

## **FOSTER CARE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, April 11, 2013**

8965 Balboa Avenue, Room 1A

**12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Sandra Boelter, Patty Boles, Bernice Briggs, Genevieve Bromley, Laurie Campbell, Wendy Curiel, Ann Fox, Ernie Gomez, Suzette Johnston, Greg Khoth, Robyn Lefkowitz, Maribel Luna, Diana Macis, Michele Manley, Violeta Mora, Susan Moreno, Danny Ortiz, Jacquie Pusateri, Anita Secor, Elaine Shelby, Marilyn Sproat, Debbie Stolz, Barbara Wojtach

### **Minutes**

**I. Sandie Boelter called the meeting to order. All in attendance made introductions.**

**II. Approval of Agenda/Minutes:**

The March 2013 minutes were unanimously approved.

**III. Presentation: Laurie Campbell**

San Diego Office of Education Foster Youth & Homeless Education Services received a federal grant to work on reducing transportation barriers in order to promote school stability and children staying in their school of origin. The target group is middle school and high school youth. Encouraged foster parents to use the Education Travel Reimbursement program. Distributed Education Travel Reimbursement flyer.

**IV. Discussion:**

#### **HHSA & Child Welfare Services—Alice Kennedy**

- The Polinsky Health Fair will be held on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am. Activities and informational booths will promote healthy living and Live Well, San Diego!
- The Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI) meeting on April 10 was informative and well attended. CWS appreciates the effort foster parent leaders and foster parents are making to attend and help develop this new initiative.

#### **Loving Arms Foster Parent Association – Elaine Shelby**

- Annual Summer Picnic will be held in July; date to be announced.

#### **Child Health Disability Prevention – Anita Secor**

- Safe-to-Sleep program materials have been updated.

#### **Developmental Screening & Enhancement Program (DSEP) – Maribel Luna**

- Maribel Luna introduced herself as the new Foster Care Services Committee member representing DSEP.

#### **Foster Home Licensing—Ann Fox**

- The next QPI meetings will be held April 24<sup>th</sup>, and May 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm at Mission Trails. Flyer distributed.
- The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Foster Parent Appreciation Banquet will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8:30 pm at the Westin San Diego in downtown San Diego.

## **Child Welfare Services Placement Specialists:**

### **North Central Region—Bernice Briggs**

- Focusing on identifying placements for teens, medically fragile babies, and children in wheelchairs.

### **Polinsky Children's Center—Marilyn Sproat**

- Polinsky population is approximately 35 children.
- More children are coming in to Polinsky, but are staying less than 24 hours before being placed with relatives or NREFMs.

### **San Diego County Office of Education—Violeta Mora**

- Pre-Employment Training (PET) applications are now being accepted for summer work internships.
  - Participating youth are eligible to receive up to \$200 stipends funded through Promises to Kids.
  - Eligible youth must be placed in a foster home, group home, or FFA home.
  - Social workers should submit applications to their regional Educational Liaison.

### **San Diego County Adoptions—Genevieve Bromley**

- Orientation now requires pre-registration.
  - Call the KIDSline to register for Orientation: 877-792-KIDS (5437)
- Adoptions website is being updated.
- Adoptions and Licensing will hold a Recruitment Booth at the San Diego County Fair.

### **Comprehensive Assessment/Stabilization Services (CASS)—Jacquie Pusateri**

- Ali Freedman is the new Regional Vice President of Fred Finch Youth Center. Ali will no longer attend Foster Care Services Committee.
- Charlotte Moore will be the new Program Director for CASS.
- CASS staff attended CWS unit meetings to educate social workers on CASS program and services.

## **Round Table:**

### **Ann Fox—Foster Home Licensing:**

The May 2013 Foster Care Services Committee meeting will be canceled due to the upcoming banquet.

### **Diana Macis – Foster Home Licensing:**

- Currently working on recruitment ideas for placement of medically fragile children.

**V. NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 13, 2013: 8965 Balboa Avenue, Conference Room 1-A**

**V. ADJOURNMENT: 1:00 P.M.**