CSN Agenda
3563 Empleo Street, San Luis Obispo CA
Conference - #1
July 31st, 2018
1:15 – 3:00 p.m.

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

Action Items:
• Approval of April 4, 2018 Minutes
• Approve recommendation to add to Council – Michael R. Hill - County Health Agency Director

Information/Discussion items:
• Continued Discussion about a CSN Summit – Jim Roberts
• Child Advocacy Center of SLO County – Lisa Fraser
• The Lisa Project: http://thelisaproject.org – Lisa Fraser
• High-Needs Shelter Care – Jim Roberts
• Debrief May 11, 2018
• Pilot Program Proposal re: County Funds for Foster Homes
• Housing RV Families

Standing Agenda Items:
• Priority: Homeless Services for Children and Families – Laurel Weir
• SLO County CSEC Collaborative – Julie DeFranco
• Future Agenda Items

Next Meeting: October 3, 2018
DSS Empleo
3563 Empleo St.
San Luis Obispo
1:15 – 3:00 p.m.
Minutes
July 31, 2018

Present:
Dr. Jim Brescia, Co. Office of Ed (Chair)          Jim Salio, Probation
Bruce Gibson, BOS                                  Kayla Plourde, JJDP
Devin Drake, DSS                                   Julie DeFranco – DSS, CSEC
Lisa Fraser, Center for Family Strengthening        Ian Parkinson, Sheriff
Jim Roberts, FCNI

Excused:
Dan Dow, DA                                         Elizabeth (Biz) Steinberg, CAPSLO
Tracy Schiro, DSS                                    Laurel Weir, DSS/HSOC

Staff:
Sonia Hurtado – AAIII - DSS                         Bronte Sinclair, Intern -CAPSLO

Guests:
Meghan Boaz Alvarez, TMHA, Proxy for Jill Bolster-White
Melinda Sokolowski - CAPSLO
Sandra Miscovich, Public Health                      Jason Wells, First 5

Introductions, Announcements, Critical Issues and Additions to the Agenda
Chair, Dr. James Brescia, called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

Announcements:
The Board of Supervisors passed the budget. - Julie DeFranco is now overseeing CSEC, previously by Ben King.

Additions:
Chair, Dr. Jim Brescia – Co. Office of Education: updated the Board on a couple of grants that involve DOJ, including a large Arts grant as a follow up from the Summit. Information from the State to follow in a couple of weeks pertaining these grants, Chair, Dr. Brescia will update Jason, Wendy & Supervisor Gibson. There is interest in a bi-lingual teacher grant with QIRS for care providers in professional development.

Public Comments: None

Action Items:
1. Approval of CSN April 4, 2018 minutes.
   Motion: J. Roberts
   Second: L. Fraser
   Motion Passed

2. Approval Recommendation to Add to Council, Michael Hill – Director of Health Agency
   Motion: Ian Parkinson
   Second: Jim Roberts
   Motion Passed

Information/Discussion Items: Continued Discussion About CSN Summit
Jim Roberts advocated now is the time to orchestrate a workgroup to start planning sort of a CSN Summit around the issues that emerge, worked, and met on previously. Sheriff Ian Parkinson has several folks interested in participating, steer and guide this effort.
Chair, Dr. Brescia followed up conversation with Bank of America Foundation regarding the Rachel’s Challenge they are willing to bring their keynote speaker with the purpose to speak on how to build up communities and organize early intervention. Currently, securing dates and venue for this event in the fall there is no cost associated to this event. Possibly plan the event late afternoon or early evening with the expectation to have as many school personnel there as possible.

Follow up from last meeting: It was agreed upon to bring groups together again and extend invitation to as many agencies as possible fewer agencies were missed unintentionally, considering on doing Central San Luis Obispo location perhaps Embassy Suites or Madonna Expo, these sites would be large enough to accommodate approximately 400 people along with the possibility to have break-out groups. It was suggested to expand breach in order to obtain non-agency, non-government employees to attend possibly at the later end of the work day or non-work day would work best, also considering Cuesta College as a venue w/adjoining rooms.

Sheriff Ian Parkinson stated after the summer LE will purchase another module volunteering registration by people for/at risk. Online Registration includes critical useful information made available to LE on the field, but also for schools.

Jim Roberts willing to take the lead to orchestrate a workgroup advocating for volunteers and stated the urgency on planning for this event in the fall. There’s a need for six to eight community programs willing to do the break-out groups that are focused around on how to build up the community with the mission to bring in a successful model to start discussion. As invitation has been extended to key speakers, all City Council meetings will not take place to give room for this event. Chair, Dr. Brescia will send out an email with additional information, here are some suggestions for Break Out Group Topics:

- Build Up Community – Communicating with Each Other
- Share Resources
- Identify Barriers
- Strategies
- How to Get Involved
- Community Resource Officers
- Support Strategies that Work
- Negative Effects of Social Media: Cyber Bully
- How to Create Positive Social Change

Information/Discussion Item: Child Advocacy Center of SLO County

Lisa Fraser – Center for Family Strengthening, reported an application was submitted to the Office of Emergency Services Center for Families Strengthening which is the Child Abuse Prevention Council of our County looking for involvement from as many partner agencies as possible to be part of the conversation to promote child advocacy for best practices. A grant was received through the Office Emergency Services - State of California, the intent is to find a Child Advocacy Center to work with child abuse victims to reduce trauma to children and their families by using a multidisciplinary team approach. Victims of Crime Act Grant Subaward performance period began April 1, 2018 to end March 31, 2019.

Entities engaged with the process are:

1. SART Advisory Board
2. D.A. Child Abuse Interview Team
3. Sheriff - Erin Nix
4. Health Agency
5. DSS Child Welfare
6. CSEC

The Children’s Advocacy Center must have components to be considered a Children’s Advocacy Center that involves after care, mental health treatment, all the things that need to be put in place for the family. For this County, the purpose of the grant is to begin discussion, to have the opportunity to take the strengths of the systems and execute them in ways that are child and family friendly, streamline and improve relationships. Accreditation would bring the county in alignment with the rest of the County as well as to be part of system of Child Advocacies Centers that are practicing this method.

DSS -Director Devin Drake to reach out to Santa Barbara to find out what their approach to this process.

Information/Discussion Item: The Lisa Project

The Lisa Project website: http://thelisaproject.org is a multi-sensory exhibit that allows the visitor to hear, see, and experience the reality of the world of child abuse.
Information/Discussion Item: High Needs Shelter Care
Jim Roberts – FCNI shared the grave situation of not having immediate shelter care for minors with high special needs at the state and county level, an organized advocacy effort is much needed. At the end of this calendar year technically all group homes will be closed that are on the STRPP certification path. Some group homes will remain open at the county’s cost.

Information/Discussion Item: Pilot Program Proposal
Director Devin Drake, DSS submitted a proposal to the State for much higher rate to fund Specialized Intensive Foster Homes that would handle minors with very high needs along with Wrap Services. These Specialized Intensive Foster Homes are required to have additional training and tenure in the foster care program to meet requirements.

Standing Agenda Item: Priority – Homeless Services for Children and Families
No new information was reported.

Standing Agenda Item: SLO County CSEC Collaborative
Julie DeFranco – DSS, reported that currently CSEC has 3 cases, two female youth struggling with housing, going in/out of hotels; consequently, struggling with stability. There is one non-minor dependent that qualifies for CSEC case. Three cases that have not been concretized yet as CSEC, there are concerns about risky behaviors consistent with CSEC, these cases continue to be evaluated and staff continue to work with youth. Received two referrals in the past two months, one case was a youth being exploited; however, father protected and supported the youth, the other case was evaluated out.
Training opportunities: SLO County Human Summit, Sept. 15, 2018, to register visit: www.sloagainsthumantrafficking.eventbrite.com on “Trafficking – Keeping Kids Safe from Predators” hand-outs were provided. Also bringing back “Training - CSEC 1.2” extensively geared towards LBGTQ male victims and exploiters, still considering some dates perhaps on January and June 2019, considering DSS site conducted in a community setting; if any inquiries to contact Julie DeFranco.
On 12/27/18, there will be education on “Human Trafficking 7th to 12th grade”. Lastly, CSEC Subcommittee has identified & developing a leadership program or Youth Mentors, updates will be provided to the Board.

Future Agenda Items:
- Housing RV Families
- Child Advocacy Center of SLO County

Adjournment: 2:38 PM