



**CSN Minutes
DSS Conf. Room 356
April 6, 2011**

Present:	Jill Bolster-White, TMHA	Chief Salio, Probation
	Lee Collins, DSS	Gerald Shea, DA's Office
	Julian Crocker, COE	Sue Warren, North County Connection
	Lisa Fraser, SLO-CAP	Don Dennison, First 5 Commission
	Jeff Hamm, Health Agency	Ian Parkinson, Sheriff's Office
	Kayla Plourde, JJDP	Jim Roberts, Family Care Network
	Richard Benitez, Latino Outreach Council	Biz Steinberg, CAP-SLO
	Brian Reynolds, Library Director	Reva Gonzales, CSN Manager
	Mary Bianchi, MoCPOC	Ron Huxley, Kinship Center
Staff:	Julie Stevens, DSS Admin. Assistant	

Introductions, Announcements, critical issues and additions to the agenda:

Chair Jim Salio called the meeting to order at 1:24 PM. Introductions were made around the room.

Public Comment:

Jim Salio recognized Richard Benitez for year of service of the former Chair of Children's Services Network.

Ron Huxley, Kinship Center in Templeton

Ron would like to take this opportunity to introduce himself and the Kinship Center to anyone who was not familiar with who they are and what they do. The Kinship Center is a non-profit in which the County of San Luis Obispo County requested their services be established in this area; their main headquarters is in Salinas/Monterey. The Kinship Center is an Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) contractor for the Department of Public Health for Mental Health as well as Department of Social Services to provide support services for Relative Care Givers for the past 4 to 5 years; with focus of treatment for the entire family, not just the child. They are a resource to CSN; Kinship Center has an ongoing connection with Dr. Ira Chasnoff through their child psychiatrist, Kevin Park and psychologist, Liz Park.

Mary Bianchi, Chair of the Model of Care Partner Oversight (MoCPOC) and member of the Friends of Martha's Place.

Martha's Place provides full assessments, treatment & referral services for children 0-5 in order to ensure the healthy development for children; she is concerned about the current service level reduction proposals from the County Health Agency including additional reductions in funding from First 5 will reduce Martha's Place budget by 60%. The net return savings to the community and various county departments should not be overlooked. She asks CSN for their continued support of Martha's Place for delivery of critical services. **Friends of Martha's Place** is a relatively new & small group of public members formerly known as MoCPOC working to get the word out through various networks to ensure that Martha's Place has the form to continue and has the financial support for programs to treat children. J. Hamm stated money comes from discretionary funds.

Library Planning Grant – Brian Reynolds, County Library Director

B. Reynolds extended an invitation to the CSN to participate in the Library's attempt to reach out to the kids in the community, their main demographic; focus will be on 12-18 yr olds. The Library has partnered with a consultant to see what kids are doing so the libraries can support it. According to B. Reynolds, the library applied for a Statewide Grant to focus on 40 developmental assets and find the activities and priorities youth and youth service organizations have in our county; will apply to a subsequent grant to supplement those findings. Awarded \$75k from the State Library for the Planning Grant to partner with 40-50 youth organizations surveying 400 youths; Regional meeting start April 11; hired two (2) consultants to assist with the survey results for final report to be submitted in August for an implementation grant, which is due by August. Recommended ways for CSN members to assist were to talk with consultant(s) at the meetings and to discuss what is important to you, lend your expertise and connections. Julie Stevens will send out Brian Reynolds contact information for everyone to have as well as send him the CSN Roster for the consultant(s) to put on their email listing.

Action Items

Approval of January 6, 2011 minutes, CSN

Motion: K. Plourde

Second: B. Steinberg

Motion Passed Unanimously

Information/Discussion Items

1. **Term of Chair and Vice Chair** – Current Chair J. Salio announced he is willing to serve as chair for another term since CSN meet quarterly (4 times a year/8 total meetings 2 years); bylaws will need to be modified to indicate a two (2) year term for Chair and Vice Chair.

Motion to extend term to two (2) years: J. Bolster-White

Second: J. Roberts

Motion Passed Unanimously

2. **Vice Chair Nomination** – Jeff Hamm nominated K. Plourde for Vice Chair, K. Plourde accepted nomination.

Motion: J. Hamm

Second: L. Fraser

Motion Passed Unanimously

3. **Nominate CSN Representatives to First 5** – Reva Gonzales renominated current Representative Don Dennison whose term expires in July 2011 for another 4 year term; D. Dennison accepted.

Motion: L. Collins

Second: J. Crocker

Motion Passed Unanimously

4. **CSN Support of Lifebound Leadership-** J. Salio and Biz Steinberg reported Lifebound Leadership which has provided an after school safe haven and youth development based program in South County has moved to North County; support would be to keep the South County location to continue. The move to North County was due to changes in State rules for qualifying for funds, which would now require future funding qualifications to possess a 30 teen births per 1,000 or above; currently teen pregnancy rate is higher in North County. CSN should have a stakeholder's group meeting before July to discuss the message to the Board of Supervisors regarding funding prior to the next Fiscal Year; who is responsible for releasing the funds. Realignment proposal is to give the counties more control of the funds, expanding provisions.

5. **Status Report on Meth Workgroup** – Reva Gonzales reported the Meth Workgroup would like to change the priority from “Reducing Children Exposed to Methamphetamine” to “Reducing Children Exposed to Drugs.” Workgroups have been split into 5 categories: Problems/Impact; Identifying Kids at Risk; Enforcement; Treatment & Recovery; and Prevention/Early Intervention Workgroup; struggle to achieve momentum; goal is bring is set of recommendations to the CSN in August, an 8 month endeavor.
6. **Status report on planning for OCAP Funds** – R. Gonzales reported the upcoming OCAP funding should be discussed soon; she would like to meet with CSN to discuss the continuation of the priorities and the distribution process or discuss if it will be changed. The current cycle is ending November 2011 and priorities should be set for the upcoming year. A meeting on May 25 at 10 AM was decided upon; an invitation will be sent out to put on everyone’s calendars.
7. **Daytime Curfew/Tuancy Ordinance** - Julian Crocker indicated that John Elfers will attend the next CSN Meeting to give an update on the truancy data; will be a standing agenda item at every meeting.

Next Meeting: July 6, 2011
Department of Social Services
3433 S. Higuera, Room 356
1:15 – 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment: 3:09PM