

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE
 2356 Myrtle Avenue
 Eureka, CA 95501



Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
 Zoom Meeting ID: 839 0538 3751 and Passcode: 329742

<p>WELCOME AND CHAIR’S REMARKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order by Board Chair at 5:32 p.m. • Introductions <i>Present:</i> <i>Board Members: Samantha Day (Chair), John Gracyalny (Treasurer), Madison Stefaniuk DiDomenicantonio, Madison Goddard, and Allison Tans (Secretary).</i> <i>Others: Jeanne Gordon (Executive Director) and Amber Madrone Anderson (Development Director).</i> <i>Absent: Jessica Estes (Vice Chair), Jason Baxter</i> • Jeanne thanked the CASA Board Members for card and gift card. 	<p>Sam</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING</p> <p>Motion: John moves to approve minutes from the May 31, 2022 meeting. Madison G. to second. Ayes: All; Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Sam</p>
<p>UPDATES FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (per Jeanne’s Report)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jeanne said that staff have been busy learning the new Procedures and the new dashboard. She is pausing briefly so that staff can adjust. ○ Fiscal: The Audit for FY 21-22 has a September deadline for the Judicial Council. Jeanne reports that it is on track to have necessary documents submitted by the end of July, including the Quarter 4 invoice, program data and the report review. ○ IT: No updates this month. • Serving Children and Youth 	<p>Jeanne</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Jeanne attended the California CASA National CASA Conference, where the Seven-Year Strategic Plan was previewed. She plans to share more of this during the retreat. The current mission/vision are on children’s abuse and neglect. They are moving to broaden it to include those who are at risk of abuse and neglect, which aligns with the Families First Prevention Act. The focus is really on supporting the relationship and connection to families, rather than foster care placements. They ran out of time presenting, but there was some controversy/concern about the expanded focus. There was also a discussion about paid staff that could provide advocacy. Currently, almost any one can be a volunteer advocate. Some lack advocacy experience or case management experience. Others lack time to do anything beyond meeting with the youth. Case Supervisors assume documentation role when advocates are too busy. Currently, half of the CASA youth population includes youth who are under five years old. Those under two years old typically require less advocacy. It can also be difficult to find advocates who would like to work with babies. Something to consider if advocates were to be paid, is whether more Case Supervisors would also be needed to manage them.○ The Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Plan was shared with Madi S. and she will meet with Jeanne later this month to review. This will be shared with the board either at the retreat or at the monthly board meeting.○ Jeanne also has been asking staff for data points and asking them to think about what they would like to see on the dashboard.● Other<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Building: Parts have been ordered for the keyless entry, which will make the building accessible on evenings and weekends. Amber shared that this was funded by Coast Central Credit Union.● Funding	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CA OES Victims of Crime funding ends in fall, 2023 ○ Jeanne wonders if/how VOCA might continue—maybe a five year contract; non competitive would be good news with simple paperwork to obtain funding. ○ CA CASA has been doing advocacy at the state level. There is currently \$62M in the Governor’s May Revised Budget with additional funding requested by the state legislature allocated to 1) Grow the program; 2) Build capacity in CA at the local program level; and 3) Retain staff. The application process would include a proposal, a detailed budget and be able to use for three years to view Performance and Outcomes over time. 	
<p>UPDATES FROM DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opportunities for Board to support Big Impact Community Challenge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Amber discussed how only \$1,100 was needed in two days to meet the goal. She praised Jessica and Madi for the outreach they had performed. Amber suggested placing one final call or to make one final donation. ● Bear River Golf Tournament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ July 29, 2022. Details can be found on the CASA and the Bear River websites—looking for teams to participate. Play at either 7 a.m. or 3 to 4 p.m. Raffle items will be available. Board members can donate items. ● Funding Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There will be three opportunities through National CASA. ● Headshot and Bios Needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Amber is asking staff and board members to provide her with a headshot and 100-200 words to be posted on the CASA website. Jocelyn can help with photos if anyone needs one. ○ At the end of May, in general, the funding was at 125.5% of the goal. Super Kid was at 49.5% of the goal. Big Night was at 82.5% of the goal. 	Amber

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jeanne praised Amber for her service and the incredible job that she has been doing. 	
<p>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dates for Board Retreat Sam stated that she did not receive responses from everyone for the Doodle Poll, so she will resend it and everyone should be on the lookout for it. 	Sam
<p>ITEMS FOR APPROVAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FY 2022-2023 Budget <p>Motion: Allison moves to approve the FY2022-2023 Budget. Madison G. to second. Ayes: All; Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	John and Jeanne
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ELECTION FOR FY2022-2023 BOARD POSITIONS <p>Motion: Sam moves to approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jessica - Chair; ○ Madison G – Vice Chair; ○ John – Treasurer; and ○ Allison – Secretary <p>for the FY2022-2023 CASA Board positions. Madison G. to second. Ayes: All; Nays: None. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	Sam
<p>CLOSING</p> <p>Sam thanked everyone.</p>	Sam
<p>QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS</p>	Sam
<p>BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	Sam
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE LIMITED BY THE CHAIR</p>	Sam
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.</p>	Sam
<p>Next Meeting: June 26, 2022 5:30 p.m.</p>	

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