

# ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, March 22, 2021

12:30 p.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair  
Supervisor Richard Valle

Location: Board of Supervisors' Chambers – Room 512 – 5th fl  
County Administration Building  
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

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## Summary/Action Minutes

### I. Child Abuse Prevention Council

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Michelle Love, Assistant Agency Director, Children and Family Services, William Nguyen, Program Manager, Children and Family Services, Collette Katuala, Child Welfare Supervisor, Children and Family Services, all in the Social Services Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Child Abuse Prevention Council.

The purpose of the Task Force is to review and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding the distribution of Child Abuse Prevention dollars.

Responsibilities:

1. Conduct community needs assessment & site monitoring
2. Set priorities for funding
3. Provide recommendations to BOS regarding funding priorities

Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention, & Treatment

- Funds Prevention, Intervention and treatment programs
- Utilizes a multi-disciplinary approach
- Funds are for services that address an unmet community need
- Services are free of charge, open to all county residents (funding of last resort for families in need)

CAPC website redesign is to increase public knowledge, education, and awareness regarding child abuse prevention services. The new website is now live.

**Purpose:**

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

### II. Fatherhood Initiative Update

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Kevin Bremond, Alameda County Fathers Corp Administrator, First 5 Alameda County and Ignacio Ferrey, Interim Associate Director, Health Access, Health Care Services Agency/Center for Healthy Schools presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Fathers Corp update.

Alameda County Fathers is a collaborative effort between First 5 Alameda County and Alameda County's Health Care Services Agency and Social Services Agency and was formed in 2013 to support fathers to be meaningfully engaged with their children and to advocate for father-friendly services.

The Fathers Corp work has steadily expanded over the past six years to include a broad approach focused on empowering and supporting fathers, by promoting father-friendly and father-specific programming for families in under-resourced, economically vulnerable neighborhoods and partnering with others to fund and enhance programming.

Service providers who work with Fathers Corp offer learning communities and trainings to enhance provider capacity to engage fathers; by providing safe spaces for learning, peer support, and networking for male providers; and by surveying providers to identify gaps in supports for fathers.

Additional supports for fathers include agencies offer trainings and tools to assist agencies and programs with implementing Father Friendly Principles. Fathers Corp convenes system leaders through an interagency workgroup that seeks to change policies that create barriers to fathers fully engaging with their children.

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- Other:

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**III. Child Support Services Update**

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Phyllis Nance, Director, Department of Child Support Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Alameda County Department of Child Support Services.

The Department of Child Support Services mission is to encourage responsible parenting, family self-sufficiency, and child wellbeing by locating parents, establishing paternity, obtaining and modifying support obligations and collecting support.

In 2020, the Department served over 29,000 families and distributed over \$89 million in child support funds. The Department is responsible for establishing paternity, and collection of current and child support in arrears.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Child Support Services established contactless check-in, virtual meet-and-confers in addition to launching a new website to better navigate services.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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