



# Santa Cruz County Commission on Justice and Gender

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## Minutes - Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

### Families, Youth, & Prevention Subcommittee

**Date:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024  
**Time:** 12 – 1:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Capitola Branch Library  
2005 Wharf Rd, Capitola, CA 95010

1. Roll Call – 12:05

Present: Lynne Petrovic, Sarah Kocjan, , Rebecca Garcia, Trina Barton, Susan Greene, Mave, Gina De Martini-Kuhns, Savannah Hayes Desai, Susan Nilsson,

2. Agenda Review

3. Announcements

3.1. Trina Barton reported one contact visit scheduled for September 7 at Blaine Street did not happen because mother was returned to the Main Jail for behavior issues 3 days before visit.

3.2 Daughters documentary on Netflix recommended

4. Public Comment – No public comment

*Any person may address the Commission for a period not to exceed 3 minutes on matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission.*

5. Approval of Minutes (Action)

5.1. Motion: Rebecca Garcia, Second: Sarah Kocjan

## 6. Discussion: Supporting families

### 6.1. Visitation

6.1. Questions regarding how SCSO defines who is eligible? “Parental rights” discussion.

6.1. Decades of research shows connection is better for kids and parents regardless of custody status.

6.1. Concerns expressed re emotional support provided to mother and child who had Sept visit scheduled and canceled. Complexities of visitation and need for community supports emphasized.

6.1. Advocate to expand visitation to other loved ones as well as children.

6.1. Do not use contact visits as punishment.

### 6.2. Moving Services from dependency to prevention

6.2. Who is not being served by Families Together, where are the gaps?

### 6.3. Supporting families directly impacted by incarceration in Santa Cruz County

6.3. Strategies and partners to help identify existing support and needs

## 7. Adjournment – 2:30 pm

Next Meeting Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 12-1:30pm Capitola Library Ow Community Room

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