

# Meeting Minutes

## Committee Name: Vulnerable Families

<b>Meeting Purpose(s):</b> Cover agenda items below	
<b>Leader:</b> Star Graber	<b>Meeting Called</b>
<b>Facilitator:</b> Star Graber	
<b>Recorder:</b> Jaci DiCarlo	
<b>Time: From:</b> 9:00 am <b>To:</b> 10:30 am	
<b>Date:</b> February 6, 2007	
<b>Location:</b> DSS Higuera Street, Room 358	
<b>Members Present:</b>	
1. Star Graber	7. Jaci DiCarlo
2. Phyllis Braiotta	8. Dodie Dunton
3. Laurie Morgan	9. Carol Jones
4. Lisa Martinez	10. Linda Baker
5. Mari Solis	11. Nancy Sugerman
6. Gary Joralemon	
<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Comments/Conclusions/ Actions (If Any)</b>
<b>Agenda Adjustments</b> Star	Star opened the meeting with introductions. The January 2 <sup>nd</sup> minutes were reviewed – no corrections. Star discussed the vision of VF and reviewed the progress made by the group, including the 5 protocols, Universal Referral and Release of Information and the ASQ/ASQ-SE screening tool.
<b>Regional Vulnerable Families Trainings</b> Star	Reviewed the draft flyer, cutting the training down from 3 dates to 2 dates (one in Central and one in South). Jaci will send out the invitations this week. Any additional names should be sent to Jaci asap.  Nancy announced 3 regional trainings in February for DSS staff on the ASQ and ASQ-SE that will address DSS's own internal procedures.
<b>Project Safe Care</b> Mari	Mari explained that Project Safe Care is parent training program targeting families with children ages zero to five. It is an evidenced-based model, primarily administered by social workers, that is aimed at reducing maltreatment and neglect in the home by providing direct skill training to parents in child behavior management using planned activities training, home safety training, and teaching child health care skills. Project Safe Care will add structure and purpose to the home visits, and give social workers a tool to structure their work with families.  The ASQ Screening Tool will have to be done prior to Project Safe Care.  Mari stated that Project Safe Care would be implemented in the South Region first. Trainees will include social workers, social worker supervisors, EOC, SAFE and hopefully a MH Therapist. Ten staff will be trained March 19 through 31, and ten more CWS Staff will be trained in May (exact dates TBD). Social Workers will audiotape sessions with families, and supervisors (who will attend two additional dates of training) will review these tapes to ensure fidelity of the model.  Recurrence matrix and re-referrals between the South and North regions will be compared to measure the effectiveness of the program.

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<b>Project Safe Care (Cont.)</b>	<p>Phyllis notes that Project Safe Care will complement the Path I's who go through EOC's evidenced-based parenting program for children ages 1 to 18, as it covers much the same information.</p> <p>Star stated she would like to send a representative from Drug and Alcohol to the Project Safe Care training as an observer, because it would help keep the various agencies on the same page – speaking the same language. Mari said that staff is welcome to observe the trainings; they just will not be certified.</p> <p>The Triple P Parenting Program was also discussed, however, since the discussion it was decided that DSS would not be implementing.</p>
<b>SDQ Screening Tool</b> Star	<p>Star reminded the group of the SDQ Screening Tool that targets children ages 6 to 17 years. The tool was adopted by the Vulnerable Families Committee some time ago, but has not been implemented. The group decided to discuss the SDQ further at the March meeting.</p>
<b>Training Update</b> Group	<p>Star and Carol reported that the “Putting the Pieces Together” Conference in Anaheim last month was very successful, and included about 700 participants from all over the United States.</p> <p>Star said that she focused on the “Celebrating Families” curriculum, which is an intergenerational family skills-building program for families in early recovery. Drug and Alcohol is considering integrating this program with their Dependency Drug Court families. She met the co-authors (David and Linda Sibley), who happen to live in Santa Maria, and would be willing to come and train staff.</p> <p>Carol announced that Dr. Bruce Perry would be returning to the Central Coast as early as June, or sometime in the Fall, for an all-day presentation focusing on development of the brain.</p> <p>Noting all the various parenting programs that are being used or implemented by our agencies, Laurie suggested a placement committee for parenting programs that would consider the family point of view, not just the agency point of view. Nancy discussed the possibility of a resource/hotline that families could call for parenting resources. Laurie added that it might be good to have parent mentors who have had a successful experience with the system to staff the hotline.</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>The next meeting will be March 6<sup>th</sup> in Room 358 at DSS on Higuera Street. Some of the topics on the agenda include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SDQ Review</li> <li>• Parent Leadership</li> </ul> <p>Parenting Clearinghouse</p>