

# 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> March 6, 2007	
<b>Location:</b> DSS Higuera Street, Room 358	
<b>Members Present:</b>	
1. Star Graber	9. Phyllis Braiotta
2. Jaci DiCarlo	10. Paula Tripp
3. Laurie Morgan	11. Linda Gendron
4. Dodie Dunton	12. Julia Miller
5. Jody Smith	13. Gary Joralemon
6. Carol Jones	14. Peggy Fowler
7. Mari Solis	15. Lori Chamberlain
8. Lisa Fraser	
<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Comments/Conclusions/ Actions (If Any)</b>
<b>Agenda Adjustments</b> Star	Star opened the meeting, and the group reviewed the February 6 <sup>th</sup> notes. Add Mike Dutra from Probation to the list of attendees. No other corrections.
<b>Regional Vulnerable Families Trainings</b> Star	Jaci will bring the packets for the training on March 13 <sup>th</sup> to Star, as well as a sign-in sheet, and a sign-up sheet for CD's. <b>(Action item)</b>  Star, Phyllis and Carol will meet at 5:00 pm at CCRC to prep for the training. Actual training starts at 6:00pm, and should end by 8:30pm.  Sign-ups for the training on March 28 <sup>th</sup> are good. Laurie reminded everyone that parking is very tight at the DSS/SAFE office in Arroyo Grande. Plan to park on the street.
<b>Future VF Trainings</b>	The group discussed how future Vulnerable Families trainings should be conducted. Lisa Fraser and Phyllis suggested combining the Universal Referral, Protocols, I Am Concerned and ASQ training with MDT training. They suggested that this would be a required training for new employees, offered two or three times per year.  The group will debrief the March 13 and March 28 VF trainings at our April 3 meeting, and discuss options for future training at that time.

<b>SDQ Screening Tool</b>	<p>Star reminded the group that VF adopted the SDQ, a screening tool for children ranging in ages from 3 to 17 years, a couple of years ago. The tool was recommended by Dr. Chasnoff as the counterpart to the ASQ, however no agencies in the County are currently using it. We need someone in the county to pilot the program.</p> <p>The group asked Laurie to consider using it at the SAFE sites. Laurie will talk to Brad about the Mental Health Therapist using it.</p> <p>Linda Gendron from the SLO Child Development Center also said that she would check into the possibility of a pilot at their agency.</p> <p>Laurie and Linda will update the group at the April Meeting. <b>(Action item)</b></p>
<b>Parent Shared Leadership</b> Lisa	<p>Lisa Fraser explained that Parent's Anonymous is on contract with SLO CAP to deliver their leadership skills development training for parents into the community. The concept of this training is shared leadership – not just parents sitting at the table. Fifteen parents attended, and a core from this group are interested in continuing. Ruta Casabianca has volunteered to lead them. She is the parent of an adopted child, experienced non-profit director, and a good grant writer. \$16,000 has been advanced to SLO CAP to support this program.</p>
<b>Parenting Clearinghouse Group</b>	<p>At the last meeting, we discussed the possibility of a “parenting clearinghouse” where parents can call to find the right parenting resource. Julia stated that she is putting together a matrix to include as many parenting resources as possible. She will report on her progress at the next meeting. <b>(Action item)</b></p>
<b>Homeless Families</b> Phyllis/Dee	<p>Phyllis reported that there has been a real explosion of homeless families with very young children in the past couple of weeks. They have never seen so many families in such dire straights. Phyllis and Dee told the group about the plight of two of these families.</p> <p>Dee stated that although these families are being assessed when they come in, since being homeless is not a crime they are usually classified as Path 1's with an EOC response. The problem is that EOC and the community do not have the emergency resources to help them, and they are losing these families.</p> <p>Dee is requesting immediate responses from DSS on all calls from Prado and the Shelter when high-risk safety issues are identified. She is also requesting follow-up and feedback from the social workers.</p> <p>Mari will approach the Regional Managers and request both the immediate responses and the mandated reporter follow-up to Prado and the Shelter. <b>(Action item)</b></p> <p>Carol announced that as a part of their Homeless Outreach Program, the Public Health Nurses are available to respond to the shelters. Also, MHSA will be stationed at Prado two days per week to help with mental health and drug abuse issues.</p> <p>Phyllis said that she is going to meet with Nita about emergency moteling for these families.</p>
<b>CSN Conference</b>	<p>Julia reminded the group about the CSN Conference on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Phyllis said there would be a room for anyone who wants to display, and she will bring some packets for Vulnerable Families.</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>The next meeting will be April 3rd in Room 358 at DSS on Higuera Street. Some of the topics on the agenda include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debrief on Trainings</li> <li>• Follow-up on SDQ Pilot (Laurie and Linda)</li> <li>• Parent Leadership Update (Lisa)</li> <li>• Parenting Clearinghouse Update (Julia)</li> <li>• ASQ Registry (Star)</li> </ul> <p>Homeless Response Update (Mari)</p>