



## Strategic Plan and Evaluation Advisory Committee (aka Children and Families Advisory Committee) Minutes

Friday, April 12, 2024

10:00 – 12:00 pm

North Valley Community Foundation

1811 Concord Avenue, Chico

### Commission

**Members:** Holly Kralj, Matthew Reddam

**Staff support:** Anna Bauer, Shelly Miller

**Absent:**

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<b>1 Welcome and Introduction</b>	DISCUSSION
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<b>2 Systems Discussion</b>	DISCUSSION
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The committee received a presentation from Brian Giles and Stace Munafo from the Department of Employment and Social Services Options for Recovery program. OFR is a program that provides supplemental supportive services for children and their caregivers who are involved with the child welfare system and whose children have experienced substance exposure, have special medical needs, or are HIV positive. The program provides a wide range of supportive services in order to ensure the best possible outcome for the young children.

The committee received a presentation from Jacob Read and Ashly Lowenhaupt from the Butte County Department of Behavioral Health about the Stepping Stones program. Stepping Stones provides substance use disorder services for mothers who are pregnant, up to 60 days postpartum, or parenting a child up to 17 years old. The program provides parenting support, early childhood education, and substance use outpatient groups, including medication management, in order to support families with their sobriety or use reduction so that they may ensure the best possible outcomes for their children. Stepping Stones celebrates graduations twice a year, and has a graduation coming up on Thursday, April 18.

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<b>3 Review January Meeting</b>	DISCUSSION
Time did not allow for a review of the January meeting	

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<b>4 Opportunities and Priorities</b>	DISCUSSION
Time did not allow for a committee determination of next steps	

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## Future Meetings

Friday August 9, 2024 at 10:00 am

Friday October 11, 2024 at 10:00 am