



**Minutes  
October 1, 2014**

<b>Present:</b>	Kayla Plourde, JJDP (Chair)	Ian Parkinson, Sheriff
	Jill Bolster-White- TMHA	Jim Roberts, FCNI
	Jim Brescia, SLOCOE	Jim Salio, Probation
	Lee Collins, DSS	Tracy Schiro, DSS
	Julian Crocker, SLOCOE	
<b>Staff:</b>	Marcie Goodale, DSS, CSN Clerk	
<b>Guests:</b>	Jon Nibbio, FCNI	
	Anne Robin, HA	
	Melinda Sokolowski, CAPSLO	

**Introductions, Announcements, Critical Issues and Additions to the Agenda**

Chair Kayla Plourde called the meeting to order at 1:16 PM.

Introductions were made.

**Public Comment** – None.

**Action Item:**

Approval of CSN October 1, 2014 minutes.

**Motion:** L. Collins

**Second:** J. Salio

**Motion Passed unanimously with the correction that Jon Nibbio spoke regarding a planned coordinated response. Jim Roberts was not present.**

**Action Item:**

**Election of Vice Chair** –Ian Parkinson nominated James Brescia.

**Motion to approve Dr. James Brescia’s appointment as Vice Chair for the 2015-2016 term.**

**Motion:** L. Collins

**Second:** J. Roberts

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**Information/Discussion Item:**

Jim Roberts requested a review of the Health Agency’s Terra Soft policy. Anne Robins, Health Agency representative, asked for clarification as to the specific needs of CSN in relation to the policy, as the policy may not properly address the issue at hand. The

Agency's Terra Soft policy is limited to Behavioral Health intervention. It was clarified that the CSN would like to review the Health Agency's policy as a first step in exploring the possible need to form a Committee whose purpose would be to ensure coordination among various Partner Agencies in providing safety to children. CSN's motivation is to ask "Is there more we can do as a County to provide training?"

**Announcements:**

- Tracy Schiro, as the First 5 representative, announced that Susan Hughes will be retiring and Wendy Wendt has been hired as the Executive Director for the First 5 Commission of San Luis Obispo.
- Lee Collins announced that DSS has received a grant of \$1,000,000 for placement and case management services of homeless families. This applies to the HUD definition of homeless and is specific to families. Jill Bolster White recommended that CSN discuss ways to advocate for homeless families at a future meeting.
- Lee Collins would like to recommend a future discussion regarding the issue of corporal punishment. Mr. Collins feels that the United States is behind the trend in that, at least, 30 other countries have outlawed the use of physical punishment as a disciplinary tactic for children. There is compelling evidence that children who grow up in this environment are more likely to use violence in their adult lives. Sheriff Parkinson suggested that we research other States that have written policy regarding corporal punishment and related statutes. Mr. Collins would ultimately like to see State Legislation changed but he would like to begin within our own community. And at this point, he is merely asking for CSN to have a more in-depth discussion on a future agenda.
- Jim Roberts would like to pursue the issue of Mental Health Parity at a future meeting. Perhaps open up the discussion and find out exactly where our community has disparity and explore where we might shed light. Mr. Roberts is currently awaiting a response from the State regarding how to address this issue with in Therapeutic Foster Care. Anne Robin suggested we bring in partners, such as Insurance Brokers or commercial representatives when we begin to discuss this issue.
- Anne Robin would like to examine the issue of use of psychotropic drugs on minors in Foster Care and a recent Emergency Regulation. This regulation is in response to reports of a high usage of anti-psychotic medications on minors in the State. There was some debate over the topic and which entities should be responsible. The group agreed that education of the Public was an important component that has been neglected. Ms. Robin and Tracy Schiro agreed to work together in further discussion of this issue.

**Adjournment:** 2:24 PM