



# The San Mateo County Child Abuse Prevention Council

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**Minutes:** May 17, 2021

**Call to Order:** 10.51 a.m.

**Present:** Stephanie Loera (Family Connections), Teresa Vollert (CFS), Jazz Lamadora (CFS), Donovan Fones (CFS), Rosa Diaz (CFS), Linda Wolin (BOS), Yadira Mederos de Cardenas (Family Connections), Malissa Nevane-Jones (PCRC), Jay Frankera (Kaiser SSF), Susan Swope (JJDPC), Gina Almaraz (Family Connections), Maria Del Rio Alvarez (Star Vista), Jamila McCallum, Chris Perry (SVC).

**Item: Public Comment/Brown Act** – No members of the public requested to comment.

**Introductions** – Members introduced themselves.

**Presentation: Dialogues and Deliberations: An Approach To Address Racial Inequity**

Malissa Nevane-Jones, Managing Director of Initiatives and Services at PCRC spoke about her agency's approach in addressing the issue of racial inequity. She gave an overview of PCRC's vision and mission which has been revised to fit the present times, and also discussed their methodology of facilitating conversations as a neutral entity. Since July 2020 there has been an uptick of people reaching out to PCRC for services regarding racial inequity and neighborhood/community policing. Malissa stressed the importance of doing this work mindfully and keeping in mind possible impacts and what impact is desired. There can be institutional and policy impacts, collective action and individual change. Since July 2020 PCRC has conducted over 30 dialogues and an estimated 100 trainings on implicit bias, cultural humility, conflict resolution and de-escalation. They serve various levels of government, boards, city councils, commissions, non-profits, corporations, and community groups as well as individuals. Malissa also gave several examples of specific instances where there was a facilitated dialogue or mediation and described the process that was used.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:52**

**NEXT MEETING – June 21, 2021**

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