# Meeting Notes

The Policy Council on Children and Youth’s (PCCY) mission is to provide leadership through advocating for and coordination of Mendocino County’s community efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse.

## 11:30 OPEN MEETING

- **Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions/Announcements**
  - Present: Sheryn Hildebrand, Camille Schraeder, Jena Conner, Justin Benninger, Katie Ford, Cindi Mockel, Becky Walker, Victoria Kelly, John Haschak, Debra Kubin, Michelle Hutchins, Joanna Olson, Jade Alrich, Izen Locatelli & Laurel Near
- **Additions to Agenda**
- **Membership Applications/Reapplications**- Justin Benninger has applications from Jena Conner, Sheryn Hildebrand, Camille Schraeder, Teri Sedrick, Joanna Olsen, Cindi Mockel and Izen Locatelli.
- Discussed rescheduling of March Juvenile Justice Meeting. Justin Benninger will discuss potential dates with Izen Locatelli.

## 11:45 COUNTY SELF ASSESSMENT PROCESS

- **Discussion regarding County Self-Assessment**- Peer Review / Stakeholder process and ideas/input regarding focus groups in lieu of a large stakeholder meeting. Input suggested included:
  - a) Using the 9/18 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention meeting for Probation stakeholder input
  - b) Schedule small groups for each day, be specific
  - c) Group by Education, Medical providers (Cindi Mockel will check and confirm with Jena Conner), Service providers, Foster Family Agency & Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program staff, law enforcement group, attorneys/Court group
  - d) Need schedule for stakeholders meetings at next PCCY meeting
- Michelle Hutchins noted MCOE and MCSO are doing “See Something, Say Something” Public Service Announcements. Sheriff does PSAs in Spanish. MCOE and MCSO are starting a task force this summer to address low child abuse reporting and how children can reach safe adults. FCS Hotline Supervisor should be on task force. Probation and RCS would like to be on task force.

## 12:15 STATE OF CHILD WELFARE

- **Discussion of the current state of child welfare.** Jena Conner discussed significant reduction in numbers regarding referrals and cases comparing March to May 2019 to March to May 2020.
- Camille Schraeder discussed Governor’s proposed budget cuts and potential impact on local programs including education and child welfare.
  - Ukiah Unified noted it is preserving counseling services because kids are so isolated right now
  - Cindi Mockel noted the counseling programs at the clinics are at max; 20-25 kids per day through telehealth; all kids leave clinic with a packet of resources- food, schedules, activities, etc.
- Community clinics will likely be taking a financial hit.
For further information or if you need disability modification or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, please contact Justin Benninger at Mendocino County Health and Human Services, Family and Children’s Services, (707) 463-7756 at least 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

Next Meetings:
- August 20, 2020 from 11:30am to 1pm
  890 N. Bush Street, Ukiah, CA 95482 and teleconference to Fort Bragg
- November 19, 2020 from 11:30am to 1pm
  890 N. Bush Street, Ukiah, CA 95482 and teleconference to Fort Bragg

A table will be available for handouts and materials. Materials need to be provided to Justin Benninger, HHSA, (benningerj@mendocinocounty.org) no later than 12:00 pm the Monday prior to the meeting to be distributed remotely.