

Children's Council Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2023

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Appointed Council Member or Alternate</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present</b>
Alejandre, Melissa	Alternate	Family and Children Services	Program Manager	
Arreola, Jose	Member	Community Alliance for Safety and Peace	Director	X
Askew, Wendy	Member	District #4	Supervisor	
Astengo, Berenice	Alternate	Monterey County Free Libraries	Managing Librarian	
Baldwin, Dan	Member	Community Foundation for Monterey County	President/CEO	
Bhardwaj, Jaskiart "Jessica"	Alternate	City of Salinas		
Boykin, Zulieka	Member	Housing Authority	Executive Director	
Butler, Ashley	Alternate	Public Defender Office	Public Defender	
Castagna, Katy	Member	United Way Monterey County	President and CEO	X
Castro, Michael	Alternate	Community Foundation of Monterey County	Director of Community Investments	
Chapman, Susan	Member	Public Defender Office	Public Defender	
Cota, Caroline	Member	So Mo Co Joint Unified School District	Superintendent	
Cutino, Annette	Alternate	County Counsel	Deputy County Counsel	
DaSilva, Charles	Alternate	Monterey County Sheriff's Office	Program Manager-Monterey County Jail	
Diffenbaugh, PK	Alternate	Monterey Peninsula Unified School District	Superintendent	
Dunn, Laura	Member	Child Care Planning Council	Chair	X
Eckert, Katy	Member	Behavioral Health	Director	
Franks, Roderick	Alternate	Department of Social Services		X
Girard, Les	Member	County Counsel	County Counsel	

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Guss, Deneen	Member	Monterey County Office of Education	Superintendent	X
Jimenez, Elsa	Member	Monterey County Health Department	Director of Health	X
Keating, Todd	Member	Probation	Chief	X
Lal, Monica	Member	Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce	President/CEO	X
Lavorato, Sam Jr.	Member	Superior Court, Juvenile Justice Division	Judge	
Luzader, Lori	Member	Special Kids Connect	Executive Director	X
Madfis, Josh	Alternate	United Way Monterey County	Vice President Community Investments	
McCrae, Robin	Member	Community Human Services	Executive Director	
Medina, Lori	Member	Department of Social Services	Director	X
Moon, Jessica	Alternate	CHOMP-Ohana	Director of Operations	X
Mora, Eric	Alternate	District #4	Policy Analyst	X
Moreno, Dr. Edward	Alternate	Monterey County Health Department	Health Officer & Director of Public Health	
Nassoura, Lana	Alternate	Monterey County District Attorney Office	Assistant District Attorney	
Nieto, Tina	Member	Monterey County Sheriff's Office	Sheriff	
Netniss, Jennifer	Alternate	Special Kids Connect	Education Director	
Ortiz, Eva	Member	Department of Social Services	Deputy Director	X
Quinones, Vanya	Member	CSU Monterey Bay	President	
Pacioni, Jeannine	Member	Monterey County District Attorney Office	District Attorney	
Pierce, Virginia R.	Member	CAPC	Director	

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Pulido, Ruben	Alternate	Chualar Union School District	Superintendent	
Ramirez, Laurie	Alternate	Monterey County Child Care Planning Council	Early Learning Coordinator I	
Ramirez, Jose	Alternate	Probation Department	Assistant Chief	
Rodd, Francine	Member	First 5 of Monterey County	Executive Director	X
Sandoval, Marni	Alternate	Behavioral Health	Director	
Swick, Susan	Member	Ohana Montage Health	VP/Chief Mental Health Officer	
Theyer, Hillary	Member	Monterey County Free Libraries	Director	
Bangs, Randy	Member	Soledad School District	Superintendent	
Vela, Ernesto	Alternate	MCOE	Director	
Wouden, Michelle	Alternate	Public Defenders Office	Public Defender	
Koehler, Sonja	Non-Member	Bright Beginnings	Director	X
Perez Diaz, Mayra	Non-Member	United Way	Coordinator of MCCC and Community Impact Director, Early Childhood Investments	X
Foster, Julia	Guest	Read to Me Project	Executive Director	X
Frey, Julia	Guest	First 5 Monterey County	Reflective Supervisor	X

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Item	Summary of discussion/review	Action/deliverable
<b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b>	Meeting called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Chair, Todd Keating	
<b>2. Public Comment</b>		None
<b>3. Action Items</b> a. Approve the minutes of the October 9, 2023, Monterey County Children's Council meeting  b. Approve Laurie Ramirez as Designated Alternate for Member Laura Dunn.		a. The minutes of the October 9, 2023, meeting were approved. Motion by Deneen Guss. Seconded by Lori Medina. Vote. Passed.  b. Laurie Ramirez was approved as alternate to member Laura Dunn. Motion by Eric Mora. Seconded by Francine Rodd. Vote. Passed.
<b>4. Presentations/Discussions</b>  a. Bright Beginnings Highlights  b. Champions for Children Award Recognition for the CAPSTONE Reflective Practice Facilitator	Sonja Koehler provided the latest highlights of the Bright Beginnings initiative to the COUNCIL.  Chair, Todd Keating and Sonja Koehler presented certificates of the Champion for Children's Award to facilitators of the CAPSTONE Reflective Practice.	
<b>6. Meeting Adjourned</b>		1:56pm