MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 88 - 272

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of California, that the Board of Supervisors approved the following document:

BY-LAWS FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY CHILD ABUSE AND PREVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of June, 1988, by the following vote:

AYES: BAGGETT, DALTON, ERICKSON, RADANOVICH, TABER

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAINED: NONE

ERIC J. ERICKSON, Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board

JEFFREY G. GREEN
County Counsel
BY-LAWS
OF
MARIPOSA COUNTY CHILD ABUSE
AND PREVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL

Mandate from Mariposa County Board of Supervisors:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors officially recognizes the Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council as an entity with the following mandates:

A. Dissemination of information to the public relating to child abuse and neglect.

B. Provision of public education relating to child abuse and neglect.

C. Creation of workshops to enhance professional skills and public awareness in the area of child abuse and neglect.

D. Assessment of needs in the community relating to child abuse and neglect and giving advice to appropriate Department Heads related to these assessments.

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Mariposa County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE

The purpose of the Council is to assist in the development and implementation of treatment, prevention and information in the area of Child Abuse and Neglect. Also to develop and coordinate better communications between service agencies and organizations dealing with child abuse and neglect.
ARTICLE III
OBJECTIVES

A. To improve the communication and coordination of services between existing public and private agencies.

B. To assess the existing services in Mariposa County involving child abuse and neglect.

C. To serve as a clearinghouse and a central library for information relating to child abuse and neglect.

D. To sponsor and encourage training opportunities for professionals in related fields, and volunteers.

E. To sponsor public education and awareness of the problems of child abuse and neglect.

F. To develop resources and to support effective prevention programs.

G. To serve as an advocate for child abuse prevention and services.

H. To make recommendations to the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors concerning the disbursement of discretionary funds available for child abuse prevention, treatment and community education programs.

ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP

A. Voting members shall be those who are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Resolution No. __________ identifies the following representative groups:

1. Two (2) members from the Public Child Welfare Services
2. One (1) member of the Probation Department
3. One (1) member of Law Enforcement
4. One (1) member from the District Attorney's Office
5. Two (2) members from Mental Health Services
6. One (1) member from the All Tribes Counseling Center
7. Two (2) members from the Public Schools
8. Two (2) representatives from the Community
9. One (1) member from the Religious Community
10. One (1) Superior Court Representative
B. Attendance at Council meetings shall be open to all individuals in Mariposa County desiring to promote the purposes of the Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL

A. Officers: Officers shall be elected from the list of voting members.

B. Nominations:
1. At the regular December meeting the Chairperson of the Council shall designate three (3) of its members as an ad hoc committee to nominate the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary.

2. The Nomination Committee shall contact proposed nominees to determine their willingness to run for office; and nominate additional candidates if necessary to complete a ballot of nominees for each office.

3. The committee shall transmit its nominations to each member of the commission not less than five (5) days prior to the January meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor at the January meeting.

C. Elections:
1. Elections of officers shall be held at the January meeting. Election to office shall be upon affirmative vote by secret ballot of a majority of voting members present. If no candidate for an office obtains over fifty percent (50%) of the vote, a run-off between the two (2) vote-getters shall be held immediately following the vote count.

2. The Nominations Committee shall prepare and count the votes (unless the committee member is a nominated candidate for that office).

3. The term of office shall be one (1) year, commencing January 1 of each year and shall serve until the election of their successor.

D. Vacancies:
If vacancies arise, the Chairperson shall be authorized to appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term.
E. Duties:
Duties of officers shall be:

1. The Chairperson shall:
   a. Preside at all meetings.
   b. Coordinate the activities of the Council.
   c. Appoint Committees.

2. The Vice Chairperson shall:
   a. Assist the Chairperson and assume the duties of the Chairperson in his/her absence.

3. The Secretary shall:
   a. Maintain a current membership and mailing list.
   b. Record minutes of all meetings.
   c. Notify members of meetings and distribute minutes.
   d. Handle correspondence of the Council as directed by the Chairperson.

ARTICLE VI
MEETINGS

A. The Council shall meet at least once a month on the third (3rd) Wednesday. The place of business shall be Mariposa County, with meeting locations designated by the Council when possible. Special meetings shall be called by the Chairperson.

B. Written agendas and notice of meetings shall be posted at least one (1) week prior to each regular meeting, according to the California Government Code, Chapter Nine, Brown Act of 1987, as updated from time to time.

1. Special meetings:
   Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson by giving proper notice of not less than twenty-four (24) hours to members.

2. Agenda:
   a. An agenda shall be mailed by the secretary to the members at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting at which the items will be presented for action.
   b. All items for the agenda must be submitted in writing to the Council secretary prior to the applicable meeting and in time to be included on the agenda as mailed.
   c. Any item not included on the agenda as mailed prior to the meeting must be voted upon as an emergency item before being opened for discussion.
   d. Agendas shall be posted in an area for public notice.
ARTICLE VII
QUORUM

A quorum at any Council meeting shall be a majority of active members that are present.

ARTICLE VIII
ABSENTEEISM

If any designated agency representative of the Council is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings without notification to the Chairperson, the Chairperson will notify the agency and request an alternate representative be appointed.

Designated representatives may send an alternate to meetings they are unable to attend.

ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended by two-third (2/3) vote of the Council at any regular or called meeting provided that written notice of the amendment shall have been submitted to each Council member prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE X
ANNUAL REPORT

The Council shall be responsible to prepare and submit to the Board of Supervisors an annual report on the findings and activities of the Council by December 31st.