



*Improving the Well-Being of Children in Yuba County*

## MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.

### Attend In-Person or Zoom

#### Location

Yuba County One Stop - 1114 Yuba Street, Marysville, CA 95901  
Maidu Conference Room (main entrance, first door to the left)

#### Zoom Link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85198495090?pwd=L0gvODEzaXZONkVwSUdmeUZwelZzd09>

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#### Chairman

Meredith Evans, Peach Tree Health

#### Vice-Chairman

Caron Job

#### Council Officers

Tony Gordon  
Amy Molina-Jones  
Ericka Summers

Matt Ricardy  
Andy Vasquez  
Kathleen Shenk

Tracey Munson  
Darrin Whittaker  
Chelsea Burke

Norma Kupser

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### Call to Order

- Chairman, Meredith called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

### Roll Call

- **Council Members Present:** Meredith Evans, Caron Job, Tony Gordon, Ericka Summers, Matt Ricardy, Andy Vasquez, Kathleen Shenk, Tracey Munson, Darrin Whittaker, Chelsea Whittaker, Norma Kupser.
- **Council Members Absent:** Amy Molina-Jones

### Public Comment

- Darrin Whittaker – Sutter Yuba Behavioral Health
  - Paula Kearns has retired. Josh Thomas is the new Branch Director and can be reached at [JPThomas@co.sutter.ca.us](mailto:JPThomas@co.sutter.ca.us)
  - Crisis Mobilization unit is currently working on the MOUs with law enforcement and dispatch.
  - Site Crisis will be contacting schools to establish a formal MOU regarding on when or what number to call. Recruitment efforts are underway, and by October, one of the two teams will start services within the community. The goal is to allocate one team to Yuba County and another to Sutter County.
- Caron Job – Yuba County One Stop

- In partnership with the Department of Rehabilitation and the Yuba County Workability One program, were able to put 28 students to work this summer.
- A partnership has been established with Health & Human Services to provide work experience opportunities for 20 students, resulting in some students successfully securing employment. However, a significant challenge they face is the process of obtaining work permits for the students.
- Ericka Summers – First 5 Yuba
  - In collaboration with HHSD, a conference will be held in October for executive staff, focusing on Trauma Responsive Leadership in Systems and Organizations. It will focus the importance of agency culture and the development of a trauma-responsive environment within organizations, aimed at enhancing the ability of employees to support families in Yuba County.

### Approval of June 5, 2024, Minutes

- **Motion to Approve:** Tony Gordon
- **Second:** Andy Vasquez
- **Roll Call Vote:**
  - **Aye:** Meredith Evans, Caron Job, Tracey Munson, Matt Ricardy, Kathleen Hering, Darrin Whittaker, Ericka Summers, Chelsea Burke.
  - **No:**

### Children’s Trust Fund Considerations

- Current Balance for FY 23-24 \$2,500.

### Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)

- The primary prevention efforts are on children aged 0-5, and what the parent education would look like. The team has been introduced to various programming options, including those that are currently available and those requiring additional funding for continuation. The team is currently evaluating these options while also reviewing the associated budgets.

### Prevention Network

- Parent Education Ad Hoc (Dulia on behalf of Amy-Molina)
  - Positive Parenting Program (Tripple P) – August 16 – October 11, 2024, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the T.E.A.M center.
  - Parent facilitator meeting will resume.
- Resource Planning Ad Hoc (Kathleen Shenk)
  - No Update

## Displaced Youth Multi-Disciplinary Team Update (DYMDT)

- Kick off meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2024, to discuss the referral process.
- A portion of YCOE has relocated to 1010 I Street in Marysville, where training sessions will now be conducted.

## Differential Response (DR) Program Overview (Kathleen Shenk)

- Tony Gordon – Health & Human Services (HHSD)
  - The Child Welfare division of HHSD currently holds a contract with Youth for Change (YFC) to deliver DR services which is set to expire in March 2025. The council's approval is necessary for HHSD to proceed with the continuation of these services. Previously, the council had sanctioned the initial contract with YFC. However, due to updates in the purchasing manual, HHSD is unable to simply extend the existing contract and is required to initiate a Request for Proposals (RFP) as part of the process.
  - Kathleen provided an overview of the DR program to inform and educate the public about its functions and benefits. This topic will be included as an agenda item in the upcoming September council meeting, where approval will be sought to initiate the RFP process.

The DR program provides resources and referrals through trained staff, building local networking, and expanding the availability of services through non-traditional service hours and community outreach. DR Family Navigators participate in daily RED team meetings with child welfare to assist in the determination of Path I and Path II responses.

**Path 2** – is determined when there is a valid concern regarding child maltreatment, characterized by low to moderate risk of future abuse or neglect. The social worker completes the investigation jointly with a Youth for Change navigator, while the DR program provides ongoing support to the family.

**Path 1** – is determined when there are no concerns about child maltreatment, indicating the child is safe. However, the family may be facing stressors that could benefit from community services. Referrals are made to the DR program to complete a full contact with the family.

Supportive services provided to the families include but are not limited to parenting skills, life skills, strengthening families, referral/linkage to treatment of substance abuse, parenting education, transportation, childcare counseling, employment, family activities, and more.

DR Services in Yuba County FY 23/24	
Connected 999 families with services.	Goals completed by families at exit: Path 1 = 60% and Path 2 = 90%.
Received 508 referrals.	100% of families were able to address immediate crisis stabilization.
Served 325 adults and 547 children.	500 face to face visits
125 – 150 virtual visits	

### Next Children's Council Meeting: September 4, 2024

- Children's Council will continue to meet in the Maidu Conference Room at the Yuba County One Stop, 1114 Yuba Street in Marysville.

### Adjourn

- Chairman, Tony Gordon, adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.