

Plumas Children's Council – Meeting Minutes

(Plumas County's Child Abuse Prevention Council)

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, November 30, 2022

10:00 am to 11:00 am

Department of Social Services, 270 County Hospital Rd., Ste. 207

Participation via Zoom – contact suzanmah@countyofplumas.com for details

-Thank You for Attending-

Aimee Heaney, Chairperson

Suzan Mah, Coordinator
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REGULAR BUSINESS

- Call to Order/Introduction of Members and Guests at 10:06 am
Attendees: Sarah McMahon, Debbie Wingate, Bob Battistoni, Sharon Sousa, Dorrie Philbeck, Suzan Mah, Guest Pamela Becwar
- Corrections/Approval of October 26th 2022 Meeting minutes **ACTION**
Motion to approve by Sarah. Seconded by Bob. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

OLD BUSINESS

- FY2022/23 Budget – Suzan provided a brief update on the budget and noted that the council has received over \$6,000 in donations from the public this fiscal year to date.
- Update on Children's Trust Fund/ Donations

NEW BUSINESS

- Open role of Secretary to the Child Abuse Prevention Council – council members were invited to consider taking on the role of secretary to the council. Suzan provided a brief description of the council's executive committee and the duties of the secretary of the council.
- Discussion of Children's Fair – currently scheduled for May 13, 2023. The council members approved the signing of the facility use agreement for the fairgrounds.
- Request for Approval – Mini Grant #2 (Christmas in the Valley) **ACTION**
Motion to approve by Debbie. Seconded by Sharon. Bob abstains. Motion carried.
- Request for Approval – Mini Grant #3 (RFA Training) **ACTION**
- **Motion to approve by Bob. Seconded by Sharon. Sarah, Debbie and Suzan abstain. Motion carried.**

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- Mini Grant Overview – Suzan provided an overview of the program. The Plumas Child Abuse Prevention Council is currently accepting applications for its *Strengthening Plumas Families* mini grant program to support projects that demonstrate effectiveness in reducing the risk of child abuse and that serve the needs of children and their families. The *Strengthening Plumas Families* mini grant application is at <http://www.plumaschildren.org/mini-grant.html>

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Sharon: Department of Behavioral Health was broken into and sustained damage, which resulted in a disruption to services. Sharon noted an increase in crises amongst youth. Agency is down to 50% Therapy staff.

Debbie: There is a shortage of providers and a noted increase in intensity of cases. Agency is seeing cases in which there are several substances involved in the households. Agency is currently advertising for positions.

Sarah – Noted increase in cases involving teenaged girls. Noted need for supports for mental health needs and to prevent neglect.

Bob – Currently has Provider Café for child care providers. Rebuilding Greenville Resource Center.

Dorrie – Soliciting respondents to the Community Health Assessment.

ADJOURN at 10:47 am

NEXT MEETING: December 28, 2022 10:00 am to 11:00 am

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