

## Minutes for San Bernardino County Children's Policy Council

January 28, 2026  
12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.  
Children and Family Services  
31 W. Stuart St.  
Redlands, CA

Minutes Recorded and Transcribed by Denise McKinney, Executive Administrative Assistant

| OPENING REMARKS                                  | PRESENTER              | ACTION/OUTCOME  |
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| A. Call to Order<br>B. Welcome and Introductions |                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendees were welcomed to the meeting.</li> </ul>   |
| CONSENT ITEMS                                    |                        |   |
| C. Approve October 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes      | Victor Tordesillas     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes were reviewed. No corrections were needed.</li> <li>Supervisor Baca made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Michael Koenig seconded the motion. <b>Rollcall Vote: 13 yay/0 nay. Motion carried.</b></li> </ul>  |
| D. What is a Doula? Presentation                 | Dr. Priya Kalyan-Masih | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are five different types of doulas – Full Spectrum, Birth, Postpartum, Bereavement, and Death.</li> <li>Full Spectrum doulas are the most common - they help with patient education and advocacy, Patient education and advocacy, and patient education and advocacy. This can take place in birthing centers, hospitals, or homes.</li> <li>Doulas ensure patients get the correct prenatal care, education, and access to resources.</li> <li>Medi-Cal provides doula benefits as of 1/1/23.</li> <li>A copy of the presentation was provided to meeting attendees.</li> <li>James Locurto stated that the Transitional Assistance Department would like to provide information and resources to patients that are not on Medi-Cal or receive Cal-Fresh benefits.</li> <li>Janki Patel offered to provide information for patients about the Department of Public Health's Black Infant Health program.</li> </ul> |
| INFORMATION ITEMS                                |                        |   |
| E. Legislative Update                            | Megan Kidwell          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The House and Senate have reconvened, and legislative activities are underway as federal lawmakers face a January 30 funding deadline.</li> <li>The House passed the final funding package last week. As of January 26, House Appropriators have reached agreement on all the fiscal 2026 spending measures needed to keep the country up and running.</li> <li>The Senate is expected to take up a massive, consolidated package that includes the final six appropriations bills: Defense; Homeland Security; Labor, Health and Human Services, Education;</li> </ul>  |

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| F. Children's Network Update | Ashley Brooksher | <p>Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD); Financial Services and General Government; State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State legislators have reconvened in Sacramento for the start of the second year of the legislative session, marking Governor Newsom's final year in office. As the January deadline for two-year bills approaches, it is compelling action on several bills that were deferred during the concluding moments of last year's session.</li> <li>A summary/updates of these bills was given to meeting attendees.</li> <li>The Human Trafficking Symposium was held on January 15, 2026 at the Ontario DoubleTree. Over 100 youth attended the symposium, as well as law enforcement officers from all over the State.</li> <li>The Inland Empire Fatherhood Summit will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup> at Curtis Middle School in Fontana.</li> <li>The Shine a Light on Child Abuse Awards Breakfast will be on April 2 at the Ontario DoubleTree hotel. Nominations are still being accepted, and tickets will be on sale soon.</li> <li>The Children's Policy Council Strategic Plan Committee will start to meet on February 3. Please let Ashley know if you would like to participate.</li> </ul> |
| G. Children's Fund Update    | Cesar Navarrete  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children's Fund, First 5 San Bernardino, and the Inland Empire Children's Cabinet are hosting "Listening Sessions" for the local community on February 12 in San Bernardino.</li> <li>Children's Fund fulfilled 350 emergency service requests in December – they would like to reach out to community partners to offer these services.</li> <li>Scholarship season will be starting soon – applications will be going out and accepted starting February 2.</li> </ul>   |
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| H. Public Comment            |                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paul Durham announced that San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools held a dinner for group home youth at the Elks Lodge which included lots of fun events. They also took 70 youth to Disneyland to meet with cast members about the hiring and working experience at Disneyland.</li> <li>Rishad Mitha announced that Housing Authority will be opening a 120 unit apartment complex in Victorville. Housing Authority is looking to partner with community agencies that have working families looking for housing.</li> <li>James Locurto announced that the VITA program is open and available to help County residents with their taxes. The income limit for the VITA program is \$69,000.</li> <li>Marco Pulido shared that CASA youth participated in Angel Tree giving during the holiday season and hosted a holiday luncheon.</li> </ul>  |
| I. Open Discussion           |                  |   |

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| Adjournment  |  | Being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.                             |
| Next Meeting |  | February 25, 2025 @ 12:00 p.m. – First 5 San Bernardino, 735 E. Carnegie Rd., San Bernardino |

### January 28, 2026 ATTENDEES:

#### Present

|                         |                                    |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Avena, Jessica          | Fifth District Supervisor's Office |
| Baca, Supervisor Joe*   | Fifth District Supervisor          |
| Brooksher, Ashley       | Children's Network                 |
| Byers, Jonathan*        | Children and Family Services       |
| Corral, Melinda         | CSUSB                              |
| Crawford, Tyrese        | SBCSS                              |
| Dugas, Joshua*          | Behavioral Health                  |
| Durham, Paul*           | SBCSS                              |
| Edber, Daniel*          | Public Defender                    |
| Gomez, Susan            | Inland Empire Children's Cabinet   |
| Holland, Joey           | ISCUW                              |
| Kaylan-Masih, Dr. Priya | Love Your Best Life                |
| Kidwell, Megan          | HS Legislation                     |
| Koenig, Michael*        | Children's Advocacy Group          |
| Lee, Wendy              | First 5 San Bernardino             |
| Locurto, James*         | Transitional Assistance            |
| McKinney, Denise        | Children's Network                 |
| Mitha, Rishad*          | Housing Authority                  |
| Moret, Jeffrey          | County Counsel                     |
| Muratalla, Joseph       | Children's Network                 |
| Navarette, Cesar*       | Children's Fund                    |
| Patel, Janki*           | Dept. of Public Health             |
| Pierre, Myrlene*        | SBCSS                              |
| Pulido, Marco*          | CASA                               |
| Romo, Brian             | Inland Empire Children's Cabinet   |
| Tordesillas, Victor     | CAO's Office                       |

#### Absent

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| Bitker, Brian*                | Children's Advocacy Group        |
| Burcham, Dane*                | Children's Advocacy Group        |
| Contreras Martinez, Elizabeth | CASA                             |
| Danczyk, Adrian               | Children & Family Services       |
| Faulkner, Cindy               | First 5 San Bernardino           |
| Gallardo, Edyth*              | Inland Regional Center           |
| Gates, Brad                   | Workforce Development            |
| Glasgow, Jeany*               | Children & Family Services       |
| Hayes, Teneka*                | Probation                        |
| Hougen, Dr. Tim*              | Dept. of Behavioral Health       |
| Irwin, Rebecca                | Public Defender's Office         |
| Johnson, Faye                 | CSUSB                            |
| Chair, Hon. Steve Mape*       | Juvenile Dependency Court        |
| Molina, Arlene*               | Preschool Services               |
| Moore, Mia*                   | Children and Family Services     |
| Moses, James*                 | Child Care Resource Center       |
| Parsons, Joseph               | Inland Empire Children's Cabinet |
| Razo, Maria*                  | Housing Authority of SB County   |
| Rundles, Diane*               | CAO's Office                     |
| Scott, Karen                  | First 5 San Bernardino           |
| Steenson-Ray, Hillary         | Children's Network               |
| Sterling, Richard*            | Public Defender                  |
| Young, Amy, M.D.              | LLUMC - CAC                      |
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\*Denotes Children's Policy Council Voting Member