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CSN Agenda

August 3, 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 May 4, 2022, Minutes

Information/Discussion items:

- FFPSA overview and conversation – Linda Belch
- Emergency Shelter Foster Care Needs and Temporary Shelter Care Facility Model – Jon Nibbio and Linda Belch

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
- Child Abuse Prevention Planning Team – Lisa Fraser, Linda Belch

Board Round Table:

Future Agenda Items:

Next Meeting:

November 3, 2022

Zoom and/or

3563 Empleo St.

San Luis Obispo

1:15 – 3:00 p.m



Minutes August 3, 2022

Present:	Devin Drake	Lisa Fraser
	Jon Nibbio	Melinda Sokolowski
	Dan Dow	Dr. Penny Borenstein
	Meghan Boaz Alvarez for Jill Bolster-White	Dr. James Brescia
	Anne Robin	DJ Pittenger
	Robert Reyes	
Excused:	Ian Parkinson	Jill Bolster-White
	Dawn Ortiz-Legg	Nicole Perotti
Staff:	Linda Belch	

Action item:

- Motion to meet virtually by Zoom, pursuant to AB361
Motion: Dan Dow
Second: Anne Robin
Motion Passed

Announcements:

Anne Robin announced the State infrastructure for Behavioral Health (BH) facilities is currently in its fourth round of grant funding for youth services. Seneca will apply for a grant to fund the building of a multi-service youth crisis center in Atascadero, to include the building of a crisis stabilization and residential unit, with a 2-bed puff. This is an in-patient service for foster youth and is a missing piece of the COC. CSN members may request a template from Seneca to write a letter of support by contacting Anne Robin or Cherise Day.

Additions:

None

Public Comments:

None

Action Items:

- Approval of CSN February 2, 2022, Minutes
Motion: Jon Nibbio
Second: Melinda Sokolowski
Abstain: Anne Robin, Dan Dow, Penny Borenstein
Motion Passed

Information/Discussion Items: FFPSA overview and conversation – Linda Belch

California has submitted a 5-year prevention plan to ACF, detailing the state’s prevention strategy as follows:

- Equity, Inclusion, and Disproportionality
- Pathways to Prevention Services
- Delivery of trauma-informed, evidence-based services
- Continuous quality Improvement
- Outcome assessment evaluation
- Workforce Training and Development

In response to culture influence on services, equity and inclusion has been added, highlighting how to serve people of color, Native American, and LGBTQ+ children and youth. In response, California has expanded the

list of potential candidates for services, which was previously limited. Expansion now includes children exposed to domestic violence and children with inconclusive disposition of child abuse or neglect.

In addition, there are ten Evidence Based Programs (EBPs) for CA:

- Family Therapy
- Family Check-Up
- Functional Family Therapy
- Healthy Families America
- Homebuilders-Intensive Family Preservation and Reunification Services
- Motivational Interviewing
- Multisystemic Therapy
- Nurse-Family Partnership
- Parent-Child Interaction Therapy
- Parents as Teachers

Federal FFPSA part 1, compared to State FFPS Program:

There are two different tracks regarding prevention which illustrate how CA has taken a federal program and adapted it specifically for CA. Below is a comparison chart to show the difference between the two programs, including a chart with options of pathways.

FEDERAL FFPSA PART I COMPARED TO STATE FFPS PROGRAM

<p>Federal FFPSA Part I</p> <p>Title IV-E agencies are only eligible for reimbursement of federal prevention funding if the following conditions are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child meets candidacy criteria as defined in California's Five-Year Prevention Plan or is a pregnant or parenting foster youth • Reimbursement is only available for the evidence-based practices listed in California's Five-Year Prevention Plan, child and/or must be referred to one or more of the EBPs to receive FFPSA Part I funds • Strategy with comprehensive prevention plan must address the needs of identified candidacy population 	<p>State FFPS Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible funding source for primary, secondary and tertiary prevention planning activities and direct services • Funds can be used to support ANY target population with the goal of preventing child maltreatment • Funds can be used towards any direct service activity towards the development a continuum of prevention services • Funds are not restricted to only be used to support the 10 evidence-based well-supported practices in California's Five-Year State Prevention Plan
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OPTIONS OF PATHWAYS

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: #003366;">Title IV-E Pathway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional Voluntary and court ordered Family Maintenance Cases, Post Family Reunification • Referrals come from Child Abuse Hotline • Offers Title IV-E for services for children AND family members • Oversight and Case Management by Child Welfare Agency • Services may include non-IV-E eligible services • Opportunity to IMPROVE upon traditional practices and success rates for these families 	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: #003366;">Community Pathway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referrals can come from community, family or Hotline calls that don't meet the criteria for Investigation or after investigation are referred to the community for services • Services are voluntary and engagement strategies such as Motivational Interviewing are used to develop rapport • Reduction in stigma associated with CWS involvement • Reduction in disproportionality of families of color in CWS/foster care
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- All CA counties had to submit a Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Calculation, specifically based on 2014 data, outlining monies spent on evidence-based preventative programs. The MOE was calculated at just under \$3M, however, the State has not announced how it will be shared.
- There's a Medi-CAL component as the reimbursement of choice, with FFPSA is the payor of last resort, which could complicate navigation through this program.
- FFPSA will require statewide automation for child-specific tracking, oversight, and adherence to model fidelity.
- Another component prior to rollout of the FFPS Program is to create a comprehensive prevention plan, outlining the primary, secondary and tertiary prevention strategies, due January 2023.
- The State was clear that this program was not intended for the funds to be used as abuse prevention, but rather placement prevention and is time-limited to 12 months for each family.
- If any agencies are interested in joining as a partner in this plan, please contact Linda Belch.

Information/Discussion Items:

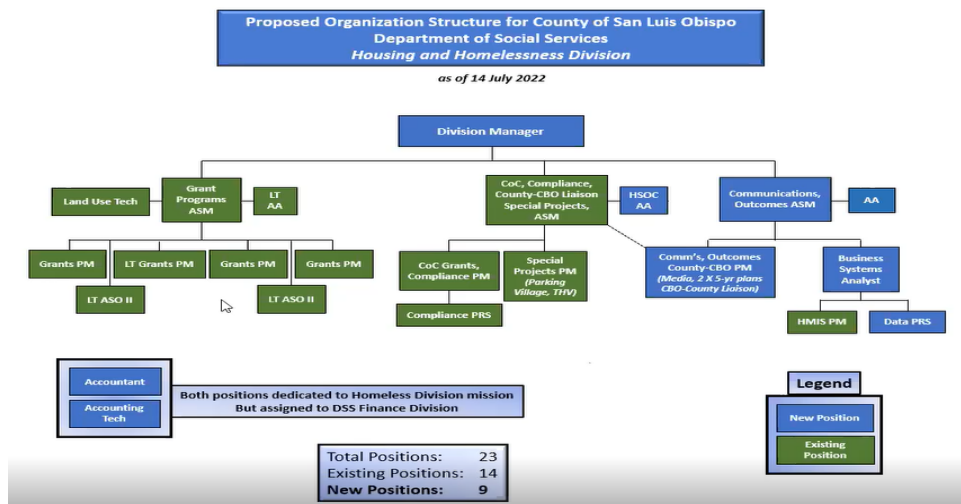
Emergency Shelter Foster Care Needs and Temporary Shelter Care Facility Model – Jon Nibbio / Linda Belch

Due to the pandemic, Foster Parent recruitment has been negatively affected. Currently in the process of increasing and expanding our “Emergency Shelter Foster Care Parents Through Recruitment” strategy, which could enable us to offer a 2 bedroom apartment for emergency shelter, allowing emergency shelter to a single child or sibling group of two. Additionally working on a temporary shelter care facility model, which is an alternative to utilizing a county office building in an emergency. A proposed model will be submitted within the next two weeks, specifically to offer short-term shelter with a more home-like setting. This will allow our trained and certified staff to explore a more permanent solution, such as returning the child home or to stay with a relative. An allowance to merge a studio apartment with a 2-bedroom facility, in order to create a 3-bedroom apartment, will be submitted soon. This could house up to 3 children in an emergency, a critical part of our proposal to the CA DSS.

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

Devin Drake reports:

- During the August 9th BOS meeting, DSS will put forth a 5-year plan addressing homelessness, while proposing a newly organizational structure for the Homeless Services Division, as shown:



- There are 9 new positions, with 6 transferring from the Planning Department, along with 14 existing positions, a total of 23 employees are slated for the Homelessness Division.
- One of the biggest challenges for this division has been monitoring grant data. The positions listed in blue will be focused on tracking, monitoring, applying and handling the data portion of homeless services grants, in addition to PSA’s and community trainings.
- Because of the new grant tracking positions, the Division Manager will be able to provide the community and the BOS a clear and transparent spending analysis for homeless services.
- The positions listed in green will handle the majority of the grants and COC compliance, along with special projects, such as the parking village.

Laurel Weir reports:

The final results of the 2022 Homeless Point in Time Count (PIT) are complete. While a slight decrease was noted, there wasn’t a significant change in the number of homeless individuals. However, an increase in homeless families has been steadily rising, which is consistent with HMIS data. Due to COVID-19, there was a delay in the PIT, which altered a few consistent factors, such the timing of the study and a decreased number of guides available to assist. While South County had a solid number of guides, North County had difficulty finding guides to assist the numeration team perform the count. The PIT is only a snapshot in time, and is meant to compare trends and subpopulations, while allowing all sectors to be included. For more detailed information regarding the PIT, please refer to the link below: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/getdoc/3e2558de-42f5-472d-a747-2c64500dff6d/2022-SLO-PIT-Report_final.pdf

Standing Agenda Item: SLO County CSEC Collaborative – Linda Belch

- There are 3 new CSEC referrals, all of which have been connected to labor trafficking.
- We currently have 5 open cases, all of which include CSEC components.
- There are several upcoming trainings for CSEC 101 and 102 (Linda will forward information).
- CSEC is collaborating with Rachel Thomas to rollout “The Cool Aunt; Sex Trafficking Talk with Auntie Rachel”. This is a youth-developed, youth-led series to identify their own risk factors.
- A youth engagement project is being led by a former SLO County foster youth, acting as an ambassador, advocating for CSEC involved youths.

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

The advocates working for the Center for Family Strengthening, along with the Child Abuse Interview Team (CAIT) and the Suspected Abuse Response Team (SART), have seen a greater demand for services in the last several months. During the month of June 2022, there were 22 children forensically interviewed, along with 12 SART examinations. It’s not currently understood how these numbers translate into substantiated child abuse, however, there’s been a definite increase in numbers, with advocates continuing to direct the children toward recovery services. The CAC is currently in discussions regarding the creation of a co-op location for services, moving to a one-stop, child-focused advocacy center.

Standing Agenda Item: Child Abuse Prevention Planning Team (CAPP)– Lisa Fraser / Linda Belch

The CAPP is collecting information to share with CSN regarding prevention in all stages. According to data gathered, it’s clear the majority of need lies within North County, where the CAPP needs to stay and grow. The CAPP team is acting as a collaborative group, providing input for FFPSA and multiple agencies, as well as private parties, to form a fully cultivated agency. Currently creating the “Logic Model” with a working draft, outlining the direction of CAPP regarding prevention, including our vision for youth and their families. Once finalized, we will share the outcome and look forward to receiving input from CSN.

Board Round Table:

- Robert Reyes noted the month of August had the highest number of youths under probation supervision compared to the previous 12 months. While it’s not a significant increase, it’s still notable and he’s hopeful this trend does not continue.
- Anne Robin reports BH has opened a new location across from DSS in Paso Robles at 4th and Spring streets. Drug and alcohol services are located downstairs, while Public Health, WIC, family and youth services, as well as the Latino outreach program, are located on the 2nd floor. BH is currently looking for a program supervisor for 0-5 programs for Martha’s Place and is generally understaffed; your continued patience is appreciated. Regarding the housing strategy, BH intends to include workforce-level housing as an element into the strategies. This is an important issue, since qualified applicants outside of SLO County are unable to afford the high cost of living in our County. It’s our mission to provide affordable housing for clinicians, teachers and other professionals who also require affordable housing to work within our County.
- Dr. Brescia reports the Office of Education has taken over the Youth Workforce Development contract for youth aged 16-20, in addition to providing services and for early childhood education. ARPA funds from the County are moving forward, with 25 candidates anticipated to enroll in ECE service. In addition, there’s \$.5M in unrestricted funding set aside for retention and training of current employees, as well as the recruitment of new employees.
- An in-depth conversation regarding the need for a collaborative Mixteco language interpreter ensued, specifically regarding how to build the capacity of qualified interpreters with limited funding. This item will be placed on the November CSN agenda as a presentation.