General:
- Introductions
- Announcements and Board “Round Table”
- Additions to the Agenda
- Public Comment

Action Items:
- Approval of July 5, 2017 Minutes

Information/Discussion items:
- The LINK Family Resource Center, Family Advocate data – Lisa Fraser
- KSBY Resource Family Recruitment Spots, Resource Family/Foster Recruitment – Tracy Schiro

Standing Agenda Items:
- Priority: Homeless Services for Children and Families - Discussion
- SLO County CSEC Collaborative- Ben King
- Future Agenda Items

Next Meeting: January 3, 2018
DSS Empleo
3563 Empleo St.
San Luis Obispo
1:15 – 3:00 p.m.
Minutes
October 4, 2017

Present:  Dr. Jim Brescia, Co. Office of Ed (Chair)
Lisa Fraser, SLO-CAP
Jeff Hamm, Health Agency
Kayla Plourde, JJDP
Jim Roberts, FCNI
Jim Salio, Probation
Tracy Schiro, DSS
Laurel Weir, Homeless Services

Staff:  Marcie Goodale, DSS, CSN Clerk

Guests:  Ben King, DSS
Melinda Sokolowski, CAPSLO
Wendy Wendt, First 5

Introductions, Announcements, Critical Issues and Additions to the Agenda
Chair, Dr. Brescia, called the meeting to order at 1:22 P.M.

Introductions and Public Comment:
Chair, Dr. Brescia opened the floor to public comment without response.

Action Item:
Approval of CSN July 5, 2017 minutes.
  Motion:  K. Plourde
  Second:  J. Hamm
  Motion Passed.

Information/Discussion Item:
The LINK, North County Family Advocacy Services

Lisa Fraser presented the Board with information on services provided by The LINK and the wide range of support LINK Advocates provide to parents; including parent education, school linked education, access to health-related partner agencies, and housing assistance. Ms. Fraser noted that currently, 317 households are involved in the Parent Connection program, including both Child Welfare Services (CWS) Participants and Non-CWS families seeking guidance.

Information/Discussion Item:
Resource Family (Foster Family) Recruitment

Tracy Schiro presented on the efforts and challenges of recruiting Resource Families. In addition, Ms. Schiro shared three television advertisements in which the Board participated. Jim Roberts and Family Care Network are collaborating with County Social Services to develop
new recruitment campaigns. Tracy Schiro welcomed any ideas, no matter how “creative”. Chair, Dr. Brescia shared a more in-depth video, produced by the County Office of Education, featuring a former Foster Youth, and which gave insight into the Resource Family experience from the perspective of a Foster Youth.

**Standing Agenda Item**

**CSN Priority: Homeless Services for Children and Families**

Laurel Weir, presented information regarding a new “Coordinated Entry” system requirement for those funded under Federal Housing and Urban Development. All Homeless Services organizations are, or will, use the same set of assessment tools and processes with one point of entry into the system. Homeless Services across the State will likely see official integration in the future. Since 2014, our County has placed 263 families in permanent homes, but there continues to be a large need.

Ms. Weir also spoke of the most recent Point-In-Time Count (January 2017). She feels that homeless families (and others) were underrepresented due to inclement weather and heavy rains. Families tend to temporarily stay with relatives and/or friends in severe weather, however, organizations are working to increase coordination with schools to assist families that may otherwise be undetected.

**Standing Agenda Item:**

**CSN Priority: Preventing and Addressing Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Collaborative (CSEC)**

Ben King reported: on efforts to assist teen-aged victims attempting to exit organized prostitution. Difficulties and dangers when attempting to leave this way of life were noted. Tracy Schiro added information regarding the difference in assisting this demographic versus assisting a main-stream youth. Experts are finding that this group is more successful when given a large amount of independence rather than placed in a traditional Foster Home.

**Future Agenda Items:**

Dr. Brescia asked the Board for future agenda topics. Jim Roberts proposed the topic of an Annual Summit.

**Adjournment:** 2:50 P.M.