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CSN Agenda

May 4, 2022

1:15 – 3:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Teleconference

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Action Item:

- Motion and vote to meet virtually by Zoom, pursuant to AB361

General:

- Introductions
- Announcements
- Additions to the Agenda
- Public Comment

Action Items:

- Approval of February 2, 2022, Minutes

Information/Discussion items:

- Legislative Priorities – Devin Drake

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

Board Round Table:

Future Agenda Items:

Next Meeting:

August 3, 2022

Via Zoom Teleconference

DSS Empleo

3563 Empleo St.

San Luis Obispo

1:15 – 3:00 p.m.



Minutes May 4, 2022

Present:	Devin Drake (Chair)	Kayla Plourde-Reynolds
	Jon Nibbio (Vice Chair)	Dawn Ortiz-Legg
	Dr. James Brescia	Ian Parkinson
	Lisa Fraser	Melinda Sokolowski
	Anne Robin	
Excused:	Jill Bolster-White	Dan Dow
	Robert Reyes	Mike Hill
	Dr. Borenstein	
Staff:	Linda Belch	Cherise Day
	Laurel Weir	
Guests:		

Action Items:

1. Motion and vote to meet virtually by Zoom, pursuant to AB361

Motion: Anne Robin

Second: Kayla Plourde-Reynolds

Motion Passed: All members in attendance approve, none oppose

Introductions, Announcements, Critical Issues and Additions to the Agenda: None

Announcements: None

Additions: None

Public Comments: None

Action Items:

2. Approval of CSN February 2, 2022, Minutes

Motion: Ian Parkinson

Second: Dawn Ortiz-Legg

Motion Passed: None oppose

Information/Discussion Items: Legislative Priorities – Devin Drake

During the last CSN meeting, it was decided each member would work on legislative priorities within their own divisions. For comparison, information regarding Legislative proposals from the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) has been provided for today's meeting. It would be beneficial to examine proposals from other departments, specifically involving children. Please bring your finding to CSN for further discussion.

Standing Agenda Item: Priority: Homeless Services for Children and Families – Laurel Weir

The Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC) has drafted a 5-year plan to reduce homelessness by 50% of the County's current rate. HSOC is seeking public feedback, which may be accessed by clicking the following link: [https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Social-Services/Homeless-Services/Homeless-Services-Oversight-Council-\(HSOC\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Social-Services/Homeless-Services/Homeless-Services-Oversight-Council-(HSOC).aspx). The revised 5-year plan will help prioritize future discretionary funds, provide greater coordination with County and City partners by improving data collection, sharing, analysis, as well as enhanced information on homelessness.

Additionally, Wade Horton is working alongside City managers to build a community-wide plan, with support from a diverse group of stakeholders, in order to set numerical goals. A strategic plan workgroup is focused on specifying how many housing/shelter units to build, focusing on ADU's and very low-income housing. Please email Laurel Weir lweir@co.slo.ca.us or Russell Francis rfrancis@co.slo.ca.us with any questions or input.

Standing Agenda Item: SLO County CSEC Collaborative – Linda Belch

- No new CSEC referrals or cases.
- There are currently 5 individuals listed in the system as CSEC victims.
- **Program updates:**
The Early Intervention and Prevention Foster and Homeless Youth Education Specialist is now accepting referrals. This program targets middle school youth for academic and social well-being and are planning to expand with a Youth Partner early in the new fiscal year, focusing on cyber-safety and early intervention.

Standing Agenda Item: Child Advocacy Center (CAC) of SLO County – Lisa Fraser

- The emerging CAC continues to evolve, allowing our advocate to follow-up on families, which was a missing but crucial component of the program.
- The CAC is progressing towards co-locating at the Public Health SART office. This move would allow the Child Abuse Interview Team (CAIT) to interview families in a warm, friendly and more accessible location, other than the county courthouse.
- We continue to visit other counties, such as Monterey, which offers a hybrid partnership. In that county, the Child Welfare Service the program, rather than the CAC.
- The CAC is working with the Alliance of Therapy Dogs for availability, specifically for CAIT.

Round Table Discussion:

Lisa Fraser:

- April 22nd marked the inaugural Children's Flag Raising Memorial Day for San Luis Obispo County. Several community leaders, including Devin and employees of the Probation Department, showed their support by virtually attending this newly created annual event. We appreciate the support and validation from our community.
- It's imperative to produce concrete qualitative and quantitative data regarding the impact prevention has on our community. We have the data, but how do we make the metrics meaningful, specifically demonstrating how we contribute to the health of the community, in the variety of our roles? We currently have resources provided from the Office of Child Abuse Prevention, including a published data playbook, validating our efforts and the difference we're creating. Lisa wants to thank the CSN members for their contributions.

Jon Nibbio:

- The Family Care Network (FCN) recently submitted an application with HomeKey, and if selected, will be allowed to expand 3 transitional housing beds for former foster youth in Atascadero.
- Currently working with Linda Belch and DSS on increasing Foster Care recruitment, including the need for emergency shelter care.
- **Announcement:** Through a nomination set forth by Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham, the FCN has received the California Non-profit Award. We believe this is a direct reflection of community efforts and a recognition of our entire county.

Melinda Sokolowski:

- CAPSLO currently has 144 vacancies throughout all regions, with specific needs for childcare.
- CAPSLO is also in the process of writing grants with Lisa Fraser and Linda Belch to expand Family Resource Centers and Fatherhood Services.

Kayla Plourde:

- This is Kayla's last meeting as the Chair of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission. DJ Pittenger will be filling the roll of Chair.

Dr. Brescia:

- Currently moving forward with childcare revisions provided by the BOS, anticipating the council's approval. Once approved, we expect to start at the beginning of the month, with an additional 25-50 providers within the next year.

Anne Robin:

- The transformation of Behavioral Health through CalAIM will now include audits and reviews focusing on quality of care and better documentation.
- The Student Behavioral Health Innovative Project through CenCal will allow for additional on-site behavioral benefits.
- Effective July 1, 2022, via legislation, is the "No Wrong Door" program, which will offer continuity of care between multiple departments and programs.

Dawn Ortiz-Legg:

- The BOS has made several positive moves on homelessness, but it will be a long process.
- Additionally, the BOS is exploring inter-disbursal zoning, which includes diverse housing materials, modulars, etc.

Devin Drake:

- May is Foster Care awareness month.
- Devin would like to recognize Linda Belch, who has worked to reduce the number of children in group homes, from the upper 20's down to 7.

Linda Belch:

- Linda would like to express her thanks to all the partners who help Foster Care.

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