



**Draft Minutes
January 29, 2014**

Present:	Kayla Plourde, JJDP (Chair)	Jeff Hamm, Co. Health Agency
	Jill Bolster-White- TMHA	Jim Roberts, FCNI
	Lee Collins, DSS	Gerald Shea, DA
	Lisa Fraser, SLO-CAP	Tracy Schiro, First 5/CSN Coordinator
Staff:	Marcie Goodale, CSN Clerk	
Guests:		

Introductions, Announcements, Critical Issues and Additions to the Agenda

Chair Kayla Plourde called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM.

Public Comment – None.

Action Item:

Approval of CSN July 31, 2013 minutes.

Motion: J. Hamm

Second: J. Roberts

Motion Passed Unanimously

Approval of CSN October 30, 2013 minutes.

Motion: J. Hamm

Second: J. Roberts

Motion Passed Unanimously

Action Item: Appointment of Kayla Plourde to Preventative Health Grant Team.

The Annual Preventative Health Grants are monetary grants issued to organizations such as the Atascadero Loaves & Fishes, the Bakari Mentoring Program, Community Health Centers, and The Link. Jill Bolster-White and Linda Hogoboom have represented CSN on the grant funding committee in the past, and with Linda's retirement, CSN needs to appoint a replacement representative. CSN Chair, Kayla Plourde has been singled out as the replacement representative.

Approval of Kayla Plourde to the Preventative Health Grant Team

Motion: L. Collins

Second: J. Roberts

Motion Passed Unanimously

Information/Discussion Item: Missing Triggers for Children and Youth in Need of Mental Health Support. Kayla Plourde reported on a pertinent topic of discussion gleaned from recent Juvenile Justice Commission meetings. There is a perceived lack of services and mental health support for youth who demonstrate potentially dangerous and negative behavior, however, their behavior is not so severe as to be deserving of, or indeed best served with “criminal level” discipline. Kayla reported that parents who find themselves in this situation feel helpless and at a loss for next steps.

Jeff Hamm asked for clarification as to what barriers have been identified? He feels that there are a number of structured organizations with protocol in place to deal with this specific issue, and most Network members agreed. Anyone can be referred for mental health issues. Tracy Schiro agreed and stressed that school-aged children should be referred for assessment via “safe sites”. Children being criminalized and/or abandoned to “the system” is of great concern with this organization.

There was a lengthy discussion as to what barriers to mental health treatment might exist. Some possible issues to address include economics, insurance coverage, and community awareness of resources. The group agreed that community outreach would benefit families affected by this issue. Lisa Fraser mentioned the utilization of Parent Advocates. They are an excellent resource that is perhaps not being used.

Jim Roberts remarked on a current trend in which serious offenders are being treated through Social Services rather than Juvenile Hall. Perhaps Chief Salio can speak to this at a later date, (as Chief Salio is absent from this meeting). Jim suggested a larger forum might also be necessary in order to explore this issue. Perhaps various groups with access to children and parents, such as local Pediatricians could join the discussion? The group agreed to consider this issue further.

Adjournment: 2:27 PM