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CSN Agenda
November 2, 2022
1:15 – 3:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Teleconference

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Action Item:

- Motion and vote to meet virtually by Zoom, pursuant to AB361

General:

- Introductions and Announcements
- Additions to the Agenda
- Public Comment

Action Items:

- Approval of August 3, 2022, Minutes

Information/Discussion/Presentation items:

- **Presentation:** Fentanyl Deaths, Child Death Review Team report. Recommendation to initiate a task force to focus on child/ family related exposure to Fentanyl – *Melinda Sokolowski and Karen Gray*
- **Presentation:** Promotores Collaborative Mixteco Interpretation Services, a partnership between the CFS/SLOCOE/Probation/San Miguel JUSD – Robert Reyes (15 min)
- **Information Update:** Emergency Shelter Foster Care Needs and Temporary Shelter Care Facility Model – *Jon Nibbio and Linda Belch*
- **Information Update:** Prevention Services Update – *Linda Belch*
- **Information:** Complex Care RFP – *Linda Belch*

Standing Agenda Items:

- Priority: Homeless Services for Children and Families – *Laurel Weir*
- SLO County CSEC Collaborative – *Linda Belch*
- Child Advocacy Center of SLO County – *Lisa Fraser*

Board Round Table:

Next Meeting:

February 1, 2023
Zoom
1:15 – 3:00 p.m.



**Minutes
November 2, 2022**

Present:	Devin Drake - Chair	Melinda Sokolowski
	Jon Nibbio – Vice Chair	Supervisor Ortiz-Legg
	Lisa Fraser	Jill Bolster-White
	Robert Reyes	James Brescia
	Dr. Penny Borenstein	Anne Robin
Excused:	Dan Dow	DJ Pittenger
	Nicole Peroti	Ian Parkinson
Staff:	Linda Belch	Cherise Day
Guests:	Norma Kimble, CFC Coordinator Mixteco	
	Fernanda Lucas, Promoter Administrator	

Action item:

1. Motion to meet virtually by Zoom, pursuant to AB361

Motion: Dawn Ortiz-Legg

Second: Jon Nibbio

Motion Passed

2. Approval of August 3 CSN meeting minutes:

Motion: Lisa Fraser

Second: Robert Reyes

Motion Passed

Unanimously approved

Introductions:

Lisa Fraser introduced Norma Kimble and Fernanda Lucas who will be speaking on Mixteco Services.

Announcements:

Jill and Anne hired a consulting company for county wide multiple phase scan proposal, which will be connected to Capstone, BH directors, Medi-Cal directors, and the public, through early 2023. They will be discussing gaps in adult mental health during the first phase, then youth MH and Adult intensive services.

Additions:

As Governor Newsome lifts the State of Emergency regarding COVID-19, the next CSN meeting for February 1st will in-person at the DSS Empleo location.

Public Comments:

None

Presentation: Fentanyl Deaths, Child Death Review Team report. Recommendation to initiate a task force re: child/ family related exposure to Fentanyl – Melinda Sokolowski

- The “SLO Co. Child Death Statistics” dating from 2021 has shown a significant increase in fentanyl deaths, which rose from 6 deaths in 2016, to 74 deaths in 2021. Karen Gray is trying to raise awareness of children are being exposed and to change response practices. You may contact Karen at 805-781-5500.

- Lisa Fraser noted the last year as the highest number of Fentanyl deaths thus far.
- Robert Reyes noted the increases within the County as a community problem, with Law Enforcement (LE) committed to end the sale of Fentanyl and is equally concerned about the ease of bringing it into the jail facilities and juvenile hall. Robert also the information regarding K9 detection team, who are trained in identifying Fentanyl, saying the service is available for LE and schools, declaring more resources should be a priority for this network.
- The County’s Administration has received monies from opioid settlement(s) to put toward training on how to administer Narcan and what to look for re: child endangerment.
- Dr. Borenstein believes funds could be used towards an opioid coalition, including a lock box zone, syringe exchange and fentanyl strips. Protecting youth from access should be the primary goal.

Presentation: Promotores Collaborative Mixteco Interpretation Services, a partnership between the CFS/SLOCOE/Probation/San Miguel JUSD – Robert Reyes and Fernanda Lucas

- An increase in services for students who speak Mixteco led to a follow-up meeting between Probation and the County Office of Education. A special need within schools and the juvenile justice system was identified, specifically 11 youths with a language barrier, and speaking only Mixteco.
- Fernanda Lucas, the Promoter Administrator, explained how Promotores are known as community leaders, outreach members, and volunteers who eliminate barriers between public and private organizations.
- Fernanda provided the following presentation:

Talking: Fernanda Lucas

Agencies that we are currently working with

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpretation Services<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SLO County Behavioral Health Clinics• Mixteco Interpretation Services• SLO County Public Health Department<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Covid-19, Flu, and Monkeypox• Tobacco Prevention• SoCal - Gas Outreach<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Save Energy• CARE Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food Bank<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food Bank Distributions• Farmers Market• Health Equity• Community Health Workers/ Promotores Capacity Building<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo• Women’s Legacy Fund<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CAPSLO: Partnership to provide Fiscal Literacy Education for Latinas in SLO County
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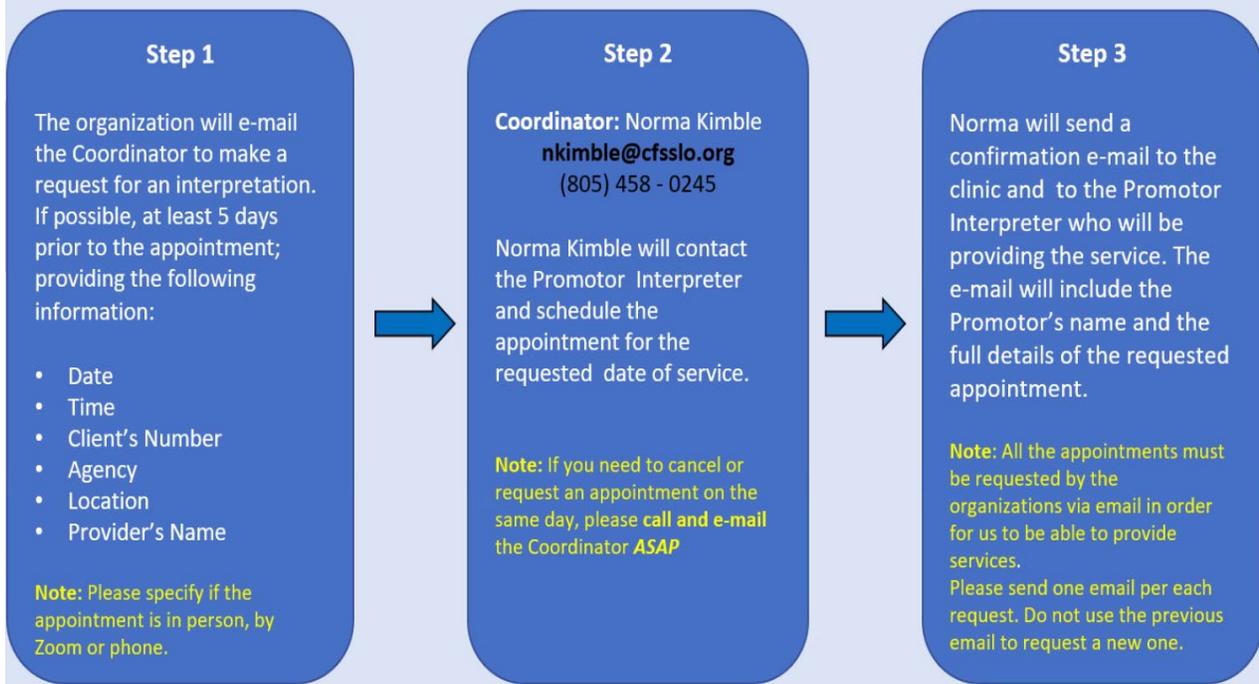
SLOCOE Contract

Talking: Fernanda Lu

- San Luis Obispo County of Education (SLOCOE) has secured Mixteco Interpretation Services contract with Center For Family Strengthening for one year.
- SLOCOE contracts CFS to employ a qualified 1.0 FTE Promotores Collaborative Mixteco Interpretation Services.
(2 Part-time Promotores)
 - Bilingual/trilingual
 - Bicultural
 - Monthly Trainings and meetings and ongoing interpretation debriefs
- Currently, SLOCOE has the following agencies as partner agencies:
 - San Miguel Joint Union School District (SMJUSD)
 - Probation

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Promotores Interpreters Request Process



The Promotores Collaborative Mixteco Interpretation Services are working toward managing their confidentiality and vetting their workers. Implementing a protocol for privacy, then working with Lumen alliance along with a safe house or mediation interpreter, the information stays secure, finalizing in a debriefing.

Information Update: Emergency Shelter Foster Care Needs and Temporary Shelter Care Facility Model – Jon Nibbio and Linda Belch

- During previous CSN meeting, we have spoken of failed emergency Foster Care placements, due to limited rooms, which makes it difficult to place for temporary needs. This is not unique to SLO, however, we have put forward a proposal to the State, using DSS a model to fit our community specifically, since many are in need, with no place to go. It's been a challenge to find an alternative shelter for up to 10 days. We proposed the modifications we feel are important to make this small program work, with a few questions pending. We could move forward with a designated administrator to train until our plan is approved. Additionally, we're converting a 1 bedroom apartment to a combined 3 bedroom unit, that is staffed 24 hours, which we hope to have completed by 1st of the year, working with the State to be flexible with our population.

Information Update: Prevention Services Update – Linda Belch

- The FFPSA act has funding available for a one-time basis, and we're working with the community to find gaps, as well as how to thoughtfully spend the funds. It was agreed to fund a prevention coordinator for support. One component looks at evidenced based programming, interventional interviewing, and providing training and support for the program. This is expected to rollout in Spring, with a comprehensive plan by January.

Information: Complex Care RFP – Linda Belch

- This competitive grant is for unmet needs for foster children, unable to maintain living in their homes. The State put out \$60 million Statewide to address unmet needs. SLO Co. is working with Seneca to open a youth crisis facility for psychiatric health and stabilization. We're in hope these funds support the startup costs, with a max amount of \$10 million. This is a competitive process, and Linda will report the outcome at the February CSN meeting.
- One request for this group is for a letter of support, to send as a letter with the package.

Additional Action item:

3. Send a letter of support for Complex Care Grant

Motion: Jill Bolster-White

Second: Anne Robin

Motion Passed unanimously

Standing Agenda Item: SLO County CSEC Collaborative – Linda Belch

- 7 cases of identified CSEC, which is up by two.
- Program updates: We rolled out the "Cool Aunt", a video-based series, educating teens. There is one series for youth, and one for adults working with youths. Contact Linda if interested.
- Youth Engagement, two involved in human trafficking subcommittee.
- One youth member chosen for State Taskforce.
- Several training upcoming: CSEC 101 and 102, Linda will send out information.

Standing Agenda Item: Child Advocacy Center (CAC) of SLO County – Lisa Fraser

- CFS is continuing with CAIT, the DA's office and SART with medical exams, and to connect families at a difficult time.
- It's crucial to hold forensic interviews at a location other than the courthouse, but rather a family-friendly location, such as Martha's Place, not a government building. Dan Dow vowed his commitment to find a suitable place to make this possible.
- CAPSLO may also have a space to use as a possible location to act as a Family Resource Center.

Standing Agenda Item: Priority: Homeless Services for Children and Families – Joe Dzvonic

- Joe was unexpectedly unavailable to present this information.

Board Round Table:

- Anne Robin reports a current project in Atascadero, as SENECA applied for a grant to build a Crisis Stabilization Center with two beds, helping children in an emergency situation, however, they continue to struggle finding suitable clinicians.
- Dr. Penny Borenstein reports that the Maternal and Child Division is currently undergoing staff changes, due to managers leaving. Nancy Sutton, formerly with DSS, was recently hired for First 5SLO County Child/Family, coordinating programs.
- Devin wants to recognize Linda Belch for her outstanding work with congregate care, which is down to only 5 individuals from 20, thanking her for her diligence and hard work.

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