
Children's Services Coordination Committee (CSCC)

October 18, 2007 Minutes

In Attendance:

Michael Riley, Janet Nguyen, Alan Albright, Mike Ryan, Jana Hoffmann, Steve Sentman, Desiree Penland, Rene Ruiz, Linda Smith, Rick Martin, Marri Derby, Carolyn Kirkwood, Alyce Mastrianni, Russell Brammer, Dana Stits, Mary Kavli, Jess Carbajal, Gary Taylor, Betsy DeGarmoe, Tricia Budris, Mary Ann Soden, Perlee Trout, Theri Todd, Denise Churchill, Debbie Chitty, Beverly MacLaren, Curt Condon, Shawnee Marsh, Maritza Rodriguez-Farr, Laura Yescas, Torhan Barnes

1. **Introductions/Announcements:** Supervisor Janet Nguyen thanked everyone for their support with the 13th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children and Dr. Riley for his presentation at the Board Hearing.
2. **Tustin Family Campus Presentation:** Jess Carbajal, SSA Administration Division Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Tustin Family Campus. Dr. Riley provided information on the programs that will be at the Campus and answered questions. The RFP will be released on November 19, 2007.
3. **ACTION ITEM:** Reviewed and approved minutes from the September 20, 2007 meeting. Minutes approved as written.
4. **State Legislation/Budget Update:** Mike Ryan stated that the Residential Redesign legislation passed and four counties will be eligible. Orange County may not be a top candidate because we have low numbers of youth in group homes due to programs such as Wraparound.

Mike stated that Safely Surrendered Babies legislation, which would have increased the number of days a mother has to surrender her baby from three to seven days, was vetoed.
5. **13th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children:** Mary Ann Soden thanked everyone for their contributions to the 13th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County and Dr. Riley for his presentation at the Board Hearing. It was noted that a few newspapers covered the Annual Report. Reports and Quick Guides were available to CSCC members and attendees. Mary Ann stated that the Community Forum would be held October 29, 2007 at Cal State Fullerton. Registration for the Forum is available online.

6. Program / Project updates:

- Child Abuse Services Team: Hellen Howe was not present. No update.
- Foster Youth Services Program: Betsy DeGarmoe stated that their new database is allowing them to help SSA, Probation, and school districts by providing educational information on Orange County foster youth placed in out-of-home care. She stated they are also providing the educational information for TDMs and this is going really well.
- Mental Health Services Act (Prop. 63): Alan Albright stated that the Steering Committee is now meeting to discuss Prop 63 funding. The state guidelines are specific and require that 51% of the funding must be spent on the 1 – 25 year old population. The Steering Committee, however, approved to increase this to 75% for Orange County. This will allow HCA to intervene early with families and provide prevention services to decrease mental health issues. A subcommittee will be developed to help with the planning process and focus groups will be conducted. Alan stated that HCA is also conducting a survey to obtain input. A handout with information was provided. Please complete the survey and if any agencies would like to sponsor a focus group, please contact Alan.
- Wraparound: Denise Churchill stated their new database is now accessible to SSA, HCA, Probation and Wraparound contract providers. They also have a new Wrap Fidelity Index tool. Denise stated that they will present at Probation's conference in February 2008 and June 12 – 14th is the California Wraparound Institute Conference.

7. Subcommittee reports:

- Emancipation Services: Gary Taylor stated that the Mental Health Conference is on Monday in Garden Grove.
- Child Welfare Services Redesign Planning Council: Gary Taylor stated Raquel Amezcua is the new SSA Family-to-Family Program Manager and will present on the Planning Council in the future.
- Perinatal Substance Abuse: Debbie Chitty stated they will spend November 2007 reviewing the data from both studies and will report the findings early next year.

8. General Committee Member Comments:

- Linda Smith stated that Parent Leadership is going well. Their goal was to serve 60 families and they have already served 80.
- Russell stated that last year's Grand Jury reported that the public lacked knowledge on child abuse reporting, therefore, the Raise Foundation created posters. If you would like a copy, please contact Russell.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: At this time members of the public were informed that they could address the Committee regarding any item within the subject matter of this committee's authority, provided that no action be taken on off agenda items unless authorized by law. There were no comments.

NEXT MEETING: **November 15, 2007**