



**Minutes
January 30, 2013**

Present:	Kayla Plourde, JJDP (Chair)	Ian Parkinson, Sheriff (Vice Chair)
	Jill Bolster-White, TMHA	Jim Salio, Probation
	Lee Collins, DSS	Cindy Marie Absey, DA Office
	Don Dennison, First 5 Commission	Tracy Schiro, DSS
	Lisa Fraser, SLO-CAP	
	Jim Roberts, FCNI	
Staff:	Marcie Goodale, DSS, CSN Clerk	Reva Bear, CSN Manager

Introductions, Announcements, Critical Issues and Additions to the Agenda

Additions to the Agenda:

Foster Care Reform update

Juvenile Court Education Program

School Safety

And The North County Resource Guide 2012/13 was handed out by Lisa Fraser

Public Comment – None

Action Items:

Approval of CSN October 03, 2012 minutes.

Motion: J. Salio

Second: J. Roberts

Motion Passed Unanimously

Information/Discussion Items

PRESENTATION: Incumbent Chair, Kayla Plourde presented outgoing Chair, Jim Salio with a plaque of gratitude on behalf of the CSN Committee.

INFORMATION: Juvenile Court Education Program- Don Dennison talked about how he and several Special Education teachers have been interested in addressing the educational needs of students that may be going through the juvenile court process. Recently, one of the Juvenile Court Judges held an informational meeting to provide possible resources for educators, lawyers, parents and others who may be involved in the Juveniles court system. In addition, the group discussed possible problems within the system that may need to be addressed. Mr. Dennison will keep the Committee informed of any pertinent information or process changes that may be born out of this program. Jim Salio suggested that the CSN Committee recruit the presiding Juvenile Judge, Judge Hurst. The group agreed and it was decided that Chief Salio would speak to Judge Hurst and gauge her level of interest.

INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION: School Safety- Don Dennison reported that in the wake of recent news events, several local agencies met to discuss the current level of school safety in our County. This was meant to be an informative meeting as well as a way to address any improvements that may be needed. They discussed practical matters (fire procedures, etc...) as well as current school district policies regarding active gunmen on school grounds. Currently, this group of agencies is in an informative, fact gathering stage of development but Mr. Dennison suggested that, in the future, we or other agencies may wish to form a School Safety Task Force in order to attend to the issue more thoroughly. Sheriff Parkinson added that one of the main goals of meeting with these various agencies and school districts is to develop a standardized emergency procedure for all agencies and school districts. In addition, Sheriff Parkinson addressed the growing debate over gun control versus mental health issues with regards to school safety. It is the Sheriff's opinion that we, as a society and government agencies, should focus our attention on attending to mental illness rather than solely focusing on the issue of gun control. He went on to address the challenge that agencies face with regards to sharing information with other partner agencies due to privacy laws. He is considering taking this issue to State law makers and will keep the Committee informed of his progress in the coming months.

DISCUSSION: Priorities Discussion- Segueing off the prior topic of School Safety, Jim Roberts felt that the Sheriff's point of addressing Mental Health issues and legislative projects directly speaks to the State's Katie A directives. Considering the impact of Katie A on all agencies represented in the Children's Services Network, perhaps the issue of addressing Mental Health and/or assisting the Sheriff in his legislative project should be a priority for the Committee. Jim Roberts would like to present some of the changes coming about due to Katie A at the next meeting. Jim Salio agreed that Katie A as it relates to children's mental health should be a priority for the committee. Lee Collins also stated that this topic should be a priority. The group made the decision to place Katie A as a standalone topic on the next meeting agenda and in keeping with today's agenda; they agreed to revisit the Priorities Discussion as it is listed on the agenda.

INFORMATION: Status of Regional Partnerships of Substance Affected Children- Lisa Fraser had no further information to report to the Committee regarding the Partnership. She reminded the group that Martha's Place is an assessment center established to assist children with emotional and health issues.

ACTION/ DISCUSSION: Contributions in memory of Carole Schrieber- Tracy Schiro reported to the group that \$475.00 was donated to CSN in memory of Carole Schrieber who was heavily involved with the local California Youth Connection chapter. Ms. Schiro suggested that the donated money should be given to the CYC. The group agreed.

Action Item:

Motion to donate \$475 to CYC in honor of Carole Schrieber.

Motion: J. Salio

Second: J. Bolster-White

Motion Passed Unanimously

DISCUSSION/ INFORMATION: CSN Member Contributions for Staffing-Tracy Schiro disbursed invoices to the members and partner agencies for financial contributions toward DSS staffing the Children's Services Network for fy 2012/2013. The invoice amount for the current fiscal year is \$273.00 per agency.

DISCUSSION: Meeting Schedule for 2013- Reva Bear brought possible scheduling conflicts to the attention of the Committee. Two dates that fall on or near holidays pose potential problems and the group was asked to make a decision on alternative meeting dates. The two dates in question are July 3, 2013 and January 1, 2014. The group decided to meet on the fifth Wednesday of those months, July 31, 2013 and January 29, 2014, respectively.

ACTION/ DISCUSSION: Priorities Discussion- Reva Bear reintroduced information on filters used in deciding priorities, as well as the focused priorities of the CSN. She asked the group to consider the provided list of issues and rank the top 5 priorities (from 1, most important, to 5, least important). Ms. Bear suggested that she could send the priorities form as a "Survey Monkey" so that we could begin research on the highest ranked topics, with the addition of school safety as an issue choice. Jim Salio revisited the question of CSN having a say in how Katie A is implemented and shaped. As several members previously stated, Children's Mental Health/Katie A should be the CSN Committee's current priority. Tracy Schiro agreed that she would lead the effort. Chief Salio feels that CSN is a great opportunity for Katie A to be developed due to the diverse stakeholders represented. There was a great deal of conversation surrounding Katie A implementation.

Action Item:

Motion to identify Children's Mental Health as a focused priority of the Children's Services Network in the current year.

Motion: J. Roberts

Second: J. Salio

Motion Passed Unanimously

INFORMATION: Additional Items- Jim Roberts talked briefly about the Budget Trailer Bill, including Foster Care and Therapeutic Foster Care and the various changes taking place at the State level. The State is changing their method to a more "holistic" approach to Foster Care. In addition, the State would like to develop some form of accreditation of Foster Homes using a core practice model that is similar to Wraparound and Katie A systems of approach.

INFORMATION: Additional Items- Kayla Plourde reported that the Children's Bill of Rights passed the First 5 Commission's approval. We, the CSN, will be expected to give our endorsement at the next CSN meeting.

Next Meeting: April 3, 2013
Department of Social Services
3433 S. Higuera, Room 115
1:15 – 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment: 2:43 PM