



Mandated Reporting to Community Supporting Task Force

Communities Keeping Children Safe and Families Together

**Mandated Reporting to Community Supporting Task Force – Meeting 1
September 18, 2023, 1:00 to 4:00 pm
Meeting Minutes**

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<p>In Attendance</p>	<p>Dana E. Blackwell, Co-Chair Diana Boyer Teresa Castillo Charity Chandler-Cole André Chapman Sarah Cook Dr. Khush Cooper Elena Costa Roger De Leon Jr., Co-Chair Mercie DiGangi Diane Elias Kelly Graesch Shane Harris Tamara Hunter</p>	<p>Hillary Konrad Shelley Lopez Danielle Lowe Joan Miller Kathryn Miller Jenny Pearlman Raina Perez-Diaz Christina Riehl Tina Rios Zoila Perez Sanchez Jason Sharpe Melinda Sokolowski Arati Vasan Daniel Webster</p>
<p>Not in Attendance</p>	<p>Wendy Alvarez Janay Eustace Erika F. Torres</p>	
<p>Welcome and Introductions Co-Chairs Roger De Leon Jr. and Dana Blackwell</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Co-Chairs Roger De Leon Jr. and Dana Blackwell welcomed the Task Force members and guests. Dana made a land and labor acknowledgement, which will occur at the beginning of each Task Force meeting. 2. Task Force members introduced themselves by name and the role they represent on the Task Force. 	

	<p>3. Small break-out group session where Task Force members discussed “What do you hope will be different as a result of our Task Force work?” Task Force created a word cloud with shared words or phrases they had discussed.</p>
<p>Task Force 101: Setting the Stage Roger De Leon Jr., Kathy Icenhower and David Swanson Hollinger</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>History</u> of how the work of the Child Welfare Council and the Prevention & Early Intervention Committee as well as passing of the Family First Prevention Services Act led to the Community Pathway Recommendations and establishment of the Task Force. 2. <u>Partners</u> that have been critical to this effort: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. California Citizens Review Panel b. California Department of Social c. Casey Family Programs d. Safe and Sound 3. <u>Expectations of Task Force and Members:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Final recommendations and report due to the CWC in June 2024 b. Task Force will present updates at the CWC meetings in December 2023 and March 2024. c. Task Force members all agreed to participate on a subcommittee. d. Each member represents a seat, not an organization or agency. Although a member’s organization or agency can provide support, the member is responsible for bringing expertise, insights, perspectives, and a broad voice from the group that they have been selected to represent. e. Task Force members are champions and ambassadors for the work of this Task Force and for children and families.
<p>Task Force Roles & Responsibilities Beth Kuenstler Juliet Cox</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Task Force Ecosystem and Support Structure</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The ecosystem chart was created to address concerns about how the many efforts in the child and family prevention and wellness space could be coordinated to ensure cross communications and avoid replication and working in silos. The ecosystem lays out the following structure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Child Welfare Council (CWC) is the overarching oversight body for the work and the Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Committee is under the CWC. ii. The Task Force will also be connected to the Family First Prevention and Services Advisory (FFPSA) Committee, which will oversee the implementation of the counties’ comprehensive prevention plans. iii. Under the FFPSA Committee there will be several sub-committees: Lived Experience Advisory Committee; FFPSA

	<p>Advisory Committee, made up of county child welfare directors; and Community Pathways Advisory Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. There is a broad and deep support team wrapped around the Task Force that is going to support the work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Backbone team is the significant support and connective tissue who will manage the workflow and keep things aligned. ii. Advisory Team consists of Roger and Dana as well as Katie Albright, David Swanson-Hollinger, Kathy Icenhower, Juliet Cox and Vanessa Spagnoli and Cheryl Treadwell. The Advisory Team makes recommendations but not decisions. iii. Co-Chair Team includes Dana and Roger, as well as Katie and Beth as advisors and staffers to ensure that the work of the Task Force moves forward and meets its goals. The Co-Chair Team makes recommendations and decisions. iv. Executive Advisers who are very supportive of this work: Dr. Mark Galley, and Chief Justice Earle who also co-chair the Child Welfare Council; Kim Johnson, Kathy and David. <p>2. <u>Ambassador communications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Draft Communications document was shared. b. There will be two communications workshops between now and the next Task Force meeting on October 16th. c. If members want to reach out to their networks before the next Task Force we can provide help with messaging.
<p>Data Presentation: The “why” of the work</p> <p>Alex Pimentel Dana Blackwell</p>	<p>1. <u>The data behind the work</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Alex Pimentel, from Casey Family Programs Data Advocacy Unit, provided high level data from NCANDS, the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System. The data refers to child abuse and neglect reports that were screened in for investigation in California during fiscal year 2022. b. Overall, 20% of reports were substantiated and 84% unsubstantiated. These numbers total more than 100% because a child could have more than one type of allegation in a report c. The main takeaway is differences in substantiation based on who reported and type of maltreatment. <p>2. <u>Reflection and questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Disaggregating data by race and ethnicity cannot be emphasized enough. b. To shape the recommendations, the Task Force should examine differences in who is being reported on and the substantiation rates.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. There will be further exploration of data by the Task Force and subcommittees. d. CCWIP can do a similar data analysis using definitions that are specific to California child welfare.
<p>Subcommittee Development Roger De Leon Jr Dana Blackwell Beth Kuenstler Task Force Members</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Task Force members went into break-out sessions to brainstorm the top two to three priority pieces of work for each subcommittee; what data and research, both quantitative and qualitative, would the subcommittee need; and which subject matter experts could be helpful, in general or specific name. 2. This is the output produced by the breakout groups.
<p>Next Steps & Announcements Beth Kuenstler</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members are urged to attend at least one of the communications working sessions to co-create the messaging together. 2. If members would like to begin the ambassador work prior to the communications working sessions, they can contact Beth for assistance. 3. OCAP is recruiting focus group participants to inform its mandated reporting training and curriculum revisions. Members will receive focus group information to share with their networks. 4. All the work from today's break-out groups will be summarized, synthesized and sent out to the Task Force, so that work can begin on standing up the sub-committees. This work will continue at the October Task Force meeting. 5. There are members of the public listening in who are excited about contributing to this work. As the subcommittees get started, there will be ways for the public to get engaged. 6. Shane Harris made a request for public comment to occur at the beginning of Task Force meetings rather than the end to show that the Task Force will prioritize the public input.
<p>Public Comment</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stephen Zollman, former public defender and city council member, agreed with the suggestion to move public comment to the top of the Task Force agenda. He also encouraged the Task Force to engage and include public defenders throughout the State. 2. Ms. Suttle from Reimagining Child Safety Coalition recommended two public comments, one at the beginning and one at the end. 3. Patricia Bevelyn, a retired child welfare services manager and founder of Project Safe supported the position that public comments should be at the

	beginning. She also suggested that the Task Force include in some capacity a person who trains mandated reporters.
Closing Roger De Leon Jr Dana Blackwell	<u>Meeting Concludes</u> Dana and Roger thanked the Task Force for its commitment to this work. There is a lot of work ahead and today's meeting was foundational.