, a black college expo, and angel island excursion. In an effort to further these experiences, they recently signed an MOU with the Sierra Club – ICO inspiring connection outdoors - exposing youth to adventures in the outdoors.
 2. Partnering in the community to get children/youth the services they need.
 3. Parental advocacy. Importance of helping moms advocate for their kids as it relates to their education. All moms attended back-to-school night and performances.
 - During the holidays they decorated, provided pajamas to moms and their children, and provided gifts to families.
 - When unhoused mothers are engaging in programs, Saint John's provides their children aged 0-5 with child care.
 - It's important to note that most of the families they provide services to are not in Child Protective Services Reunification. Instead of reunification, strengthening familial bonds has taken precedence.

5. Children's Trust Fund Update

- Q2 report and future projections were discussed.
- It may not be the best time financially to enter into new contracts, but the committee could look into extending current contracts if there is need.
 - Staff/DCFAS contract monitor will send an email to Child Action, PRO Youth and Families, and Saint John's Program For Real Change to determine if a term extension or funding increase is needed to complete the deliverables in their contracts and also what their sustainability plans may be. Staff will report the findings to the Children's Coalition for decision-making.

6. Staff Report

- **Staffing Transition Update**

- A publicized request for interest for SCCC staffing support, coordination, and meeting facilitation was published and completed. CAPC was the only applicant.
- DCFAS will request authority from the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors at the 2/25/25 Board meeting to contract with CAPC to provide the SCCC, its committees, and the CAB with staffing support, coordination, and meeting facilitation.
- The cost to the Children's Trust Fund will not change as the remainder of the contract will be funded with 1991 Realignment funds.
- The DCFAS Contract Monitor assigned to the CAPC contract will continue to be a part of the CTF Committee meetings. Announcements/Member Comments

7. Announcements and Comments by Members – None.

8. Public Comment – None.

9. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 3:30-5:30pm

Hard copy documents are available upon request. If you wish to attend and need to request a disability-related modification or accommodation, please contact Kari Emery-Cotner, (916) 875-6364 or SacChildrensCo@saccounty.gov.