



## CSN Agenda

May 6, 2020

1:15 – 3:00 p.m.

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### General:

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

### Action Items:

- Approval of February 5, 2020 Minutes

### PowerPoint Presentation:

- Homeless Families & Children served at 40 Prado – Sofi Mundschau
  - Child Abuse Prevention Plan Update – Ty Ulrey
  - CalWorks program overview – Jean Simpson
- PowerPoint presentations are available for the public upon request by emailing: [cday@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:cday@co.slo.ca.us). Please specify the date and subject.**

### Information/Discussion items:

- Clarification of approved bylaws and handout – Linda Belch
- Coastal Valley Academy/PHF update – Jim Salio
- High-Needs Shelter Care Update – Jim Roberts
- Crises Youth Triage Program Update – Jason Hooson (for Anne Robin)
- LEAD Program Update – Dan Dow

### Standing Agenda Items:

- Priority: Homeless Services for Children and Families – Laurel Weir
- SLO County CSEC Collaborative – Linda Belch
- Child Advocacy Center of SLO County – Lisa Fraser

### Next Meeting:

**August 5, 2020**  
**DSS Empleo**  
**3563 Empleo St.**  
**San Luis Obispo**  
**1:15 – 3:00 p.m.**



**Minutes**  
**May 6, 2020**  
**via Zoom teleconference**

<b>Present:</b>	Chair, Dan Dow – District Attorney	Jill Bolster-White - TMHA
	Vice Chair, Jim Roberts – Family Care Network	Jim Salio - Probation
	Dr. Jim Brescia – COE/Latino Outreach Council	Lisa Fraser - CFS
	Devin Drake – Social Services	Kayla Plourde-Reynolds – JJDP
	Bruce Gibson – Board of Supervisors	Biz Steinberg - CAPSLO
	Teresa Tardiff - CASA	Mike Hill – County Health Agency
<b>Excused:</b>	Ian Parkinson – Sheriff	Laurel Weir – DSS HSOC
<b>Staff:</b>	Linda Belch – DSS/CSN First 5 Commission	Cherise Day – DSS/CSN Secretary
<b>Guests:</b>	Jill Rietjens – Behavioral Health	Ty Ulrey – Center for Family Strengthening Intern
	Jason Hooson – Behavioral Health	Sofi Mundschau – CAPSLO (for Grace McIntosh)
	Jean Simpson – DSS	Carrie Collins – Strategies 2.0
	Melinda Sokolowski – CAPSLO	Belinda Benassi – DSS
	Krista Girko – Child Abuse Prevention	Wendy Wendt – First 5

**Introductions, Announcements, Critical Issues and Additions to the Agenda:**

Chair, Dan Dow, facilitated the meeting via teleconference, beginning at 1:17 PM.

**Announcements:**

Jill Bolster-White and Kayla Plourde- Reynolds are CSN representatives for the Preventative Health Grant Committee. The grant process is beginning the week of May 11<sup>th</sup>, at which time, either Jill or Kayla will provide an email update to the CSN executives, as well as the next CSN meeting, scheduled for August 5, 2020.

**Additions:**

None

**Public Comments:**

None

**Action Items:**

Approval of CSN February 2020 Minutes:

**Motion:** Chair, Dan Dow, asked for any corrections of the minutes and confirmed there were none.

**Motion Passed:** According to “Robert’s Rules of Order”, if there are no corrections, the motion is passed without roll call.

**PowerPoint Presentation:** Homeless Families & Children at 40 Prado – Sofi Mundschau/CAPSLO

Sofi began the presentation by giving a virtual tour of 40 Prado and describing their amenities, which include a day-room for primary care, bike racks, dog kennels, a community garden, a children’s room specifically for the Head Start Program, dorms for both men and women, 5 family-sized dorm rooms with cribs and meals provided 3 times daily. According to 2019 statistics, 40 Prado has served 1,400 unduplicated individuals, 67 families and housed 123 individuals. The predominant challenge for the Shelter is obtaining housing for families. In SLO

Co., there are limited landlords willing to accept vouchers or work with the Housing Authority. Poor rental history, low credit ratings and criminal backgrounds also create barriers for families in need of housing. CAPSLO collaborates with many agencies, however, the Department of Social Services (DSS) provides the most valuable programs, such as the Housing Support Program and Bringing Families Home. The main intention for these programs is to connect families with the services they need most and guide them through the process.

**PowerPoint Presentation: Child Abuse Prevention Plan Update – Ty Ulrey/Center for Family Strengthening**  
Ty began the presentation by asking the question; What is the current state of child abuse prevention programming in SLO County? There are three outlined items to discuss: The OCAP Framework of Prevention, Economics of Child Abuse in SLO County and Prevention Services in SLO County.

The OCAP Framework of Prevention has 3 tiers:

1. The Primary tier has activities for large portions of the general population, which include improving economic stability, access to transportation, increasing healthcare and community education.
2. The Secondary tier has activities targeted toward families with one or more risk factors, which include respite care for foster families, substance abuse treatment and parenting programs for teens.
3. The Tertiary tier has activities targeted toward families where abuse has already occurred, which include family reunification, foster/permanency planning and mental health services.

Economics for substantiated cases of Child Abuse in SLO County for 2018 was approximately \$115 million. These statistics are provided by the non-profit child advocacy group “Safe and Sound” and break down the costs based on data provided by SLO County of 454 individuals as follows:

1. Loss in economic productivity \$77,888,016
2. Healthcare \$20,864,555
3. Education \$7,156,772
4. Child Welfare \$5,348,012
5. Criminal Justice \$3,474,254

The statistics for the year 2019 increased to \$195 million, and with the introduction of COVID-19, the number of child abuse cases are expected to increase substantially in 2020. This is primarily due to shelter-at-home orders, prolonged economic impact on families and the increased need for prevention strategies.

Prevention Services in SLO County include dozens of services, both in North and South County, which include:

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. SAFE                         | 8. Coast USD        |
| 2. South County Youth Coalition | 9. The LINK         |
| 3. Lucia Mar USD                | 10. CAPSLO          |
| 4. SLOCOE                       | 11. Social Services |
| 5. BH Prevention & Outreach     | 12. Shandon USD     |
| 6. San Miguel USD               | 13. Paso Robles USD |
| 7. Atascadero USD               | 14. Templeton USD   |

There is a critical need to establish a more coordinated system of child abuse prevention, especially in the North Co. CFS is asking what it would take to establish this system, including the next level, and where that leads.

**PowerPoint Presentation: CalWORKs Program Overview – Jean Simpson**

CalWORKs is defined as the **C**alifornia **W**ork **O**pportunities and **R**esponsibility to **K**ids Program. The CalWORKs program is comparable to other Federal programs, such as “Welfare-to work”, or “Temporary Assistance for Needy Families” (TANF), which provide financial aid to families with children in the home. CalWORKs serves all 58 counties in CA, is operated by County Welfare Departments and is open to parents with children under the age of 18, a minor parent, a single pregnant woman, as well as non-needy or needy caretaker relatives. There are several eligibility requirements, with the following listed as a priority:

1. Child(ren) must have a deprivation, i.e.: absent, deceased, incapacitated or unemployed parent
2. Specific resource, property and asset limits
3. Income Limit based on family size, with applicant and recipient tests

Adults in the home must be registered for Welfare-to-work (WTW), which assists with self-sufficiency and includes work experience, education, training, counseling and parenting services. WTW also provides supportive services needed to help take or keep a job, such as:

1. Child Care
2. Transportation
3. Work or Training Related Costs
4. Personal Counseling
5. Parent Support
6. Diapers

*(Please refer to the PowerPoint presentation for a comprehensive list of requirements, income limits, maximum-aid payments, exemptions, incentives, as well as list of programs and services available. You may also find additional information at: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Social-Services/Cash-Assistance-Programs/Services/CalWORKs-Cash-Aid.aspx>)*

**Information/Discussion Item: Clarification of approved bylaws and handout – Linda Belch**

During the February 5, 2020 CSN Board meeting, an incomplete version of the ratified bylaws was presented to attendees. This version included a reference to one of the members as being “the Board of Supervisors”. This has been corrected to read: “A member of the Board of Supervisors” and was included prior to the ratification. The clarification was noted in the minutes from the February 5, 2020 meeting, and the corrected version has been uploaded to the CSN website.

**Information/Discussion Item: Coastal Valley Academy/PHF Update – Jim Salio**

CCL recently visited the facility which houses the Coastal Valley Academy, and advised that with some minor modifications, CVA could be transformed into a locked residential-type program. This would enable CVA to be eligible for AFDC Foster Care funding, which is currently being explored.

**Information/Discussion Item: High-Needs Shelter Care Update – Jim Roberts**

Adding to the previous message from Jim Salio, they’re hoping to transform the Juvenile Services Center into a Community Treatment Facility (CTF), which is a licensed, locked facility. However, with the new fiscal reality, the costs involved to create this type of facility must be postponed, but not forgotten.

**Information/Discussion Item: Crises Youth Triage Program Update – Jason Hooson for Anne Robbin**

CYT is a grant-funded program designed to reduce the crisis response time, by providing specialty crisis services to those 21 yrs. and younger within SLO county. The primary response location is from staff within schools, which has slowed due to COVID-19. However, CYT is seeing more youths call in the evening, due to stay-at-home restrictions, as well as increased calls from emergency rooms. CYT is currently in the second year of a 3-year grant and is insistent on linking youth in need with the correct mental health services.

**Information/Discussion Item: LEAD Program Update – Dan Dow**

The LEAD program began in the Spring of 2020, with two 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes in Oceano. The curriculum included outlining the justice system and how to be a good citizen, with an emphasis on staying out of the criminal justice system. This program was designed to expose the children to career opportunities within the justice system, such as: Judge, Attorney, Bailiff, Deputy Sheriff or Probation Officer. Leading the program and providing a positive role model, was SLO Criminal Court Judge Guerrero. The Honorable Matthew G. Guerrero, who also resides in Oceano, has a great connection to the community and especially with its Hispanic youth. Unfortunately, the current pandemic has stalled the program, however, there is hope the program will resume in the Fall, with the potential of adding a new district in North county.

**Standing Agenda Item: Homeless Services for Children and Families – Devin Drake for Laurel Weir**

Due to the pandemic, Laurel Weir has been working with the EOC and was unable to provide an update.

**Standing Agenda Item: SLO County CSEC Collaborative – Linda Belch**

In the last two months, CSEC has had 3 new referrals, all of whom are teenage girls, with one child welfare case opened. Currently, there are 6 females ranging from ages 13-19, with the majority placed out of state, due to their high needs. As a result of sheltering-in-place orders, there is great concern regarding children spending additional time online, which may expose them to human traffickers. Dan Dow confirmed the anti-human-trafficking task force is continuing to provide proactive tactics towards thwarting the efforts of human-traffickers, who are continuing their efforts in the San Luis Obispo area, even during the pandemic.

**Standing Agenda Item: Child Advocacy Center (CAC) – Lisa Fraser**

The Child Advocacy Center has been holding quarterly steering meetings, comprised of agencies such as Law Enforcement, the child abuse interview team, a medical examination team, and individuals who provide healing and treatment. CAC is in the beginning stages of establishing a Child Advocacy Center Protocol, by taking pieces of different agency protocols and giving them a CAC focus. Additionally, CAC is working to identify a point of contact for families, including follow-up, which will be known as the “Family Advocate Approach”.

**Additions: Final comment - Dan Dow**

Dan reminded CSN of the importance of continued support for families during this pandemic and thanked the members for providing a stable continuum of services. By building trust, we hope to reduce fears within our community.

**Future Agenda Items:**

- Approval of May 6, 2020 minutes
- High-Needs Shelter Care – Jim Roberts
- Child Abuse Prevention Plan – Lisa Fraser
- Priority: Homeless Services for Children and Families – Laurel Weir
- SLO County CSEC Collaborative – Linda Belch
- Child Advocacy Center of SLO County – Lisa Fraser

**Adjournment:** 2:45 pm