

**Sacramento County  
Children’s System of Care Committee**

**MINUTES –IN PERSON MEETING,  
HYBRID PARTICIPATION OPTION  
January 23, 2024, 2:30PM-4:00PM**

Members Present: Corrine McIntosh- Sako, Teresa Riviera, Kesha Harris  
Absent: Maria Padilla-Castro  
BHS Staff: Sheri Green, Rhapsody Flores,  
Guests: Bina Lefkovitz, Leia Schenk, Lynn Berkely-Baskin, Shanalle Patterson & Sade Ajayi

**Agenda Item**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

**Conduct Agreement Acknowledgement**

Chair convened the meeting at 2:35pm, introductions were made, and Conduct Agreement acknowledged.

**II. Public Comments Relating to the Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services Children’s System of Care-Items Not on Agenda**

**Public Member-** Lynn Berkely-Baskin asked which programs are being cut? Per Chair McIntosh-Sako and Sheri Green, there is more information to come.

**III. Presentation on Project T.A.K.E. (Trafficking-Awareness-Knowledge-Empowerment) Youth Program Addressing Dangers of Sex Trafficking- Leia Schenk, EMPACT**

EMPACT was created to bring notice and expose sex trafficking. Education is key to prevention.

If an adult does not know the signs, they don’t know how to protect the youth from exploitation.

Traffickers use sophisticated methods to groom girls as young as 11 years old. Youth aged 14 are the most sought-after youth for exploitation.

Project T.A.K.E. (Trafficking-Awareness-Knowledge-Empowerment) is an in-person training curriculum to be taught in schools, youth groups, church ministries, and community spaces to educate the community on the dangers of sex trafficking. The curriculum is grade level, age appropriate for schools, receiving homes and group homes.

**a. Questions from Committee Members & Members of the Public**

Committee Member Riviera: What does get on board mean? Response: Get on board means financial and physical support

Committee Member Harris: For the presentations in schools, what ages are targeted for the curriculum? Response: Primary, Middle, high school. 3rd grade and 9th graders will get different curriculums. The curriculum based on grade level. Curriculum is two 45 minute sessions or one 90 minute session for kids

Chair McIntosh-Sako: Focusing on prevention and early intervention, are there options to implement Project T.A.K.E.? Response: Sheri Green, currently, there is a collaborative with Stanford Sierra Youth and Families, Capital Star has CSET for CSEC, Department 90 and UC Davis is providing TF-CBT to youth who have been trafficked.

Question: In your opinion, what should happen if a girl is arrested? Response: Do not arrest them. Children don’t have a choice in what adults do to them. There needs to be Safe Houses for children to go to when they are ready to be rescued. Currently, EMPACT monitors the youth if they are not ready to be rescued.

Comment: The passion, vibrations are coming through,

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## **IV. Presentation on Essence of Black Girlhood Story Circles- Shanalle Patterson & Sade Ajayi**

[Essence MHB Presentation - Google Slides](#)

Justice2Jobs Coalition received one of 26 organizations to receive the Creative Corps Grant, which is dedicated to connecting art with public health, health equity and social justice.

The project inspiration came from knowing that there wasn't a space to speak to the things happening in world. The grant helps to allow participants express themselves through art and pictures, light and storytelling. This is a narrative campaign that is multimedia. The funding runs August 2023- September 2024. The project coordinators are seeking participants from Oak Park, Del Paso Heights and Meadowview, for the Story Circles.

## **V. Discussion/Action Item: Establish Committee Chair & Co-Chair**

Chair: McIntosh-Sako reminded committee that it is time to establish a new committee chair & co-chair. At this time there are no nominees for either position. Chair: McIntosh-Sako nominated herself and motioned, which Committee member Harris seconded. Committee member Riviera abstained. The motion did not pass. Current Chair McIntosh-Sako will remain as Interim Chair.

## **VI. Discussion/Action Item: Review MHB 2024 Goals Related to CSOC & Establish Priorities for CSOC's Scope of Work.**

Committee members participated in the Mental Health Advisory Board retreat over the weekend. The participants agreed to continue to monitor school based mental health services, schools being as centers of wellness, and strengthen youth advisory board (YAB)

Committee Member Riviera requested that there be additional BHS Services outreach to AA/Black, Latino, Hmong, Russian, Asian Indian, disabled, LGBTQ+ populations and cultures. She also requested that BHS continue to work on serving foster youth and identifying needs.

### **a. Public Comment (3 minutes per person)**

None

### **b. Adjournment**

Chair McIntosh-Sako adjourned the meeting at 3:49 pm and reminded schedule for the next meeting.

CSOC meets 4th Tuesday of each month

Next meeting scheduled for February 27, 2:30pm-4:00pm