



KIDS NETWORK / ACEs CONNECTION
November 6, 2019

MINUTES

Attendance: Terri Allison, Eulalia Apolinar, Jacqui Banta, Kelley Barragan, Bridget Baublits, Florene Bednersh, Jennifer Bergquist, Lisa Brabo, Tom Brandeberry, Emily Casarez, Maria Chesley, Jody Colt, Steven DeLira, Michelle Graham, Gabriela Hanson-Lopez, Joan Hartmann, Anne Hubbard, Valerie Kissell, Amy Krueger, Julia Lara, Alison Lindsey, Ann McCarty, Seth Miller, Lorraine Neenan, Brittany Nelson, Mari Ortega-Garcia, Dean Palius, Carl Palmer, Taundra Pitchford, Susan Rasmussen, Sonia Rios-Ventura, Saul Serrano, Tom Sodergren, Ed Tran, Luis Valerio, John Winckler

Staff: Barbara Finch and Gloria Munoz

1. Welcome and Introductions

Barbara Finch welcomed everyone and introductions were made. Each person shared the mission for their organization.

2. Approve Minutes: September 4, 2019

Valerie Kissell motioned to approve the September 4, 2019 minutes and Ann McCarty seconded the motion. Eulalia Apolinar and Julia Lara abstained from voting; all others voted in favor and the minutes were approved.

3. Public Comment - Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

4. Weaving Connections

Terri Allison introduced the triad topic: A person sitting next to you on the train expresses an interest in your work with ACEs and resilience... What is the one thing you would want them to understand before you reach your destination and part ways? Folks shared the following:

- It would depend on the person they are talking to (cultural aspect)
- You don't have to be a professional to do this work
 - Recognizing that we need a resilient community; it all starts with us
- Looking at the hope of ACEs
 - We can heal the mind and the body through caring, compassionate and regulated adults

5. Resilient Santa Barbara County Update

- **Revised Community Partner Agreement**
- **Individual Pledge**
- **ACEs Connection Community Tracker**

At the last meeting, the Toolkit Workgroup shared a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Revisions were made based on member feedback. The revised version is called the Community Partnership Agreement (see attached). Organizations that choose to sign the agreement will receive a link to the Community Milestones Tracker. The goal is to have a group of 10—20 organizations signed on and getting

support by the end of the fiscal year. The work group also shared the Toolkit that goes with the Agreement. It is available on the ACES Connection Santa Barbara Community site. An Individual Pledge was also developed for individuals who are committed to the work. Barbara stated that three organizations have already signed the Community Partnership Agreement. They are the Child Care Planning Council, Casa Pacifica and Youth & Family Services - YMCA. A Capps Intern, Hanna Kiefer, will be working with us from January to April and she will be working alongside the leadership team to support agencies who want to be part of the first cohort.

Brittany Nelson shared Casa Pacifica's experience with the Community Partner Agreement. She went over the agreement and walked through the checklist with Kimberly Valenzuela, Director of Casa Pacifica. They felt that the Purpose and Vision on the agreement included things that were already being implemented at their agency. It was simple for them to see what they were already doing and have some ideas of things that they can start to implement as well. They are countywide and will be doing this for Santa Barbara County. Brittany did a live demo of the Milestone tracker so that folks can see how it works. ACES Connection has chosen the 11 milestones. There will be additional milestones for sectors and subsectors.

The group did an activity to explore sectors / subsectors and possibilities for customizing questions. After the activity, folks shared the following:

- You can see the empty spaces
 - Invite Chamber of Commerce, HEAL communities, etc.
- Added categories – some things are missing
- Organizations fit in multiple categories
 - Can one organization check multiple sectors or do they have to do multiple entries?
- The solutions all lie at the intersections and the blending. There is not very much anyone can do in a singular silo, sector or subsector.
 - Perhaps ACES Connection can give more ways to bundle them up in more creative ways so that they can reflect that evolution that is happening to more integration.
 - Add the question: Are you linked to other sectors?

Barbara stated that ACES Connection is very open to receiving feedback from people who are trying to use the tracker. Once data has been entered, an interactive map will be generated showing activity in our county.

6. Bridges to Resilience:

- **What We Learned and What's Next**

Barbara thanked those who attended the conference or sent staff and those who were presenters. She added that Laura Porter agreed to meet with some of the community leaders the following morning and they talked about what is possible for the Santa Barbara community. The ACES Steering Committee and the Bridges Planning Committee will discuss next steps.

7. Resilient Guadalupe

- **Rural Community Development Corporation of California**

Thomas Brandeberry and Sonia Rios-Ventura, from Rural Community Development Corporation of California, gave a presentation on Resilient Guadalupe (see attached). The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is a federally funded program divided into two groups: Entitlement Program and States Program. One of the reasons why CDBG is one of the most complicated programs is because it gives you the most variety of possible projects that can be funded. All CDBG activities must meet one of three national objectives: benefit to low-income (70%), slum & blight, and urgent need.

Some of the CDBG eligible activities include the following categories:

1. Housing Related
2. Economic Development Related
3. Public Services
4. Public Facilities
5. Infrastructure
6. Planning

Thomas stated that his agency is committed to building local capacity. One way to do this is Resilience Planning. Resilience describes the capacity of communities to function, so that the people living and working in a community— particularly the poor and vulnerable – survive and thrive no matter what stresses or shocks they encounter. Thomas added that most community resilience plans simply look at shocks (earthquakes, fires, floods, etc.) Shocks require immediate actions and are short term. Very often, they don't look at stresses like high unemployment, sea rise, drought, high poverty, low paying jobs, food desert and single employers. The stresses take time to resolve and are long term.

The resilience planning process in Guadalupe consists of three main groups. Each group interacts with the others to inform the final plan.

- Leadership Team – What questions need to be answered right away?
- Stakeholders – asked to provide input on questions
- Community –community-wide event allows the community to see the plan in early stages

Every community is different so resilience planning needs to be adaptive to that community. In Guadalupe, there is a large population that is Spanish speaking. There is also a large population that does not want to be around government. They will be having a stakeholder meeting in Spanish at a location other than City Hall. They have also developed a curriculum to go into the schools for the 7th and 8th graders so that they can get their information as well. Thomas shared resources for Resilience – Guadalupe and their Facebook page.

8. South Coast Youth Safety Partnership

Seth Miller and Saul Serrano, from the South Coast Youth Safety Partnership (SCYSP), gave an overview of their newly adopted strategic plan. Saul stated that they were able to bring in a consultant from Santa Rosa who has also helped Santa Maria establish their violence reduction strategic plan. Santa Barbara County is one of the few violence prevention projects that is a regional effort involving three cities: Goleta, Santa Barbara, and Carpinteria. The organizational structure of the SCYSP includes:

- Policy Team – meet quarterly to receive progress updates and provide resources
- Strategy Team – meet monthly and act as an advisory body to provide leadership and guidance towards the implementation of the strategic work plan
- Community Engagement Team – implement programs and services, collect data, monitor performance measures for the goals outlined in the strategic work plan

Saul stated that they hosted a Youth Needs Assessment survey with University of California Santa Barbara. Some of the findings that stood out were youth feeling like they are not being heard, and the community of Lompoc being in high need. They used this information to identify their indicators and help identify goals moving forward.

The SCYSP will be guided by six strategic goals to help increase youth safety. These goals will allow them to build strong community engagement while focusing on the most pressing issues affecting youth safety. Coordinated efforts will involve a balance of prevention, intervention, enforcement, and reentry strategies.

9. Updates and Announcements

- **Gabriela Hanson-Lopez** shared that CALM is turning 50. This week they launched their update to their website and it is now available in Spanish. CALM at Heart will be on November 7, 2019 at the Coral Casino where they will be honoring the work that has been happening for the last 50 years.
- **Valerie Kissell** invited folks to attend the reopening of Noah's Anchorage on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 from 11am - 2pm and then again from 4pm - 7pm for private tours and light refreshments.
- **Taundra Pitchford** shared that they are having a kindergarten parent information session tonight at 5:30pm at the SBCEO Auditorium. They hope that this can turn into an annual event.
- **Lisa Brabo** mentioned that in Lompoc, their Dorothy Jackson Family Resource Center has relocated to a new space at 646 N. H St. It is a large space that has a couple large classrooms and a conference room. They have room for additional community partners, if they need space in Lompoc.
- **Jacqui Banta** mentioned that their office in Santa Maria was moved to Carmen Lane. If anyone needs space for trainings or conference meetings, please contact her for availability.
- **Emily Casarez** shared that the Lompoc Valley Farmers Market is the only market that accepts EBT and it has now been open for six months.
- **Terri Allison** shared that on January 14th there will be a presentation by John Hornstein, who worked with Dr. T. Berry Brazelton to develop the Touchpoints work. He will be talking about the social emotional development in early care and education and how children develop morality.
- **Seth Miller** mentioned that CAC joined in a partnership with Behavioral Wellness in July to support Transition Age Youth in a Full Service Partnership Model. It is a countywide program that supports youth that are 16 to 24 years old, which can be stretched to 26 in certain circumstances. If folks work with this population, they can make the referrals to Behavioral Wellness.
- **Ed Tran** had the following announcements:
 - Since we are entering influenza season, Ed encouraged everyone to get the flu vaccine.
 - Public Health is making a recommendation to the Board regarding flavored tobacco retail licensing. They will be presenting to the Board on December 10th. He encouraged folks to attend and support with public comments.
- **Florene Bednersh** shared that the next Early Childhood and Family Wellness Coalition meeting is going to be at the Santa Ynez Carriage Museum on January 9th from 12pm to 2pm. The Tri-Counties Regional Center meeting is from 9-11:30am and there is a joint transition lunch from 11:30-12pm. The upcoming meeting will feature a presentation on Family Resource Centers.
- **Barbara Finch** announced that the Mindful Hearts Program is sponsoring an event called Solidarity and Compassion that happens every month on Wednesday evenings. Next week on the 13th from 7-8:30pm at the Unitarian Society, they will be focusing on caring for our children, healing trauma and creating hope. Barbara will be doing a 5-minute blurb as part of this event.

10. Meeting Adjourns

**Next Meeting – KIDS Network Executive Committee, February 5, 2020 (Revise by-laws)
Full Membership, March 4, 2020**

The ACEs Steering Committee will meet on the 2nd Friday of each month from 10-12pm. The next meeting will be on Friday, December 13th where they will be looking at how this ACEs Project can support communities like Guadalupe and Carpinteria. If you would like to be on the Steering Committee, please contact Barbara. The Child Abuse Prevention Council also hopes to have a focus project in Lompoc.

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.



KIDS Network Meeting

11.6.19



WELCOME to



Our vision is that all children will grow up in safe, healthy and nurturing homes, schools and communities with equal access to resources and opportunities to develop their unique potential



Meeting Objectives

11.6.19

1. Welcome and weave connections
2. Update on the Community Partner Agreements
3. Explore the ACEs Connection Community Tracker
 1. Discuss sector-specific customization
4. Learn about Resilient Guadalupe and the South Coast Youth Safety Partnership
5. Share impressions from the Bridges to Resilience Conference

Weaving Connections

Laura Porter challenged us to “activate every responsible adult” to stop the progression of adversity...

A person sitting next to you on the train expresses an interest in your work with ACEs and resilience...

What is the one thing you would want them to understand before you reach your destination and part ways?

Resilient Santa Barbara County



- Revised Community Partner Agreement
 - Member suggestions incorporated
 - Resilience Toolkit available on SB Community site
- Individual Pledge and Toolkit
 - Anyone can join the movement



Checklist for Partner Organizations

- Establish a leadership team
- Sign and return the Community Partner Agreement
- Receive link to ACEs Connection Community Tracker
 - Cohort #1 to begin December 6, 2019
 - Capps Intern Hanna Kiefer starts in January
 - Getting your organization on the website
 - Links to resources and support



Customizing the Tracker

- Choose a sector
- Review subsectors
- What do we want to know?

Sectors

- Business
- Child Care
- Community Service Organization
- Community initiatives
- Education
- Education 12+
- Emergency Responders
- Faith-based
- Funders
- Health
- Justice System
- Media
- Military
- Political Organizations
- Recreational Clubs and Organizations
- Social Services
- Youth Organizations



Sector-Specific Milestones

- What subsectors are active and/or relevant within our county?
- What is happening in the sector? (tools, strategies, best practices)
- What do we want to track?
- What sector-specific questions could we ask?

Resilience-Guadalupe

Funded through the State [CDBG Program](#)
Implemented by [RCDCC](#)

- Sonia Rios-Ventura (805) 356-3906
- Tom Brandeberry (916) 281-7638

“Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing
can be changed until it is faced.”

—James Baldwin



CDBG?

Community Development Block Group

Federal Funding by HUD

Housing and Community Development Act (HCDA) of 1974

Entitlement—Noncompetitive,
Cities (50,000) Urban Counties (200,000)

States Program—Usually Very Competitive
all other small cities and counties



CDBG Eligible Activities

Almost 90 individual activities within these categories

1. Housing Related
2. Economic Development Related
3. Public Services
4. Public Facilities
5. Infrastructure
6. Planning

CDBG National Objective

All CDBG Activities Must
Meet One of Three National
Objective:

Benefit to
Low-Income
(70%)

Slum & Blight

Urgent Need

Community Resilience Planning



What is Community Resilience?

Resilience describes the capacity of communities to function, so that the people living and working in a community—particularly the poor and vulnerable – survive and thrive no matter what stresses or shocks they encounter.

"The whole can be greater than the sum of its parts."

- Aristotle



Community Resilience Planning

- What is Community Resilience Planning?
- Think of it as two pieces that are needed to make up the whole:
- Hazard Mitigation Planning (shocks)
- Community Development (stresses)



Community Resilience Planning

Shocks

- Earthquakes
- Tsunamis
- Wide Fires
- Volcanic Eruptions
- Terrorist Attacks
- Floods
- Magnetic Field Reversal

Stresses

- High Unemployment
- Sea Rise
- Drought
- High Poverty
- Food Desert
- Low Paying Jobs
- Single Employer

Community Resilience Planning

Shocks

- ❖ They can happen at a moments notice
- ❖ They are short term
- ❖ They are about now, today
- ❖ Require immediate action (**cannot** be ignored)

Stress

- They have been around for a while
- They take time to resolve
- They are long term, not only for us, but for our children
- Require time to plan (or **can** be ignored)

Supporting Resilience



Resilience-Guadalupe

Consists of three main groups

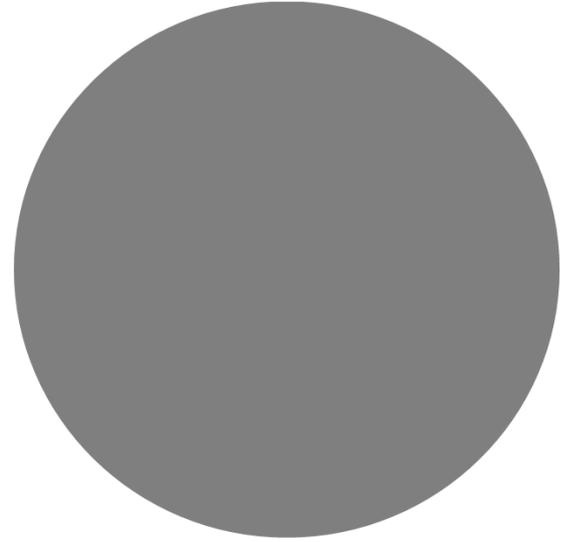
Leadership Team (meets monthly)

Stakeholders (first meeting was September 29, 2019, future Focus Groups, and additional Stakeholder meetings as needed)

Community (at least one event, once there is a draft plan, and ongoing engagement via website/Facebook page)

With a variety of methods for collecting data from diverse number community members, stakeholders, and city officials and staff, the goal is to create a plan that include goals and objectives to support a future Guadalupe that is holistically more resilient. The final plan must be a road map for the communities next 20 years.

Resilience-Guadalupe Plan



Community Resilience Planning

Resources

RCDCC Resilience Process: <https://rcdcc.org/the-process>

Resilience-Guadalupe: <https://guadalupe.rcdcc.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Resilience-Guadalupe-2443041149261149>



National RESOURCES

Websites:

Resilience By Design: <http://www.resilientbayarea.org>

Rand: <https://www.rand.org/pubs/tools/TL163.html>

Zilient: <https://www.zilient.org>

100 Resilient Cities: <http://www.100resilientcities.org>

Resilient: <https://www.resilience.org>

Resilient Design Institute: <http://www.resilientdesign.org>

Six Foundations: <http://sixfoundations.org>

Resilience CA: <https://resilientca.org>

ARUP: <https://www.arup.com>

JIBC: <https://rdrp.jibc.ca>

South Coast Youth Safety Partnership

- Seth Miller and Saul Serrano
- Community Action Commission

Bridges to Resilience

- Impressions?
- Feedback?
- Take-aways and next steps



Updates & Announcements

- KIDS Executive Committee February 5
 - Revision of KIDS Network By-Laws

A close-up photograph of several hands of different skin tones (dark brown, light brown, and fair) stacked together in a circle. The hands are positioned as if they are supporting each other, with fingers pointing outwards. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

***There are enough of us to
make a difference!***