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CSN Agenda

3563 Empleo Street, San Luis Obispo CA

April 1, 2015

1:15 – 3:00 p.m.

General:

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

Action Items:

- Approval of January 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- Designation of a CSN Representative to the First 5 Commission
- Vote to Officially Endorse Homeless Services as a CSN Priority
- Vote to Become an External Oversight and Governance Board for the Local CSEC Collaborative Team (Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children)

Information/Discussion Items:

- Funding the Next Generation; an initiative promoting local dedicated revenue streams for California's children, youth and families. – *Lisa Fraser*
- Recruiting Foster Families for Special Case Youth – *Jim Roberts*

Next Meeting: **July 1, 2015**
DSS Empleo
3563 Empleo St.
San Luis Obispo
1:15 – 3:00 p.m.



Minutes
April 1, 2015

Present:	Ian Parkinson, Sheriff (Chair)	Kayla Plourde, JJDP
	Jill Bolster-White- TMHA	Jim Roberts, FCNI
	Jim Brescia, SLOCOE	Jim Salio, Probation
	Dan Dow, DA	Tracy Schiro, DSS
	Lisa Fraser, SLO-CAP	
	Jeff Hamm, HA	
Staff:	Marcie Goodale, DSS, CSN Clerk	
Guests:	Marci Sperlo, CAPSLO	
	Wendy Wendt, First 5	

Introductions, Announcements, Critical Issues and Additions to the Agenda

Chair Ian Parkinson called the meeting to order at 1:18 PM.

Introductions were made.

Announcements: Lisa Fraser reminded the room that April 10 has been recognized as Wear Blue Day for Child Abuse Awareness.

Action Item:

Approval of CSN January 7, 2015 minutes.

Motion: J. Salio

Second: K. Plourde

Motion Passed.

Action Item:

Designation of a CSN Representative to the First 5 Commission
Wendy Wendt, of the First 5 Commission, provided information regarding the current First 5 Board and its members. Tracy Schiro is currently serving on the Board as the representative for CSN. She confirmed her desire to be considered for an additional term.

Appointment of Tracy Schiro as the CSN representative to the First 5 Commission.

Motion: J. Roberts

Second: J. Salio

Motion Passed.

Action Item:

Vote to Officially Endorse Homeless Services as a CSN Priority

There was a question as to the focus of this priority and how this topic fits with the mission of CSN. Jill Bolster White explained her motivation in bringing this to the Board is to promote awareness of a vulnerable and often unrecognized homeless demographic; children and families of San Luis Obispo County. Most services tend to be structured for the sub-group of older (white) males.

The CSN Board had a lengthy discussion concerning next steps and the Board's responsibility, if they adopt this issue as an official priority. Currently, there are no shelters in San Luis Obispo County for unaccompanied minors. Thus far, 45 minors have been identified as homeless unaccompanied youths, with 44 of those children continuing to remain in school. The Board believes that the actual number of homeless unaccompanied youth in our County is much higher, but due to several fear factors, such as distrust of "the system", fear of authority institutions, fear of possible repercussion to their family, and a general lack of understanding, many of these youth hide their circumstances and, regrettably, miss out on resources and opportunities for assistance. Jim Roberts felt that by making Homeless services a priority, CSN would be taking an important step toward becoming a leader for this cause.

Jill Bolster White and Tracy Schiro reported, thus far, 35 families have been housed through the "50 Now Grant". There are many more families who have been identified as in-need, and for whom the grant could provide assistance. However, many of the landlords that have been approached are fearful of risks associated with renting to this population. There is an obvious stigma associated with the homeless. CSN could potentially be a valuable asset, particularly for outreach to both the unaccompanied minors, as well as the possible landlords in a position to help homeless families.

If this item is officially recognized as a CSN priority, it will remain as a standing agenda item.

Endorsement of Homeless Services as a CSN Priority

Motion: J. Salio

Second: J. Bolster White

Motion Passed.

Action Item:

Vote to Become an External Oversight and Governance Board for the Local CSEC Collaborative Team (Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children).

There was a brief recap of information provided at the January CSN meeting, whereby Belinda Benassi, Program Manager from the Department of Social Services, had explained that the CSEC Task Force is required by the State to fulfill certain directives. By agreeing to participate in oversights, CSN will fulfill the role of oversight for the local CSEC Task Force, as well as appointing members to participate in a quarterly case review, thereby fulfilling State requirements. CSN will wait for direction from the Task Force before any action must be taken.

Consent to Become an External Oversight and Governance Board for the Local CSEC Collaborative Team.

Motion: J. Roberts

Second: D. Dow

Motion Passed.

Information/Discussion Item: Funding the Next Generation; an initiative promoting local dedicated revenue streams for California's children, youth and families.

Lisa Fraser briefly presented this as a locally driven plan to prioritize funding for children and families. In fact, San Luis Obispo is one of the lowest Counties, in terms of funding child/family focused programs, in the Nation. Lisa stressed that her objective is merely to inform the Commission of this plan. No action is needed at this time.

Adjournment: 2:16 PM