



CSN Minutes May 6, 2009

Present: Richard Benitez, Latino Outreach Council, Patrick Hedges, Sheriff's Office
Lee W. Collins, DSS Kayla Plourde, JJDP
Julian Crocker, Office of Education Jim Roberts, Family Care Network, Inc.
Don Dennison, First 4 Commission Gerald Shea, District Attorney's Office
Lisa Fraser, SLOCAP Sue Warren, No. County Connection
Elizabeth Steinberg, EOC Jim Salio for Kim Barrett, Probation

Absent: Kim Barrett, Probation
Jill Bolster-White, TMHA
David Edge, CAO

Staff: Reva Gonzales, CSN Manager

Guests: Alica Yamada, Willie Gussin

1. **Introductions, announcements, critical issues and additions to the agenda**

- Kim Barrett is retiring effective June 27, 2009

2. **Public Comment**

- Benefit Performance - Teen Mommalogues, Friday May 15, 2009 7:00 P.M.
- Open House for Community Action Partnership (previously EOC) Friday, May 15, 2009 3:00-6:00 P.M.
- May is National Foster Care Month - AB12 allows Foster Youth to stay in the system until age 20. The bill allows additional dollars to the State.
- North County Connection has been participating in Peer Review and is concerned that SAFE and other Community Based Organizations don't have a non-profit support center. There is a concern that someone to work with these programs so they can sustain themselves. Does the Government to have safe guards for programs like SAFE? There was a lot of work put into SAFE and now there are no funds to support non-profits organizations like this. There is concern that the community will be hurt by this. Biz explained, there is a collaboration forum that works with these issues and currently their next meeting has been postponed.

- Reva gave an explanation as to the funding provided to SAFE and other non-profit organizations serving children and families with funding from the Office of Child Abuse Prevention (Child Abuse Prevention & Intervention Treatment (CAPIT)and Promoting Safe & Stable Families (PSSF). CSN insures that the grantees participate in capacity building and a peer review process with other grantees. SLO-CAP also oversees these funds. Every three years DSS is required to come up with a plan of how to best use the funds. Grantees will continue to be funded for the next 3 years until 2011 when the State requires a new plan. The State is combining the OCAP planning process with the CWS System Improvement Planning process. Traditionally, CSN has funded SAFE as well as non-profits. In the future, this may change as the funds will be a strategy for achieving child welfare outcomes identified in the SIP..

3. Approval of March 27, 2009 minutes

- Motion to approve minutes, MSP Crocker/Roberts

4. Update on Summer Youth Employment Program

Cuesta College was awarded \$850,000 for a Summer Youth Employment Program to run this summer and next. Cuesta is partnering with the California Conservation Corps to implement the program. The program will have five work crews of 12 youth each based in specific areas of the county (Oceano, Nipomo, Paso Robles, Atascadero and San Luis Obispo). There will be an anchor site in each community that serves as a base for the crew. The program will run for an 8 week period and youth will be paid \$8 per hour. The program will run from June 29, 2009 through August 21, 2009 and a total of 60 youth will be able to participate. Next Summer, we will be able to serve 110 Youth, 50 in office based programs and 60 in work based programs. Any questions can be referred to Matthew Green at Cuesta.

5. Bylaws

A copy of Board packet was given out. This will go to the BOS on May 19, 2009.

6. Truancy and Dropout Workgroup Update

The Truancy and Dropout Workgroup met again on April 21, 2009 to come up with objectives to bring to the CSN Board. The official definition of truant is 3 absences a year. Dr. Crocker gave some handouts on research that has been done on Dropouts. The workgroup is looking at a "Day Time Curfew" which can be used as a tool to allow Law Enforcement to be able to question children to find out why they aren't in school. Some members of the Board are concerned that a Day Time Curfew may not be addressing the truancy issues. The biggest opponent is the Home Schools. The Truancy and Dropout Workgroup should have its final draft in August, and finalized report in September and in May the group is identifying objectives, the objectives they are looking at now are Day Time Curfew, increasing the frequency of SARB, and working with School Principals and Superintendents to get them on board earlier. The next meeting for the Truancy and Dropout Workgroup will be May 12, 2009 at the Office of Education from 1:00 to 2:30.

7. The next Quarterly Forum is May 14, 2009 at SLO Vet's Hall from 8:30- 10:30 and the topic is the CWS' System Improvement Plan.

Next Meeting: **August 5, 2009**
Department of Social Services
3433 S. Higuera, Room 115
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.