



CSN Minutes Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Present: Richard Benitez, Latino Outreach Council
Lee W. Collins, DSS
Julian Crocker, Office of Education
Don Dennison, First 4 Commission
Lisa Fraser, SLOCAP
Jeff Hamm, County Health Agency

Patrick Hedges, Sheriff's Office
Kayla Plourde, Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention
Jim Roberts, Family Care Network, Inc.
Gerald Shea, District Attorney's Office
Sue Warren, No. County Connection

Absent: Kim Barrett, Probation
Jill Bolster-White, Transitions Mental Health

David Edge, County Administrative Office
Elizabeth Steinberg, EOC

Staff: Reva Gonzales, CSN Manager

1. Introductions, announcements, critical issues and additions to the agenda
 - Kayla Plourde introduced herself as the representative from the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDPC). Anne Davies-Sommerville will no longer be able to attend on behalf of JJDPC.
 - Lee Collins announced that the economic stimulus package included a lot of funding for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). There will be a summer youth employment program for the first time in several years, and the funding will allow the program to run for two years. Lee announced that the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) needs to put out a request for proposals (RFP) to select a contractor to provide the services. He announced that if we do not get any proposals for the youth summer program, the Department of Social Services will have to run it since they are now the Administrative Entity for WIB. Reva Gonzales is the contact person for WIA related questions and/or interests.
2. Public Comment
 - None
3. Approval of January 7, 2008 minutes
 - Motion to approve minutes with requested changes. Kayla Plourde pointed out that the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention was listed as a Council in the January 7 minutes and should be amended to read "Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission". MSP Collins/Shea

4. Meeting Location

- Jeff Hamm offered a number of options for meeting locations. Members agreed that the current meeting location is conducive to all. After a short discussion, it was decided that meetings would remain at the Department of Social Services, 3433 S. Higuera, San Luis Obispo, Room 358. No action was necessary.

5. Bylaws changes - suggestions for revisions to the "Purpose" section

- A motion was made to adopt minor changes made by Jeff Hamm and a minor change to the "Purpose" section by Jim Roberts. (see redline and final versions attached.) MSP Collins/Crocker

6. Truancy and Dropout Workgroup Update

- Julian reported on the first meeting of the Task Force, held on February 10, 2009. CSN representatives at the meeting were Richard Benitez, Kim Barrett, and Julian Crocker. John Elfers and Kyle Nancolas co-chaired the group. Julian reported that the members of the Task Force felt empowered and glad to have been asked to participate in this important work. The group is looking to provide a written report by August 1, 2009. Their initial task is to clarify, gather, and define the terms of data that is available. Reva reported that the next meeting is on March 10, 2009 at the County Office of Education in the Student Services Conference Room, from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. The initial group has agreed to meet monthly for the next few months before bringing other participants to the table. The Task Force looks forward to the possibility of a summit or conference with truancy and dropout issues as the focus.

Gerald Shea asked how the stimulus package might benefit our educational system. Julian reported that by mid-March, there will be close to 200 teachers laid off. If the stimulus money comes, it will help but no guarantees yet. Julian reported that statewide, k-12 enrollment is down. Some increased enrollment has been seen in the valleys.

Sue Warren circulated a news article on student attendance from *Atascadero News* (January 28, 2009) – attached.

There was a short discussion about the variety of incentives school districts are considering to get parents to get their kids to school.

7. Adjourned: 1:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: **April 1, 2009**
Department of Social Services
3433 S. Higuera, Room 358
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.