
Children's Services Coordination Committee (CSCC)

March 20, 2008 Minutes

In Attendance:

Michael Riley, Mike Ryan, Steve Sentman, Janet Nguyen, Linda Smith, Eric Handler, Marri Derby, Rick Martin, Chris Alex, Jim Harte, Bill Steiner, Carolyn Kirkwood, Alyce Mastrianni, Russell Brammer, Dana Stits, Mary Kavli, Betsy DeGarmoe, Tricia Budris, Mary Ann Soden, Denise Churchill, Debbie Chitty, Beverly MacLaren, Curt Condon, Shawnee Marsh, Laura Yescas, Raquel Amezcua, Harriet Bemus, Gary Taylor, Michelle Berelowitz, Perlee Trout, Greg Bradbury

1. **Introductions / Announcements:** Reminder that 700 Forms are due to Tricia Budris, building number 160, by March 24, 2008.

Dr. Riley clarified that because there was not a quorum at the February 21, 2008 meeting, there are no official minutes to approve, however, a summary of the February 21, 2008 meeting was provided. In addition, the January 17, 2008 minutes were not approved at the February 21, 2008 meeting and are on the agenda for approval on this date.

Supervisor Nguyen thanked everyone for their involvement with the 13th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County.

2. **State Legislation/ budget update:** Dr. Riley stated that it looks as if CFS will have to absorb about a 10% cut, but we are still waiting for the Governor's May Revise.
3. **ACTION ITEM:** Reviewed and approved minutes from the January 17, 2008 meeting. Minutes approved as written.
4. **14th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children:** Mary Ann Soden stated that the Board approved the contract for the 14th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children at the same rate as last year. Mary Ann and Michelle discussed special section topics with the group.

ACTION ITEM: The CSCC approved the Perinatal Substance Abuse Prevalence Study, completed by HCA, as the special section topic for the 14th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children.

Dr. Riley noted that next year the CSCC may want to consider domestic violence as the special section topic.

Mary Ann and Michelle discussed changes to the local significance sections. There will be a new title and format to clearly show what we are doing to address each indicator. Michelle is going to develop a sample of the new local significance section and will review it with her contacts. It will require all local significance sections to be re-written.

Dr. Handler suggested combining the Annual Report and Call to Action Report.

Mary Ann stated that the Community Forum will probably be in early November 2008 and this year we are aiming to get a high profile speaker. As the Forum gets closer, we will discuss additional changes.

5. Program / Project updates:

- Child Abuse Services Team: Debbie Chitty stated that the Medical Director retired and there is currently an interim physician with CAST. They are working with UCI to fill the position permanently.
- Foster Youth Services Program: Betsy DeGarmoe stated they are meeting with school districts to develop a protocol. She stated they are working with SSA and Probation to monitor kids that move and ensure they continue at their same school. The database is progressing. Orange County is one of four counties participating in the AVID project.
- Mental Health Services Act (Prop. 63): Jim Harte stated that MHSA had a stakeholder meeting to recommend how 08-09 growth funds should be allocated. The a number of original MHSA program models relied on Medi-Cal funding that was not realized. Growth funds will be necessary to fill in for the unrealized Medi-Cal and maintain current levels of service. After the corrections were made, there was a little over \$400,000 remaining and the stakeholders group suggested that it be added to Youth Offender Wraparound services.

Jim stated that although Alan Albright retired, he is still involved with the prevention and early intervention planning. They have about six to eight more weeks of focus groups and meetings.

- Wraparound: Denise Churchill stated that she is transferring to a new assignment in April 2008. Hellen Howe will be the new Wraparound Program Manager. She thanked the committee for their support. Currently 455 youth are being serviced and there is capacity for 600. She stated the 5th California Wraparound Institute is June 12 – 14 at the Marriott in Anaheim.

6. Subcommittee reports:

- Emancipation Services: Gary Taylor stated they will be getting a new database to track youth and outcomes. There also is a Teen Conference in Pomona next month.
- Child Welfare Redesign Planning Council: Raquel Amezcua stated that they held their Community Forum on March 12, 2008. There was a lot of interest, 260 registered and 100 were on the waiting list. They will be holding another one in May 2008. She stated that CFS received a NCSCSW grant to look at families that cross systems. They are currently developing the scope of work.

7. General Committee Member Comments: Linda Smith congratulated Dr. Handler on the article in the newspaper. There was a discussion on population changes. More families and children are at the Armoire, not mentally ill like in the past. Dr. Handler acknowledged that community partners are championing the cause, including health care providers like Kaiser and UCI.

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: **April 17, 2008**