



CSN Agenda

3563 Empleo Street, San Luis Obispo CA
January 23, 2019
1:15 – 2:45 p.m.

Dr. James Brescia, Chair
County Office of Education/
Latino Outreach Council

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General:

- Introductions
- Announcements and Board "Round Table"
- Additions to the Agenda
- Public Comment

Action Items:

- Approval of October 3, 2018 Minutes
- Approval of Invoices for Building Community Summit

Information/Discussion items:

- High-Needs Shelter Care – Jim Roberts
- Child Abuse Prevention Plan – Lisa Fraser

Standing Agenda Items:

- Priority: Homeless Services for Children and Families – Laurel Weir
- Housing RV Families – Laurel Weir
- SLO County CSEC Collaborative – Julie DeFranco
- Child Advocacy System of SLO County – Lisa Fraser

Future Agenda Items:

Next Meeting:

April 3, 2019
DSS Empleo
3563 Empleo St.
San Luis Obispo
1:15 – 3:00 p.m.



**Minutes
January 23, 2019**

Present:	Chair, Dr. Jim Brescia, - Co. Office of Ed.	Jim Roberts - FCN
	Ian Parkinson – Sheriff	Lisa Fraser - Center for Family Strengthening
	Jill Bolster-White - TMHA	Devin Drake - DSS
	Bruce Gibson - BOS	Laurel Weir, DSS/HSOC
	Michael R. Hill – Co. Health Agency	Kayla Plourde – Juvenile Justice Commissioner
	Mark Haas - DSS	Julie DeFranco – CSED / DSS
	Elizabeth (Biz) Steinberg, CAPSLO	Anne Robin – Behavioral Health
	Jim Salio - Probation	
Excused:	Dan Dow – District Attorney	
	Jim Roberts – Family Care Network, Inc.	
Staff:	Cherise Day – Secretary DSS	
Guests:	Jon Nibbio – FCN, On Behalf of Jim Roberts	

Introductions, Announcements, Critical Issues and Additions to the Agenda

Meeting called to order at 1:07 PM

Announcements:

- Devin Drake introduced his new Secretary, Cherise Day, who will be taking minutes for CSN.
- Laurel Weir – SLO County’s bi-annual Homeless Point in Time Count begins on Monday, January 28, 2019. Looking for volunteers for numerations, required for Federal funding. The State of California will use the data for Homeless Programs, including HEAP.
- Dr. Jim Brescia announced possible funds from Santa Barbara County Office of Education for intervention of youth with special needs. This would involve Head Start, Migrant Education and CAPSLO. SB to take the lead and CSN encouraged to network for early childhood intervention, as well as for Foster Homeless Youth funding from the Governor’s Office.

Additions: None

Public Comments:

Chair Dr. Brescia opened the floor for the public: None

Action Items:

Approval of CSN October 3, 2018 minutes:

Motion: Jim Salio

Second: Bruce Gibson

Abstain: Sheriff Ian Parkinson

Motion Passed

Action Items:

Approval of Invoices for the Building Community Summit at Questa College, re: Hospitality and Facility:

Jim Brescia: While it was formerly discussed and verbally approved at a prior CSN meeting, these invoices are being included in the Agenda to be formalized. The funds are to be used only for items the CSN Board agreed upon expenditures.

Motion: Anne Robin

Second: Jim Salio

Motion Passed

Information/Discussion Items: High Needs Shelter Care

Jon Nibbio on behalf of Jim Roberts FCN - High needs youth who don't fit criteria for Probation are not being accepted into out-of-State Placement Centers, which has created a gap population. Jim Roberts has reached out to both Senators Monning and Cunningham's Offices, seeking to move this issue forward and to bridge the placement gap.

The Youth Treatment Program has been switched to an all-girl facility, since all the referrals have been females. This may cause further limitations or access, regarding the treatment facility designed to work with this population, since it's not serving males at this time.

SENECA has a contract for an emergency facility in Atascadero for kids who were removed and need immediate care. This will help expand the transitional housing. As a business model, it would be beneficial to replicate this small home, looking into Foster Parent vs. Employee for short term. YTP model can take shorter term residential care but is not their model to take children in crisis for longer terms.

Certified Treatment Facilities are more expensive than State Hospitals. With proper advocacy, smaller, regionally certified treatment facilities could fill that gap within the community. It's never been addressed, but the State should look at regional models from Ventura thru Monterey.

CFT, which is similar to a State Hospital for kids, is continually at full capacity. Need to work on advocacy which would allow a secure perimeter for kids who run or are at risk and address this part of the law, since they're not considered criminals and cannot be housed at Juvenile Hall.

Action item: CSN needs a one- or two-page brief for housing youth for CSAC. Lobbying needed with at least two legislators to change statute and remove blocking at State level, then put on the Governor's calendar.

Information/Discussion Items: Child Abuse Prevention Plan

Lisa Fraser - SLO Co. applied and was selected for the "All County Child Abuse Prevention Plan". CSN was in mind as the body of the network and primary vehicle responsible for prevention. The Office of Child Abuse Prevention is partnering with Child Welfare, exploring what prevention means. Will share findings in April.

Standing Agenda Item: Homeless Services for Children and Families:

Laurel Weir – Received \$4.8-million grant from State of CA under Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This grant has a set-aside of \$241,000, specifically for homeless youth, which can be used for capital cost, acquisitions of property, rehabilitation, etc. This is one-time only funding which must be spent by June 30, 2021. Governor proposed an additional one-time only \$500 million to use as homeless assistance. Of that, \$300 million to be set aside for shelters and perm housing, \$200 million to communities who demonstrate they've made progress with permeant housing beds.

Standing Agenda Item: Housing RV Families:

Laurel Weir – HUD does not consider those who sleep in RV's to be homeless, which causes them to be ineligible for programs under HUD, CAPSLO and many other programs. Since RV's are designed for habitation, even they're broken down, it's considered a home, unless it's simply a shell without access to water or electricity.

Standing Agenda Item: SLO County CSEC Collaborative:

Julie DeFranco – Currently have 6 identified CSEC cases, all females, 3 of which are in the AB12 program. Challenges include running away, behavioral problems, drug and alcohol abuse and securing placement. Of these, 3 cases have been identified as human trafficking. In December, we received 2 referrals. January is Human Trafficking month, we were able to provide training for the community and will be hosting CSEC 102 training for June 6th and 7th.

Standing Agenda Item: Child Advocacy System of SLO County:

Lisa Fraser – We're continuing research with key stake holders, the Child Abuse Interview Team at the DA's office, and the SART team regarding the CAS program. Some children who come through the program go to trial, others don't. We're discovering there's no pick-up for those families for aftercare treatment. In March, we're convening the Stake Holders and principal players for the Child Advocacy Center, following an accreditation check-list, focusing on pulling all resources to develop an aftercare and treatment process.

Future Agenda Items: None

Adjournment: 2:20 PM