

# Meeting Minutes

## Committee Name: Vulnerable Families

**Meeting Purpose(s):** Cover agenda items below

**Leader:** Star Graber

**Facilitator:** Star Graber

**Recorder:** Jaci DiCarlo

**Meeting Called**

**Time: From:** 9:00 am **To:** 10:30 am

**Date:** May 6, 2008

**Location:** DSS Higuera Street, Room 358

**Members Present:**

1.	Jaci DiCarlo	3.	Paula Tripp
2.	Phyllis Braiotta	4.	Lisa Frasier
5.	Sandi Brownell	6.	Evelyn Ruscki
7.	Tracy Lang Wood	8.	Laurie Morgan
9.	Star Graber	10.	Dodie Dunton
11.		12.	

**Agenda Items**

**Comments/Conclusions/  
Actions (If Any)**

**Agenda Adjustments & Announcements**

Star Graber opened the meeting. Minutes from the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed – no corrections.  
Lisa added an update on the status of CSN to the agenda.

**Workgroups for MH Svcs Act**

The workgroups for the Mental Health Services Act focus on how to spend the money on youth. Dale Mcgee will facilitate the May 15<sup>th</sup> and June 19<sup>th</sup> meetings. Call Dale at 438-3232 if you would like to RSVP.

**CSN Update**

Lisa Fraser reported that she is one of 12 representatives from our agencies who sits on the CSN Executive Policy Council. As the member of the Council that represents community-based groups, she wants to be sure that the Council is aware of the efforts and focus of the Vulnerable Families Committee, and she will make them aware of these accomplishments at the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Lisa recommended that the VF Committee make a presentation at CSN Executive Committee Meeting in June.

Star recommended that the VF Committee come up with a document that will spell out just what we have done over the last 4 years. The focuses of Vulnerable Families are getting split up into different groups, and some of the things we have accomplished are unknown to these new groups – like the Multi-Service Referral and the ASQ. We don't want services to be duplicated. The group agreed that CSN should be the hub that connects all the agencies.

Lisa reminded the group that the SLOCAP Public Forum (partnering with CSN) would take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 10:30 am at Rancho El Chorro. This is an on-going series of quarterly networking forums to promote communication between agencies and non-profits. It is an opportunity to make connections and exchange ideas.

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<p><b>Member Updates</b></p>	<p>Phyllis Braiotta reported that EOC is very busy with a lot of CWS referrals. The POPS program is funded through June of 2009, but continued funding is uncertain.</p> <p>Laurie Morgan reported that as of July 1<sup>st</sup> Rhea will not be coordinating North SAFE, and both Mental Health Services staff will be pulled. Mitsy will be a ½ site coordinator in Atascadero, and Terry Humphrey will be a ½ site coordinator in Paso. Although the office will be closed, they still hope to keep SAFE alive in North County. Laurie will continue to be the big picture person in South SAFE, but they will not have any family advocates in the Summer. Laurie added that Rhea would assume her new position as a Geriatric Specialist to identify mental health problems in seniors.</p> <p>Tracy Lang Wood from TAPP/AFLP reported that their program would be receiving a 10% State cut. Their North County position will remain vacant. She stated that Del Rio West provided a teacher and site for a community class once per week for teen parents to go in with their children, and it has been a great experience. It will start again in the Fall. Tracy provided a flyer for the community performance “Teen Mommalogues” at the SLO Little Theatre on Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds will benefit EOC Health Services Teen Mommalogues Project 2009. Tracy reminded us to let staff know about the Afternoon of Epicurean Delights on June 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Chapman House By the Sea. Tickets are \$100 and all proceeds benefit EOC Health Services.</p> <p>Evelyn Ruscki introduced herself to the group, and stated that she is the DSS Program Manager assigned to pilot the Multi-Service Referral.</p> <p>Dodie Dunton stated that the perinatal programs will experience a 10% cut next year, and Pasos De Vida will go down one bed, even though they have a consistent wait list. Dodie reported on the Detox Outpatient Pilot Program, and described the new medication they are using. Participants come in daily to receive meds, get their vital signs checked, and are offered group sessions. Those who want to participate must fit certain medical parameters to qualify for outpatient detox. If they need a 2<sup>nd</sup> detox they will have to wait 90 days. Call Dodie directly at 781-4786 for a referral to the detox pilot. Star will issue a report on the pilot this Fall.</p>
<p><b>Parenting Hotline Update</b></p>	<p>Lisa Frasier reported that you can find the Parenting Resources list on the SLOCAP website (<a href="http://www.slocap.org">www.slocap.org</a>). Michele Gordon updates the list, and it is an on-going, time-consuming job. She reminded members that the list is only as good as the accuracy of the information, so please send new and updated information to Michele. Lisa encouraged departments to put links to the list on their websites. She plans to do some promotional pieces in the community and eventually connect it to 211.</p> <p>Lisa reported that the AVERT program is going away with the budget cuts. She is looking into continued funding through the MSA Act because these young people have too many issues/problems to enter a regular parent education class.</p> <p>Lisa stated that she is in partnership with Belinda Benassi (CWS), Phyllis Braiotta (EOC), and Bruce West (Probation) to deliver her Mandated Reporter Training – to improve understanding and reporting of child abuse. Star reminded the group that after the initial re-education of staff on the ASQ and the Multi-Service Referral form, we talked about integrating ASQ and SDQ training into the Mandated Reporter Training,. Lisa stated that the next Mandated Reporter training will be a Cuesta College in October, and it would be a good idea to combine the Mandated Reporter training, and the re-introduction of the ASQ/Multi-Service Referral at that time. The facility is large, free, and Cuesta will allow free parking. The group agreed, and will ask for 2 hours at the October training.</p>

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<b>Multi-Service Referral Update</b>	Star reported that the Multi-Service Referral and Release of Information has been approved by County Council, and is ready for use. Probation and Drug and Alcohol approved the use of it for their departments. Brenda from Public Health is ready to pilot. DSS is also ready to introduce it to their staff. Star will send Evelyn and Jaci the completed document.
<b>SDQ Update</b>	<p>Linda Gendron is now a social worker for DSS, and there is no new director at CDC yet.</p> <p>Laurie reported that they have not had an MST Meeting to discuss the possibility of SAFE taking the referrals from the SDQ.</p> <p>Gary Joralemon could not be present at the meeting today to provide an update on the pilot at Juvenile Hall, however Star attended a Juvenile Justice Commission meeting last month where Probation announced that they were going to begin using the MAYSI screening instrument for adolescents. They are working with a professor at CalPoly who has great interest and worked under the original author of the MAYSI. The MAYSI does screen for alcohol, drug, and mental health issues.</p> <p>The SDQ will be on hold until we can get some information on the MAYSI and how Probation finds this instrument. Then we will have a choice between recommending the MAYSI or the SDQ as the county-wide tool.</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>The group agreed that the next meeting would be on August 5<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>We will discuss putting together a list of the accomplishments and challenges of the Vulnerable Families Committee, as well as the next steps and challenges.</p>