



Child Abuse Prevention Council of San Benito County

Epicenter
440 San Benito St.

March 5, 2026
Meeting Minutes

Present: Nancy Barocio, Gwen Baquiran, Tom Breen, Rocio Flores, Vicki Fortino, Shannon Gomez, Isabel Littlejohn, Josh Mercier, Luisa Power, Jennady Bonilla (Youth Intern), Dianeth Arana-Paramo (Youth Intern), and Esther Curtice (Coordinator)

Absent: Kendra Bobsin, Ashlyn Canez, Kim Gutierrez, Krystal Lomanto, Aurelio Melgoza

Guest present: Ariana Sandoval with CASA of SBC

Public present: None

1. **Call Meeting to Order & Roll Call:** Josh Mercier called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM.
2. **Acknowledge Posting of Agenda:** March Agenda was posted at the County building and County Website.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the February 2026 Minutes was made by Tom Breen, seconded by Nancy Barocio, all in favor, motion was approved.
5. **Community Presentation:** None
6. **Old Business (Discussion Only):**
 - 1) **Unsung Hero Event** – The date is set for April 16 from 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm at Vets Hall. Josh will submit the contract to the County for completion and to pay for deposit.
 - 2) **Nominations:** Received 22 nominations. Two nominations were received from Gavilan College. After an explanation of the two separate entities, the council agreed to allow both nominations. No nominations were received from San Juan schools. Gwen will be sending out reminders. Nomination deadline is extended for 1 additional week.
 - 3) Discussed the possibility of a keynote speaker- the council suggested perhaps a presenter who can speak about their experience of abuse and neglect. Esther to contact the young lady who spoke at the CASA luncheon.
 - 4) A photographer is still needed for the event, perhaps BenitoLink can provide the volunteer service.
 - 5) **Social Media and Newsletter** – Jennady and Dianeth updated the council on the newsletter and the social media post. They are projecting to have it completed by the end of March.
 - 6) A group photo was taken at the end of the meeting.
7. **New Business (discussion only):** None

8. Action Items:

- a) Esther provided information on the requirements of taking part in the Kids in the Park event. Shannon Gomez suggested perhaps one of Behavioral Health's Interns could take on the project by attending the next Kids in the Park meeting and report back.
Esther to email information collected from Kids in the Park event to Shannon.
- b) Tom Breen made a motion to approve new CAPC members: Rocio Flores with Rebekah Children's Services, Vicki Fortino with United for San Benito and Luisa Power with First 5 San Benito County, seconded by Isabel Littlejohn, all in favor, motion approved.

9. Member Announcements: Vicki shared information and a flyer regarding 211 and requested the members to provide information regarding their services.

10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:05 pm made by Isabel Littlejohn, seconded by Tom Breen, all in favor, motion approved.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thu., April 2-2026 at 4:00 pm** at the Epicenter

Respectfully submitted by E. Curtice