# Monterey County Children’s Council Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

**Zoom Virtual Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 12, 2021**

**Executive Members Present:** Lori Medina, Todd Keating, Katy Castagna, Elsa Jimenez, Cynthia Holmsky, and Deneen Guss

**Others Present:** Sonja Koehler, Francine Rodd, Iris Gamez and Sandra Silva

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<td><strong>1.</strong> Welcome/Introductions and Public Comments.</td>
<td>Meeting was called to order at 11:03am by Committee Chair, Lori Medina. There was no public comments.</td>
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| **2.** Action Item  
  a. Approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021 Executive Meeting – Attached | a. The Executive Committee meeting minutes of June 15, 2021 were approved. Motioned by Katy Castagna. Seconded by Todd Keating. Vote. Passed. | |
| **3.** Discussion: | a. **Review mission and purpose of the MCCC**  
  • Last year some modifications were made to the mission statement. Executive Team members reviewed modifications and no further updates were required.  
  • The current version of the bylaws with the tracked changes is what the County Counsel has approved. Elsa is working with County Council on final Bylaws. If there are significant changes, it will be brought back to the Councils agenda for adoption. | a. Francine made some typo edits to the document and will forward to Elsa and Lori. |
b. Revisit and review 2019 council survey results and review current council survey results
   - Elsa reviewed some highlights of the 2019 Council survey results, and a brief discussion was had.
     - Lori stated that going into this year we should look at things through a racial, equity, diverse, inclusion lens. Council needs to look at what are the impacts through that lens.
   - Sonja reviewed the MCCC Priority Focus Areas 2020-2021 Survey Results and a discussion was had.

C. REDI Ad Hoc Committee update
   - Sonja shared the following link in the chat for the 2021 Survey Results:
     https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1_GutqVg7hfQNeK1qaErRMhCxl1zKJ90i5-CpfqUu_o4/edit#slide=id.p
     - Sonja stated that this survey was developed through looking at what last year’s responses were and in thinking of the conversations at the Executive Committee around what is some of the information we need to know now, knowing we cannot make this survey too burdensome. This was the start of the survey so that they can plan for the next year, know that they might have to go back and ask for more specific questions. Sonja provided an overview of the results, and a discussion was had. The following comments/recommendations were made:
     - Decision is to carry over the mental health theme from the previous year because there was a lot of interest and a lot of ground to cover

Redi Adhoc Committee Update:
   - Sandra to create a doodle poll to select a date and time that will work for everyone.
   - Iris will assist with gathering additional names for the REDI Adhoc Committee.
   - Todd Keating appointed Greg Glazzard to the committee.
   - Sonja and Iris will help draft an email for Lori to send out the official invitation.
- Elsa appreciated how much thought went into the responses to the survey, considering they had only a few days to respond. Elsa saw a real interest from the members to be more involved and have it be long lasting.
- Sonja stated that a couple of times it was called out about the pattern of communication between meetings. Something to consider, as a Council, how can we be more inclusive, and responsive in sharing communications. For example, if there are specific people that should show up from the agency, that there is enough advanced notice, versus the Friday before the meeting.
  - Council is complying with the Brown Act, regarding when you must post the agenda. Instead of the 72-hour notice, it was suggested to move the timeline up a week. This will allow for time to reflect on the agenda items and for them to invite others to participate.
  - It was also suggested that they plan several meetings in advance, which will provide plenty of notice on what will be presented at the General Membership meeting.
- at other items that might have to be part of the agenda, such as the schools opening in August. This Ad Hoc Committee will send their recommendations to the Executive Committee prior to presenting to the Council.

- Mayra to setup a special debrief meeting with the Executive Committee members, after the REDI Ad Hoc Committee meeting, in preparation for the August meeting.

Next Steps:
Finalize the REDI Ad Hoc Committee so they can develop the Redi curriculum for Council and guide rollout. Also look at how it fits with the August 12 meeting and what will be on the agenda. There will be approximate three to four meetings to develop the curriculum, with outside work happening in between these meetings. The framework will be designed for the Council to guide their learning.
Sonja will work with the names they currently have on the committee. If there are other folks that should be included, send the names to Sonja and Iris. A doodle poll will be created to select a date and time that will work for everyone. In preparation for the August meeting, they will convene this group, review the results, and come up with recommendations to present
d. Planning for next fiscal year topics and focus

Mayra to send a reminder to the Council to fill out the survey if they have not had an opportunity to complete it.

4. General Assembly Agenda Setting for August

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<th>It was recommended to review the composition of membership structure, term dates, and come up with a process to fill vacant positions. Look at broadening the membership on the Council to include more committee members.</th>
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<td>Discussion/Presentation:</td>
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<td>a. School Reopening (Dr. Deneen Gus)</td>
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<td>b. Revisit and review 2020-2021 council survey results and review current (2021) council survey results (Sonja/Lori)</td>
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<td>c. REDI Ad Hoc Committee update (Committee Chair)</td>
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5. Meeting Adjourned

12:59pm.