



Child Abuse Prevention Council of San Benito County

Epicenter
440 San Benito St.

May 7, 2026
Meeting Notes

Present: Shannon Gomez, Isabel Littlejohn, Josh Mercier, Luisa Power, Jennady Bonilla (Youth Intern), and Esther Curtice (Coordinator)

Absent: Nancy Barocio, Kendra Bobsin, Gwen Baquiran, Tom Breen, Ashlyn Canez, Rocio Flores, Vicki Fortino, Kim Gutierrez, Krystal Lomanto, Aurelio Melgoza, Dianeth Arana-Paramo (Youth Intern)

Guest present: Michael Salinas with YRC, Victor Negret with SBCOE

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:** May Agenda was posted at the County Website and the County building.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from April CAPC meeting could not be approved due to no quorum. Make correction to add Luisa Power as “present” on the April Minutes.
5. **Community Presentation:** First 5 presentation postponed to June meeting.
6. **Financial Overview** - Josh Mercier will present the Council’s financials at a future meeting.
7. **Old Business: (Discussion only)**
 - **2026 Unsung Hero Debrief:** Great attendance this year, Josh did a great job on keeping the audience entertained and focused, Jennady and Dianeth kept the awards presentation moving, Angie Partida’s speech was impactful, Isabel’s balloons arch photo booth was beautiful, food was delicious and plenty, shorter nominee narratives was much appreciated. What could be improved for next year’s event: Have to-go boxes available for the left overs, provide photo guidance, provide photos to Isabel for social media postings.
 - **Youth Intern Update** - Jennady’s last meeting before she goes off to UC Irvine after the summer. She thanked the council for the opportunity to intern and learn.
 - **Small Grants RFP** – The County is in the process of updating its policies and procedures involving the RFP process. This item remains on hold until processes are finalized. in place. It would be best to postpone the granting until the dust has settled.

8. New Business (discussion only):

a) Kids in the Park - Shannon Gomez reported that Lindsey, a Behavioral Health Intern has attended the Kids in the Park meeting. The event is scheduled to take place at Dunne Park on Wed., June 17 from 10-2. It is expected that all attending organizations provide items for the kids. We will need to vote on the expense at the next meeting. Volunteers are needed to assist on the day of the event.

b) CAPC Strategic Planning - Esther to email a Doodle Poll for possible meeting dates in late July.

9. Action Items:

- a) Motion to approve new member Michael Salinas with YRC postponed to next meeting.
- b) Motion to approve member resignation from Ashlyn Canez with Probation postponed to next meeting.

10. Member Announcements:

Josh reported on the Avenida Program offered by Youth Alliance for unhoused youth ages 18-24.

11. Adjournment: Josh Mercier adjourned the meeting at 4:57 pm

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

Respectfully submitted by E. Curtice