



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 2, 2022 • 9:15 - 10:30 a.m.
Via Zoom



Meeting Minutes

Executives Present: Eulalia Apolinar, Paige Batson, Bridget Baublits, Lisa Brabo, Maria Chesley, Lori Goodman, Alma Hernandez, Valerie Kissell, Amy Krueger, Ann McCarty, Lorraine Neenan, Wendy Sims-Moten, Alana Walczak, John Winckler

Alternates / Guests: Steven DeLira, Saul Serrano

Staff: Barbara Finch and Gloria Munoz

1. Welcome

Barbara Finch called the meeting to order.

2. Approve Minutes for October 6, 2021

Wendy Sims-Moten motioned to approve the October 6, 2021 minutes. Lisa Brabo seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment – Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

4. KIDS Network Planning 2022

1. Review Strategic Plan

a) Information and Analysis

i. 2022 Children’s Scorecard

The 2017 Scorecard included a focus on Adverse Childhood Experiences, the science of resilience, and the Protective Factors framework. Each sector provided data and information about best practices. Barbara posed the question: What is the story that KIDS Network is called to share in the next edition of the Scorecard? Folks shared the following:

- Consider the capacity of the people that are putting this together.
- Gather existing data points to help update
- ACEs and resilience continue to be important in framing the report.
- We cannot ignore the fact that we are in year three of a pandemic -this has to be included.
- Add race and racism as an issue; also class indicators to capture childhood poverty
- Talk about the inequities of the wages for people who work with children. They have been acknowledged as essential workers yet the pay disparity is huge and has impacts for retaining and recruiting staff.
- Speak the truth and come up with three or four salient points that are essential in framing the conversation going forward. Funders and other leaders will look to the document for this, so the clarity of vision will be strategic in future conversations.

- What data do we have? What data are we looking for to go along with our messaging? What helps us hone in and drive strategically to what we want to accomplish?
- Organizations have been tracking data about how their services have increased and shifted and how their activities have changed because of the pandemic. This data did not exist five years ago.
- Community partners may have different sets of data that are not on the Public Health Covid-19 dashboard that will speak to the needs of our community.
- Look at the data from five years ago and see what can be updated to show the impact of the pandemic on our children.
- Consider two sets of data, before the pandemic and after the pandemic.
- The document will be a consolidation of data and an information source. Call for a collaborative coordinated response to capture this data. Naming the gaps at a systems level would be a harnessing of our collective wisdom.
- Three key areas: K-12, childcare, mental health
- One of the challenges identified last time was the lack of aligned data and shared measurements. This might be a good opportunity to take steps to start addressing that if we do come up with a few areas of high priority.
- Perhaps we can get the data from 2017 and update it with data from 2021 to see what arises. Do we need to track or ask for data in a different way to show the changes we have seen?
- Survey this group to identify the top five things that we should be thinking about as a community and see how they come together.
- If you are sending out surveys, what are we not asking? What are we not capturing? What are the new things you had to pivot to in the last three years that we did not think to ask five years ago? (Vaccines and vaccine clinics).
- Family stability is huge. It is the overarching issue here and all of these contribute to instability as well as the economic picture out there.

Barbara: A place to start is to look at the section of the scorecard that pertains to your organization and look at the data that is there. Is there data that we do not need to get updates on or things that you think are not important anymore? If there are things that are important, we can ask the same sources for the update. We can use this group to begin to think about health, education, preschool, mental health, and weave in race and equity and see if this is where we want our focus to be for telling the pandemic story. The task is to look at what is there and give high-level feedback. The goal is to publish the Scorecard by the end of the year, by October if possible.

The County is planning to use ARPA funding to establish a Health and Human Services Data Dashboard that includes data from multiple departments within county government. She would like to see coordination with this effort.

b) Communication, Coordination Capacity Building

i. Identify priority needs and actions

Last year, there was a rich discussion about equity, cultural brokers, and the systemic drivers of inequity. Barbara asked the group to share priorities and suggestions for structuring meetings to advance those priorities.

- Look at the meetings across the year through the lenses of the various hot topics.
- Anyone who is presenting needs to be able to talk about their work through the lens of racial equity and through the lens of adversity and resilience.
- This is a good idea. It challenges us to make sure that we are the sum of all of our parts and not the sum of some of our parts. Who is at the table? What trends are coming up for who or what? Are we really being inclusive? Are we really being diverse?
- When we are having people present, we can let them know that we would also like them to address how their services or programs are addressing racial, equity, diversity and inclusion. They can ask questions if that is not clear.
- Recommend that KIDS Network adopt an acronym to use across all platforms. (DEI/DEIJ/REDI, etc.)
- Promotoras are working with BeWell and providing supports in the schools. Perhaps we can learn how this partnership promotes equity.

c) Cross-Sector Initiatives- Due to lack of time, this will be discussed at a future meeting

d) Outreach and Community Support - Due to lack of time, this will be discussed at future meeting

2. 2022 KIDS Business

a) Renew Member Agreements

Members agreed for the revised Membership Agreement to be sent to the network.

b) Adopt revised Bylaws

There will need to be a vote with the Executive Committee and General Membership to approve the bylaws. We will be revising the Strategic Plan and changing the word “equal” to “equitable”.

c) Executive Committee Elections – June

The terms for elected Executive Committee Members end in June. If you are one of the elected committee members, please let us know if you plan to step down.

d) Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention RFP – Aug.Sept

A new RFP for Child Abuse Preventing funding will be released in August/September.

3. March KIDS Network Meeting: Focus on Behavioral Health

a) CenCal Health: Accessing Behavioral Health Services

5. Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Gloria Munoz



Created by the Board of Supervisors in 1991 as an advisory body on children and family issues, the KIDS Network is a countywide, cross-sector, umbrella organization that includes members from public agencies, law enforcement, education, community-based organizations, school-linked programs, parent groups and the community at large. The Network was formed to strategically determine priorities for improving outcomes in the areas of human services, health, education and juvenile justice for children, youth and families. It also serves as a forum for coordinating existing public and private services and resources.

Vision

The vision of the KIDS Network is that all children will grow up in safe, healthy and nurturing homes, schools and communities. Their resultant sense of self-worth, along with equal access to resources, will empower children to develop their unique potential with a strong sense of responsibility to self, culture and society.

Mission

The KIDS Network's mission is to provide leadership and vision for a countywide system of comprehensive, collaborative, community-based services that support children, youth and families. The mission will be achieved by:

- Improving coordination, planning, communication and cooperation among service agencies;
- Identifying gaps and overlaps in services;
- Identifying strategies and setting priorities for interagency projects;
- Providing a forum for soliciting community input and clarifying perceptions and expectations among and between county agencies and the community;
- Ensuring that family voices are heard and valued throughout the service system;
- Increasing collaboration across service sectors for community level systems change;
- Attracting resources from both the public and private sectors to meet the needs of children, youth and families;
- Actively advocating for geographic, linguistic, ethnic and economic diversity in membership and in respect to all services provided by members;
- Promoting trust-based relationships throughout the service system as a foundation for community resilience.

KIDS Network Focus Areas

A. Information and Analysis:

Gather and disseminate reliable information relevant to the well-being of children and families in Santa Barbara County for the purposes of community mobilization, strategic planning and to inform allocation of resources.

B. Communication, Coordination and Capacity Building:

Convene meetings of the KIDS Network (Executive Committee and General Membership), engaging health, education, juvenile justice and human services providers as well as community members for the purpose of prioritizing needs and actions that will enhance services and build network capacity for addressing issues relevant to children, youth and families.

C. Cross-Sector Initiatives:

Provide leadership, support and advocacy for priority initiatives identified by the KIDS Network, including health equity, family support, and prevention and intervention services for children and youth.

D. Outreach and Community Support:

Inform decision makers and increase public awareness and support for programs and services dedicated to meeting the needs of children, youth and families. Recognize and honor young people whose service to the local community supports the realization of the KIDS Network vision.

Key Projects & Activities

- Coordinate the Youth Impact Awards
- Publish the Santa Barbara County Children's Scorecard
- Convene and direct the Santa Barbara County Child Abuse Prevention Council
- Participate in County Self-Assessment and System Improvement Plan for Child Welfare Services
- Allocate and Oversee Child Abuse Prevention Funding for Santa Barbara County
- Promote and coordinate efforts to integrate Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and resilience into programs and services across Santa Barbara County



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The KIDS Network serves as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County and is comprised of an Executive Committee and a General Membership group. The Network strives for diverse representation, including community-based organizations, parents, community members, faith-based groups, educators and public agencies. Anyone with an interest in contributing positively to a wide-range of issues affecting the lives of children, youth and families is welcome to become a member.

Members of the KIDS Network determine priority needs and concerns for children and families in the areas of human services, health, education and juvenile justice. Strategic goals guide key projects to improve coordination of services, increase public awareness, and track related data.

As a member you will:

- **Attend a minimum of three business meetings each calendar year.**
- **Help determine priority issues and strategic goals.**
- **Advise the Board of Supervisors on KIDS Network priorities by a) contributing your own experience or your particular expertise, and b) providing guidance and feed-back on emerging needs and recommendations presented by the KIDS Executive Committee.**
- **Have the opportunity to serve on task forces, sub-committees and ad-hoc committees to drive KIDS Network initiatives and activities.**

To remain a member in good standing, we ask that you:

- **Support the vision and mission of the KIDS Network.**
- **Miss no more than one meeting per calendar year. Meetings are currently being held remotely, dependent upon the circumstances of the Covid-19 State of Emergency. General Membership Meetings occur in March, June, September and November. (Please refer to the annual calendar for exact dates and times.)**
- **Notify us if you are unable to continue your membership.**

For more information on the KIDS Network please refer to our website at <https://www.sbckids.net/> or call (805) 681-4452.

If you are interested in joining, please provide us with the following information by faxing, e-mailing or mailing this form to the KIDS Network at

Mailing address: KIDS Network, County of Santa Barbara Department of Social Services

234 Camino Del Remedio, Santa Barbara, CA 93110

FAX: (805) 681-4403

E-mail: gmunoz2@countyofsb.org

Please be sure to retain a copy of the general membership information for your records. Your name and organization will be included in our public membership roster unless otherwise requested.

Name: _____ Organization (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

For calendaring purposes, please also send meeting notices to the following person:

Name: _____ e-mail: _____

Membership Category (mark all that apply):

- Parent or Community Member
- Human Services
- Healthcare
- Education / Early Care
- Law & Justice
- Non-Profit/Community Based Organization
- Local Government/County Staff/Elected Official
- Other, please specify _____

My particular interest in joining: