
Children's Services Coordination Committee (CSCC)

April 17, 2008 Minutes

In Attendance:

Mike Ryan, Steve Sentman, Janet Nguyen, Linda Smith, Eric Handler, Marri Derby, Rick Martin, Bill Steiner, Carolyn Kirkwood, Clete Menke, Patty Rogers, Alyce Mastrianni, Russell Brammer, Dana Stiits, Mary Kavli, Jana Hoffmann, Betsy DeGarmoe, Tricia Budris, Mary Ann Soden, Debbie Chitty, Shawnee Marsh, Laura Yescas, Harriet Bemus, Michelle Berelowitz, Perlee Trout, Rene Ruiz, Hellen Howe, Jyothi Alturi, Bob Malmberg, Sid Gardner,

1. **Introductions / Announcements:** None.

2. **State Legislation/ budget update:**

Clete Menke announced that Canyon Acres is merging with Family Solutions.

Mike Ryan stated that there is pending legislation that will require children under the age of 12 be placed in a facility with a houseparent model. Currently the regulations are for children under the age of six. The legislation also would require that children reside within 30 miles of the parent's home. CWDA is monitoring the pending legislation.

Russell Brammer stated there is pending legislation for early release of non-violent offenders. It's concerning because some of the crimes considered "non violent" are a danger to children.

Judge Carolyn Kirkwood stated that the Court is looking at how they are doing business. She again, invited anyone who wants to observe court proceedings to contact her to schedule a visit.

3. **ACTION ITEM:** Reviewed and approved minutes from the March 20, 2008 meeting. Minutes approved as written.

4. **14th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children:** Mary Ann Soden and Michelle Berelowitz provided a handout of the timeline for the Annual Report. They will meet with writers from all agencies in May 2008 to discuss the changes to the report his year.

There was a discussion regarding the Discussion Topics. This developed into a discussion on the purpose of the CSCC meeting and the history of the CSCC. Dr Handler recommended the CSCC looking at what it can do to address issues, for example, child advocacy for children ages 5 – 18. This discussion will be calendared for a future meeting.

Mary Ann and Michelle collected ideas for discussion topics. The CSCC will vote in May 2008.

5. **Program / Project updates:**

- Child Abuse Services Team: Jyothi Atluri stated that CAST is going through its National Reaccreditation process this year. The application has been submitted and a site visit is scheduled for September 2008. Last month there were 154 interviews and 32 forensic medical exams.

On April 18, 2008 they are having an Open House to celebrate volunteers and it is open to everyone. They also are planning for their upcoming 20-year anniversary.

- Foster Youth Services Program: Betsy DeGarmoe stated that they have completed records for 50% of the foster youth in out of home care ages 10-19 in the new database. They are also looking at how many of our emancipated youth have or will be graduating this year. In early May 2008 there will be an Educational Summit and a team from Orange County will attend to learn more about best practices.
- Mental Health Services Act (Prop. 63): Patty Rogers stated that the Steering Committee authorized growth funding for additional youth Wraparound slots. The Youth Offender Program is going well and 20 youth were on the list before the program began. It should be full by July 2008. Alan Albright is continuing with prevention and early intervention planning focus groups. They have received approximately 700 – 800 surveys and are still accepting them.
- Wraparound: Hellen Howe stated that 491 children have been served, with a 71% success rate (this means the child returns to a homelike setting.) Beginning in July 2008 they will look at other outcomes for measuring success, for example, education, behavioral issues, etc.

6. Subcommittee reports:

- Emancipation Services: Bob Malmberg stated that the ASR for Scattered Site Apartments was submitted to the Board. Beginning July 1, 2008 there will be 60 additional beds available. They are beginning to use their Efforts to Outcomes database. If anyone is interested in tracking any statistics, please let Bob know.
- Child Welfare Redesign Planning Council: No update.

7. General Committee Member Comments: None.

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.

NEXT MEETING: May 15, 2008