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CSN Agenda

3433 S. Higuera, Room 356, San Luis Obispo CA
October 3, 2012
1:15 – 3:00 p.m.

General:

1. Introductions, Announcements, Additions to the Agenda
2. Public Comment

Action Items:

- Approval of May 30, 2012 Meeting minutes

Information/Discussion Items:

- Children's Bill of Rights Discussion - *Wendy Wendt*
- Truancy Presentation - *John Elfers*
- Status of Regional Partnership of Substance Affected Children - *Lisa Fraser*
- Parent Connection Outcomes - *Lisa Fraser*
- Contribution to Action for Healthy Communities report
- Priorities Discussion

Next Meeting: **January 2, 2013**
2975 McMillan Ave.
San Luis Obispo
1:15 – 3:00 p.m.



Minutes October 03, 2012

Present:	Jim Salio, Probation (Chair)	Kayla Plourde, JJDP (Vice Chair)
	Reva Bear, CSN Manager	Jim Roberts, Family Care Network
	Jill Bolster-White, TMHA	Gerald Shea, DA
	John Dennison, Lucia Mar SD, First 5	Biz Steinberg, CAPSLO
	John Elfers, COE	Sue Warren, North County Connection
	Lisa Fraser, SLO-CAP	Wendy Wendt, First 5 Commission
	Jeff Hamm, Co. Health Agency	Jason Wells First 5 Commission
Staff:	Marcie Goodale, DSS, CSN Clerk	

Introductions, Announcements, Critical Issues and Additions to the Agenda

Chair Jim Salio called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM. Introductions were made around the room.

Items added to the Agenda were:

- Continuum of Care Reform Process
- Katie A Settlement Update
- Election of the New Vice Chair for 2013-2015 Term
- Kayla Plourde is the incoming Chair for 2013-2015 Term

Public Comment - None

Action Items:

Approval of CSN May 30, 2012 minutes, with the addition of Biz Steinburg as "present".

Motion: J. Bolster-White

Second: J. Roberts

Motion Passed Unanimously

Information/Discussion Items

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION: Children's Bill of Rights- Wendy Wendt and Jason Wells of the First 5 Commission spoke about the development of the first ever local Children's Bill of Rights. Three other counties in California (Merced, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties) have crafted a Bill of Rights for children (Attachment A-1). The steering committee is made up of differing ages and perspectives (youth, parents, public and private sector representatives) in order to broaden the conversation and to ensure the most vulnerable demographic of our community has a voice. The goal is to introduce the Bill at the January 2013 First 5 Commission meeting, with endorsements from various community partners. The First 5 Commission would like to potentially hold a Children's Summit to work on action items triggered by the Bill of Rights. The major themes of the Bill were identified and a handout was given to the Committee listing these major points (Attachment A).

INFORMATION: Truancy- John Elfers presented the findings and recommendations of the Truancy Task Force. One of the major findings of the group was the idea that truancy alone does not predict a student's success, but rather absenteeism as a whole or chronic

absenteeism (either excused or non-excused) better predicts graduation potential. The ten objectives of the Task Force were introduced in a handout (Attachment B) detailing each of these objectives and identifying certain risk factors. Additionally, the Task Force was instrumental in designing a database which extrapolates key indicators from each school district in the County. The study of this information has resulted in a heightened awareness and improved attendance thus far.

DISCUSSION: Status of Regional Partnership of Substance Affected Children- Lisa Fraser stated that there is no new information at this time. A response was expected on September 30 and at the time of this CSN meeting, no updates have been received. It is believed that CSN should have feedback regarding the grant proposal by the January meeting.

DISCUSSION: Parent Connection Outcomes- Lisa Fraser gave an update on the Parent Connection Project in conjunction with County Mental Health Services grant money. Thus far the accomplishments have been promoted and well received within the County. Having a well organized, orchestrated, and fully staffed parent education system is crucial. This is the fourth year that we have been able to track outcomes. Parents are a key factor in the discussion and the outcomes take into account many factors, including: safety, truancy, etc... Parent education is important to a broad demographic. Regardless of future grant status, it is our goal to continue to strengthen parent educators' knowledge and skills.

ACTION/DISCUSSION: Contribution to Action for Healthy Communities- The Committee pulls state-wide existing data in addition to hiring an outside firm to conduct surveys and analyze the information in order to produce a Community Health Indication Report. This report is published every three years. Jill Bolster-White requested that CSN contribute \$1,000 to the project. The overall cost of the project is approximately \$100,000 (Attachment C).

Motion to approve the Children's Services Network contribution of \$1,000 to the Action for Healthy Communities Report.

Motion: J. Roberts

Second: L. Fraser

Motion Passed Unanimously

DISCUSSION: Priorities Discussion- Reva Bear provided information on filters used in deciding priorities, as well as the focused priorities of CSN (Attachment D). The group recognized the need to devote more time to this discussion. The item was tabled until the January meeting. Reva will provide additional information for future discussion.

ACTION: Election of Vice Chair – Jim Salio nominated Ian Parkinson.

Motion to approve Ian Parkinson's appointment as Vice Chair for the 2013-2015 term.

Motion: J. Salio

Second: E. Steinberg

Motion Passed Unanimously

DISCUSSION: TAY-FAP- Jim Roberts reported that SLO County presented its Transitional Aged Youth Financial Assistance Program (TAY-FAP) at the annual County Welfare Directors Association Conference. We currently have 73 foster and former foster youth participating in the program which aides youth who pursue higher education.

DISCUSSION: Katie A Lawsuit- Jim Roberts gave an update on the outcomes of the Katie A Lawsuit settlement. Currently the State is working with the Courts to craft a plan. There are 3 key components that have been identified:

1. In Home Behavioral Support Services System (IHBS). This is comparable to our WRAP system.
2. Court Mandated Case Management.
3. Therapeutic Foster Care.

Additional information will be provided in the coming months.

DISCUSSION: Budget Trailer Bill- The Governor's current proposals deal with sweeping changes to Medi-Cal, In-Home Supportive Services and Mental Health programs. Jim Roberts reported that recommendations for creating a core foster care practice model will be brought to the State. It is anticipated that this process will be lengthy as this the largest change in the foster care system to date.

Next Meeting: January 9, 2013
Department of Social Services
3433 S. Higuera, Room 336
1:15 – 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment: 3:04 PM