



# The San Mateo County Child Abuse Prevention Council

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**Minutes:** November 16, 2020

**Call to Order:** 10.55 a.m.

**Present:** Susan Swope (JJDC), Alyssa Canfield (Star Vista), Stephanie Loera (Family Connections), Rosie Gutierrez (Family Connections), Gary Beasley (CFS), Jazz Lamadora (CFS), Cindy Marroquin (Rape Trauma Services), Karen Pisani (First 5), Mitch Eckstein (California Children Services), Jazz Lamadora (CFS), Donovan Fones (CFS), Yadira Medero de Cardenas (Family Connections), Chris Perry (SVC).

**Item: Public Comment/Brown Act** – No members of the public requested to comment.

**Introductions** – Members introduced themselves.

## **Discussion: Systemic Racism in the Child Welfare System**

Jazz recapped her information from last month's meeting about current efforts by the County to address systemic racism, disproportionality and disparity. Donovan mentioned that a trauma informed approach is really important and that his unit is dealing with the issue of why parents don't want to cooperate with the system. Redwood City is working with PCRC on Racial Healing Dialogues. Susan echoed Donovan's remarks and stressed that the truancy work JJCC is doing has just begun but will address some of the same issues. Karen said that First 5 has a trauma related initiative and race equity work overlaps with trauma work. First 5 has hired a consultant to look at race and equity issues with their organization.

Although Community-Based organizations are not part of the County's Government Alliance on Race and Equity, as described by Jazz, the CBO community will be part of the work going forward and it appears that several agencies are already addressing race and equity issues. Coordination between the GARE and CBO's will be important as the work continues. Jane will try to schedule agencies doing this work to come to speak to CAPC in 2021.

The group decided that the scheduled meeting in December was too close to the holidays and opted to start again in the new year. The next meeting in January is not on the regular meeting day to account for the Martin Luther King Holiday.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:57**

**NEXT MEETING – January 25, 2021 10:45-12:00**

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