

# MINUTES



Kings Partnership  
for Prevention

## General Meeting

November 19, 2020

1:00pm-3:00pm

Via Zoom

*Attendees:* 64 individuals joined the meeting

### Welcome and Introductions

*Karina Casarez, KPPF Office Administrator*

### 2020 Kings County Prevention Awards voting

- Thank you to everyone who was present and voted for the 2020 Kings County Prevention Awards

### A County Perspective

*Mario Cifuentez, City of Hanford City Manager*

- *“Can we all agree that in 2015 not a single person got the answer correct to ‘Where do you see yourself in 5 years from now?’”*
- Challenges
  - State of California
  - Local control is a myth
  - Partisanship in local government
  - Groundwater
- Our Strengths
  - Strong sense of community
  - Stable Economy
    - Sales tax has exceeded any year Kings County has ever had
  - Affordability
  - Agility
- Collaboration is Key
  - “Our strength in Kings County comes from our ability to work together”
    - Business and the public thrive with mutual trust
    - The ability to collaborate is one of the primary reasons for Kings County’s stability and growth

### Roundtable Sharing

- 2020 Kings County Virtual Prevention Awards- Join us as we celebrate and recognize the work of Prevention in our communities! Awards will be presented in eight different

categories showcasing our community programs, schools, agencies, and churches. Together we are creating opportunities for healthy life choices for all county residents. Event will be held on December 3rd from 8:30am-10am via Zoom.

- Family Support Group- A support group created for the family and friends of individuals living with mental illness. This group offers a wide range of support in a confidential and friendly environment. Contact Ken Baird at [rkbaird1195@comcast.net](mailto:rkbaird1195@comcast.net) or visit <https://www.icarol.info/ResourceView2.aspx?org=2298&agencynum=6016060>
- Kings County Job Training Office- Still doing eligibility assessments and enrollments. There are appointments only and also virtual resources. JTO is still seeing their clients and giving report.
- PhotoVoice- The Unidos Por Salud Program promotes social justice for the Latinx community through youth development and advocacy efforts for health. Join the weekly workshops every Tuesday. Sign up in their instagram bio @unidosporosalud
- Kings United Way 2020 Virtual Turkey Trot- Kings United Way will be holding a virtual Turkey Trot from **November 23rd-November 30th**. For more information and to register, [click here](#). Swag bags will be provided to those who register and will be mailed out.
- The Source LGBTQ+ Center- The Source is still doing online transgender support groups as well as a Kings County Pop Up for anyone in the LGBT+ community. Email [alix@thesourcelgbt.org](mailto:alix@thesourcelgbt.org) for more information.
- WestCare's Adolescent Services Program- WestCare's Adolescent Services program works with youth and families in Kings County to provide substance abuse treatment in a confidential outpatient setting in collaboration with local schools. Referrals can be from an individual looking to enter the program themselves, family of youth, juvenile courts, or schools. [Click here](#) for the referral form. You can also view the [program flier here](#).
- Children's Storybook Garden & Museum:
  - Un-Farm-to-Table Dinner- [Click here](#) to support in planting the seeds now for a bright tomorrow for the children and families that benefit from the programs and venues at Children' Storybook Garden & Museum. Non-tickets are \$50 and can be purchased via website or social media. You can also mail a check to: CSG&M UN-DINNER PO Box 363 Hanford CA, 93232.
  - A Storybook Christmas- Due to Kings County's return to purple tier, the two Christmas events in the Garden, A Storybook Christmas and Victorian Christmas Village, will be canceled. They will miss celebrating with you and your family, but look forward to meeting up again in the Garden soon. The Garden is still a festive place to bring the family. Go enjoy the lights and decorations, great weather and areas to play. They are also booking venue rentals now for the Stone Cottage, and the new and completed Gazebo.

Meeting Adjourned

[Workgroup Highlights](#)

- **Substance Use Prevention** (First Wednesday, 9:00am-10:00am, via Zoom)
- **HEAL (Healthy Eating/Active Living)** (Second Wednesday, 1:30- 3:00pm, via Zoom)
- **Kings County Mental Health Taskforce** (Fourth Thursday, 9:00-10:30am)
- **ACEs Network of Care: The Power of You** (Third Monday, 2:00-3:30pm, via Zoom)

*Want to join one of our workgroups? Email Karina at [kpfp.assistant@gmail.com](mailto:kpfp.assistant@gmail.com) and she will get you connected! Make sure your team is at the table!*