

AGENDA
Solano Children's Alliance Meeting
November 1, 2017
12:00pm-2:00pm
Please Note: Brandman University
4820 Business Center Drive, Ste.100
Fairfield CA 94534

Members

**Top Four priority areas: Child and Youth Safety, Quality Early Care and Education,
Homeless Youth and Mental and Behavioral Health**

Aaron Crutison
Juan Cisneros
Candy Pierce
Gloria Diaz
Pamela Dixon
Lisette Estrella-
Henderson
Zoe Bartholomew
Maurilio Leon
Pam Poschn
Tyffany Wanberg
Adrienne Carson
Stacey Burke
Sharon henry
Maria Viccondoa
Jane Johnson
JoLyn McMillan
Guadalupe Lopez
Monica Brown

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| I. | ✓ Introductions, Public Comment | | 12:00 |
| II. | ✓ Approval of <u>October Agenda</u> | (Action Item) | 12:05 |
| III. | ✓ Approval of October 4, 2017 minutes | (Action Item) | 12:10 |
| IV. | ✓ Alliance President Report: | | 12:15 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Membership Update: • Executive Committee Report | | |
| V. | ✓ Alliance Staff Report | | 12:25 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAPC Update • Legislative Update • Policy Form Planning | | |
| VI. | Special Presentation: | | 12:35 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB377 – Ericka Erickson, LPC Coordinator and Kathy Lago, SFCS | | |
| VII. | Special Presentation: | | 1:00 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeless children, youth and families' follow-up from October meeting – Gloria Diaz, Facilitator | | |
| VIII. | CAPC Advocacy and Legislation Workgroups (Time permitting) | | 1:30 |
| IX. | Adjournment | | 2:00 |

Next Alliance Meeting:
December 6, 2017

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SOLANO CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE General Meeting Minutes October 4, 2017 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Brandman University 4820 Business Center Drive, Ste 100 Fairfield, CA 94534

MEMBERS PRESENT: Debbie Powell, Pam Dixon Adrienne Chambers, Pam Posehn, Candy Pierce, Nicola Parr (for Lisette Estrella-Henderson), Stacy Burke, Angel Aguilar, Alaina Starr (for Toni Dumont), Jane Johnson, JoLyn McMillan, Juan Cisneros, Kelly Dwyer (for Monica Brown), Gloria Diaz, Ana Isabel Montano, Guadalupe Lopez, Kathy Lago (for Zoe Bartholomew)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Lisette Estrella-Henderson, Sharon Henry, Toni Dumont, Maria Vicondoa, Monica Brown, Zoe Bartholomew, Maurillio Leon, Tyffany Wanberg

GUESTS ATTENDING: Marie Libeson, Zaire Persley, Lisa Eckhoff, Tieteeanna Sidney, Karin Calle, Victor Romuadui, Jan Babb, Maria Guerava, Gene Ibe

STAFF: Alan Kerzin, Susan Ferdinandi

MINUTES: Carla Medenilla & Heather Dabbert

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 12:08 pm	
I. Introductions, Announcements, and Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Candy Pierce announced upcoming Gala. Flyers available. ○ Alaina Starr announced that SafeQuest is having a fundraiser on Friday, October 6. Flyers are available. ○ Lisa Eckhoff announced Quality Counts event Thursday, October 5 “Dine, Discover, Dash”. Flyers are available. 	
II. Approval of (September Agenda) (Action Item)	No changes requested.	Candy Pierce moved to approve the September agenda. Jolyn McMillan seconded the motion. The motion carried and the September agenda was approved.

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III. Approval of (September 6, 2017 Minutes) (Action Item)	Kathy Lago requested the correction in the spelling of her last name from “Logo” to “Lago”. The September minutes were approved with this correction.	Candy Pierce move to approve the September minutes. Jane Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried and the September minutes were approved with this correction.
IV. Alliance President Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Membership Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alan Kerzin noted that there is still one more opening and requested to give any interested applicants name to Alan or Juan. • Executive Committee Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alan discussed topics from the Executive committee specifically; How does the Alliance maintain level of momentum to the commitment to their four priority areas? How can the Alliance identify the gaps in service? ○ Future Alliance meetings will present a panel discussion about one of the four priority areas quarterly. This month’s panel is on homeless youth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ February: Mental and Behavioral Health ○ April: Child and Youth Safety ○ July: Quality Early Care and Education 	
V. Alliance Staff Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 Proposed County Legislative Platform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alan Kerzin discussed the review of the document that will be voted on late October early November of this year. The Alliance has impacted the platform by the addition of several key additions to the Legislative Program and Policy Guidelines. ○ Alan would like to thank the Board for adding the Alliance’s recommendations. ○ Pam Pohsen requested carry over language. Jane Johnson Seconded (2:28pm) • Legislative Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AB377 passed the Senate Appropriations, and is awaiting Governor’s Action on or before October 15th. Alan will send out information to the Alliance once the Governor makes a decision. • CAPC Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Susan showed sample of the California Mandated Reporter Booklet and Resilience Bookmarks that were developed by the Greater Bay Area CAPC Coalition, as part of the regional work being funded by the Office of Child Abuse Prevention’s 	

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	Innovative Partnerships Grant. "Cost of Abuse" Publication is available and if anyone would like copies they should contact Susan or Alan	
VI. Special Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel Discussion – Homeless Children, Youth and their Families (Alliance Priority Area) • Representatives from: Home Base, Vacaville FRC, Vallejo Together, First Place for Youth, Opportunity House, Solano County Office of Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Panel identified some of the gaps and trends the Alliance partners are find as they serve the sheltered homeless youth in their communities. 	
IX. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 2:03pm	

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SOLANO CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

Homeless Youth Panel Notes

October 4, 2017

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Brandman University

4820 Business Center Drive, Ste 100

Fairfield, CA 94534

PANEL MEMBERS:

Home Base: Marie Libeson

FRC, Vacaville: Ana Isabel Montano

Vallejo Together: Maria Guerava

First Place for Youth: Karim Calle

Opportunity House: Jolyn McMillan

Solano County Office of Education (SCOE): Nicola Parr

FACILITATOR:

Gloria Diaz, City of Vacaville Police Department

TOPIC:

What are some of the gaps and trends the Alliance is finding as they serve the “sheltered homeless” youth in our communities. “Sheltered homeless” defined as no stable long-term housing ex: hotels, shelters, garage.

	GAPS	TRENDS
Home Base Marie Libeson marie@homebaseccc.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affordable housing Housing for transitional, runaway or unaccompanied kids Tracking human trafficking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Point in Time (PIT) count of homeless Solano county families has increased this year.
FRC- Vacaville Ana Isable Montano amontano@cityofvacaville.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affordable Housing Resources to keep families housed Second chance program for folks with criminal record or low credit. More beds in shelters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 45% increase in rent in Vacaville. Landlords don't take Section 8 Landlords rather evict, not willing to work with families that are experiencing difficulties. Deposits have increased. Can't afford to get into housing. More single parents, more families living out of cars. Places not taking support animals

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Vallejo Together Maria Guerava vallejogether@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need a navigation center • They have facilities but no funding. Some participants can't pass a drug test. • Only one shelter in Vallejo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug and alcohol use is up • Housing referrals- funding relationship between city and county is a challenge, not listening to the needs and offering a permanent solution (like more shelters)
First Place for Youth Karim Calle kcalle@firstplaceforyouth.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard to find hotel for youth under 21 • Lack of services for drug users. • Youth need support system other than their social worker (as they only have contact with them once a month) • HUD Section 8 gets cut off because there isn't a case worker to help them follow through with responsibilities • Not enough shelters in Solano county for transitional youth. • Many shelters have curfew which makes evening employment difficult • Transportation • Lack of resources for single males 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Opportunity House Jolyn McMillan jolynm@opportunityhouse.us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Barrier program – doesn't work for everyone. • Plans for affordable housing are years away. • Maintaining funding. Relies on donations/fundraising. No longer takes Housing First funding due to drug testing requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing is always an issue • Drug and alcohol use • Children's safety
Solano County Office of Education Nicola Parr nparr@solanocoe.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding- Federal funding goes to CDE who distributes. Lost \$75K because of competitive bid process. • Need case management services/ system navigation/advocacy • Training school office staff to identify McKinney Vento • Transportation • Emergency housing • Legislative platform for homeless youth • Resources for direct services/case management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Identification- hard to identify McKinney Vento

	GAPS	TRENDS
Follow-Up Questions	QUESTION: (Juan Cisneros) The challenge of landlords returning checks, and evicting families is that due to the checks taking too long? Do they give any reasons for	ANSWER: (Ana Isabel Montano) Most landlords are deciding that they don't want to take these families anymore. As there is a demand in housing there is no incentive to keep a client that needs help if there is renter who can pay in full and upfront.
	QUESTION: (Kathy Lago) Are there any concerns with childcare?	ANSWER: (Ana Isabel Montano) Yes, childcare is always a challenge. It is cost prohibitive and you can't get a job if you don't have childcare.
	QUESTION: (Susan Ferdinandi) Are you finding community support for fathers?	ANSWER: (Nicola Parr) Fathers are heavily reliant on Family Resource Centers

BY-LAWS
OF
SOLANO CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Solano Children's Alliance (ALLIANCE), one of two components of the Children's Network with the other being the Children's Network of Solano County (CHILDREN'S NETWORK).

ARTICLE II. AUTHORITY

The Solano County Board of Supervisors designated the Alliance as the statutorily required "local volunteer commission" to complete all tasks required of the Commission for AB2994 (CAPIT) and AB1733 (Children's Trust Fund), the County's Interagency Children's Services Coordinating Council, and the Child Abuse Prevention Council.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

The purpose of the ALLIANCE is to join representatives from city and county agencies, private and community-based organizations, and concerned citizens in an effort to sustain and improve the quality, quantity and integration of services and programs available to Solano County children and their families.

Inherent to this purpose is:

- A. Increasing communication, coordination, collaboration and cooperation among public, private, and community service providers.
- B. Minimizing service duplication.
- C. Identifying gaps between needs and services provided.
- D. Enriching existing services.
- E. Prioritizing needed services.
- F. Researching the development of new services.
- G. Recommending funding for services and programs.

H. Researching, monitoring and advocating for legislation relating to children, youths and families.

ARTICLE IV. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

ALLIANCE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The ALLIANCE is responsible to the Board of Supervisors in carrying out its assigned tasks, including duties related to CAPIT and the Children’s Trust Fund. Recommendations for funding, services and programs and legislation shall be reviewed by the ALLIANCE and submitted by the Executive Committee directly to the Board of Supervisors, who shall have the final approving authority.

ALLIANCE/CHILDREN’S NETWORK

The CHILDREN’S NETWORK is a separate, incorporated non-profit agency whose responsibilities include, but are not limited to, providing staff support to the function of the ALLIANCE through a contractual agreement between the CHILDREN’S NETWORK and the Solano County Board of Supervisors.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

The ALLIANCE shall consist of twenty voting members appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The membership shall include:

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| 1. Health and Social Services | Two |
| 2. Probation, Juvenile Division | One |
| 3. Local child serving public agency | One |
| 4. Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court, <u>or-Designee, or Representative of Juvenile Justice Services</u> | One |
| 5. Superintendent of County Office Of Education or Designee | One |
| 6. Superintendent of a Local School District or Designee | One |
| 7. Representative from the District Attorney’s Office | One |
| 8. Representative of Community Based Organizations that provide services to children and/or Families/Non-Profits desiring County partnership to meet children’s needs | Five |
| 9. Board of Supervisors Member or Designee | One |
| 10. Representative of law enforcement | One |
| 11. Representative of the Regional Center | One |
| 12. Representative of the Child Care R&R or Child Care Planning Council | One |
| 13. Representative of Community Based Organizations with ties to ethnic communities | One |
| 14. Members at large (individuals not paid to work on children’s service programs in Solano County, community representatives, parents, grandparents and/or consumers | Two |

The Executive Committee shall receive and review applications as vacancies occur and make recommendations for appointments to the Board of Supervisors. All members shall be appointed to two-year terms, not to exceed three consecutive terms. At the request of the ALLIANCE, and with concurrence of the Board of Supervisors, a fourth term of office may be permitted under unusual circumstances. Each Alliance member may designate one alternate to be recommended to the Executive Committee and appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve for a period of two years. Alternates may attend, participate, and vote on the member's behalf in the regularly scheduled Alliance meetings.

Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Executive Committee. A thirty-day advance notice shall be submitted whenever possible.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

The Ralph M. Brown act shall govern the ALLIANCE meetings, but not the meetings of the Executive Committee. The Alliance shall hold a minimum of one meeting per month. Unless otherwise determined by a vote of the membership, the meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month at a site identified in writing in advance of the meeting.

Members of the ALLIANCE shall receive by mail or email the minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda for the next meeting at least seventy-two hours prior to the next meeting date.

Robert's Rule of Order shall guide the ALLIANCE in its proceedings.

Public notice shall be made available through email, and posted at the Children's Network and at designated meeting locations.

Special meetings may be called by the ALLIANCE President at any time. Each member of the Alliance shall be given a minimum of 24 hours notice of such meetings.

Items that qualify as an emergency can be added to the agenda at the meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

Attendance at all meetings is recorded on a sign-in sheet. Members are responsible for signing the attendance sheet.

ATTENDANCE

It shall be the duty of ALLIANCE members to attend all meetings. In case of illness or other compelling commitments, the Executive Committee may excuse an absence. Such absences will be recorded in the minutes.

Should a representative fail to attend two meetings in one calendar year without being excused by the Executive Committee, that representative may lose its membership.

QUORUM

A majority of the members of the ALLIANCE shall constitute a quorum. In computing the quorum, the member appointed by the Board of Supervisors or, in the members absence, that member's Board of Supervisor's approved alternate, counts as one member toward the quorum. A quorum shall be necessary to conduct ALLIANCE business meetings.

VOTING RIGHTS

Each member of the ALLIANCE shall have one vote in all actions and decisions of the ALLIANCE. All action and decisions shall require a majority vote for approval.

ARTICLE VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Officers of the ALLIANCE shall be the Executive Committee which shall include the President, the Vice President, and the immediate past President. Additionally, the Chairpersons of each standing committee of the ALLIANCE shall be made members of the Executive Committee upon the request of the standing committee chair.

The Executive Committee shall:

- A. Set overall procedures and policies for conducting meetings
- B. Set agendas
- C. Review proposals of funding for new programs
- D. Make reports to the Solano County Board of Supervisors

ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

The President shall be the principal executive officer of the ALLIANCE and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the ALLIANCE. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the members and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be assigned by the ALLIANCE from time to time. The immediate past president shall serve as the representative of the ALLIANCE to the Board of Directors of the CHILDREN'S NETWORK.

VICE PRESIDENTS

The offices of First Vice President and Second Vice President are established to provide for leadership continuity. The current year First Vice President shall be nominated to the position of President for the following year, and the current second Vice President shall be nominated to the position of first Vice President for the following year. The Nominating Committee shall also recruit and nominate a candidate for the position of second Vice President for the coming year.

The first Vice President shall in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and subject to all restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall routinely chair the Executive Committee meetings to gain experience in leadership and in managing the meeting agenda.

The second Vice President shall, in the absence of the first Vice President, perform the duties of the first Vice President, including the responsibility to chair the Executive Committee.

The First Vice President shall become the President for the remainder of the term if the office of the President becomes vacant, and the Second Vice President shall then become the First Vice President. A new second Vice-president shall be elected to serve in that capacity for the same period.

If the First Vice-President position becomes vacant, the Second Vice President shall become First Vice President for the remainder of that term. If the Second Vice President becomes vacant the Executive Committee may fill the office by appointment subject to ratification by the general membership.

ARTICLE IX. COMMITTEES

The ALLIANCE, by Resolution adopted by a majority, may designate and appoint one or more committees each of which may consist of two or more ALLIANCE members. Such committees will make recommendations to the Alliance and cannot independently exercise the authority of the Alliance except when specifically authorized to do so. Possible categories for committees include:

- A. Gathering data to develop and maintain information on programs.
- B. Researching new services and programs.
- C. Reviewing and monitoring legislation.
- D. Lobbying for effective children's services with appropriate governmental bodies, so long as the positions taken are consistent with Board of Supervisor's policy positions.

E. Providing a slate of officers at the time of the election of the Executive Committee.

Each committee may include non ALLIANCE members. Each committee shall have a Chairperson who shall be an ALLIANCE member.

ARTICLE X. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee shall be composed of ALLIANCE Officers and Committee Chairpersons. The Nominating Committee shall solicit from the voting membership names of candidates to be proposed for office. The current first Vice President shall be nominated for the position of President, and the current second Vice President shall be nominated for the position of first Vice President.

The Nominating Committee shall present the recommended slate of officers to the full membership at the April meeting each year.

ELECTIONS

The election of officers will be scheduled for the May meeting. The President shall also accept nominations from the floor. Voting rights are limited to those appointed members of the ALLIANCE. Voting is conducted by means of a secret ballot. Newly elected officers shall begin their responsibilities at the June or the next scheduled Council meeting.

TERM OF OFFICE

Each elected officer shall serve for a term of one year and may be re-elected for no more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

ARTICLE XI. BYLAWS

These by-laws shall be approved, and may be amended by a majority vote of those members of the ALLIANCE constituting a quorum, provided that the recommended amendments shall have been submitted in writing with a minimum of one month's notice to the ALLIANCE total membership for review. These by-laws shall become effective immediately upon the approval of the ALLIANCE.

Draft Revisions 8/3/11; revised per Alliance input 10/8/11 & reflecting membership changes adopted 12/5/12 and edits provided by County Counsel 1/29/13. Additional edits adopted in vote of Alliance 3/6/13 & 4/10/13.

Children's Alliance Membership Roster

<u>Category of Membership</u>	<u>Member/Alternate</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Solano County H&SS	Aaron Crutison Alternate: Debbie Powell	November 26, 2017
Solano County H&SS	Pamela Dixon Alternate: Debbie Powell	November 26, 2017
Solano County Juvenile Probation Dept.	Adrienne Carson Alternate: Lisa Wamble	March 3, 2019
Local Child Service Public Agency	Pamela Posehn Alternate: Rachel Rico	November 26, 2017
Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court or Representative of Juvenile Justice Services	Candy Pierce Alternate: Cynthia Wojan	March 8, 2018
Solano County Superintendent of Schools or Designee	Lisette Estrella-Henderson Alternate: Nicola Parr	November 26, 2017
Local School District or Designee	Stacy Burke Alternate: Cheryl Jones	March 3, 2019
Solano County District Attorney's Office	Sharon S. Henry Alternate: Angel Aguilar	October 6, 2017
Community Based Organization that Provides Services to Families and Youth	Jane Johnson Alternate: Sonja New	October 31, 2018
Community Based Organization that Provides Services to Families and Youth	JoLyn McMillan Alternate: Deena Lemley	October 31, 2018
Community Based Organization that Provides Services to Families and Youth	Maria Vicondoa Alternate: Andrea Vela	November 26, 2017
Community Based Organization that Provides Services to Families and Youth	Juan Cisneros Alternate: Debbie Peralez	September 9, 2018
Community Based Organization that Provides Services to Families and Youth	Toni Dumont Alternate: Alaina Starr	June 6, 2019
Member at Large – Parents, Grandparents and Consumers	Tyffany Wanberg	November 26, 2017
Member at Large – Parents, Grandparents and Consumers	Gale Bowen Alternate: Jewel Fink	November 26, 2017
Member of the County Board of Supervisors or Designee	Monica Brown Alternate: Kelly Dwyer	February 2019
Local Law Enforcement	Gloria Diaz Alternate: Ana Isabel Montano	November 26, 2017
Regional Center	Guadalupe Lopez Alternate: Rafael Hernandez-Perez	September 9, 2018
Child Care R&R or Child Care Planning Council	Zoe Bartholomew Alternate: Kathy Lago	March 8, 2018
Community Based Organization that ties to an Ethnic Community	Maurilio Leon Alternate: Angie Lopez	September 9, 2018

For Children's Network Newsletter

Victory!

Governor Brown Signs Bill by Assemblymember Frazier to Make Child Care More Accessible in Solano

After over a year of grassroots advocacy efforts lead by Children's Alliance community partners and our Local Child Care Planning Council, Governor Brown signed AB-377, which was authored by our Assemblyman Jim Frazier, D-Discovery Bay!

This legislation will provide needed relief to subsidized child care systems in our county and in San Diego, where the high cost of doing business leaves many child care programs struggling to keep their doors open, and many low-income families with limited options for quality child care.

AB377 will provide Solano with more flexibility in using state-allocated child care subsidy funds for low-income children. The current system, which undercompensates child care providers and underserves families in high cost of living counties, results in millions of dollars in child care subsidies returned to the state. Between 2012 and 2015, Solano returned \$1,791, 849 to California's General Fund.

This bill provides another powerful tool for early learning systems to ensure that every dollar allocated is spent and as many children as possible get the high-quality child care experience they deserve. By 2019, subsidy programs in our county will have the flexibility to increase income eligibility guidelines and serve more children, offer higher reimbursement rates to providers, and contract with programs that can fully use available subsidies.

AB-377 is modeled after successful local child care subsidy pilots implemented in Alameda, San Mateo and San Francisco Counties. Frazier said the pilot programs will help the state in its efforts to reform how child care funding is allocated.

For more information and to get involved in the creation of the Subsidy Pilot Plan, please contact our Local Child Care Planning Council Coordinator, Ericka Erickson, at eercikson@childnet.org