

## **FOSTER CARE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, March 14, 2013**

8965 Balboa Avenue, Room 1A

**12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Nory Behana, Sandra Boelter, Patty Boles, Bernice Briggs, Genevieve Bromley, Wendy Curiel, Ann Fox, Ernie Gomez, Andrea Jackson, Suzette Johnston, Greg Khoth, Elizabeth Machuca, Diana Macis, Danny Ortiz, Twila Perucci, Jacquie Pusateri, Arleth Rubio, Anita Secor, Marilyn Sproat

### **Minutes**

- I. Twila Perucci called the meeting to order. All in attendance made introductions.**
- II. Approval of Agenda/Minutes:**  
The February 2013 minutes were approved unanimously.
- III. Discussion:**

#### **North County Foster Parent Association - Patty Boles/Barbie Caldwell**

- Question about Program Guide section on adding transportation reimbursement to the Special Care Rate when caretaker has used up the AFDC-FC transportation allowance. Some foster parents are not approved to receive mileage reimbursement.
  - Policy will follow up on this.
- Foster parents sometimes struggle to obtain foster children's social security numbers.
  - Policy and Adoptions confirmed that social worker can give child's SS # to foster parents.
- Visitation: Foster parents are sometimes asked to transport/supervise multiple visits. Foster parents are trying to get involved with TDMs related to visitation plans.
- Breast Milk: Concern about liability when court orders that bio mother may pump breast milk and foster parent is to give it to infant.
- The first meeting of the Foster Parent Voice meeting will be held tonight in North County; Foster Parent Associations are invited to participate through Straight From The Heart and Connected To Kids; help elevate case issues directly to the region/chain of command

#### **Foster Parent Education – Nory Behana**

- New training schedule (Pink Flyer) for spring is currently available.
- Two classes have been canceled due to low enrollment.
- Anita Secor is training on the Health & Education Passport

#### **Foster Home Licensing – Ann Fox**

- QPI meetings dates have changed. New dates are: Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, April 24<sup>th</sup>, and May 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor Center.
- Ethics Training: Voting members are required to complete Ethics Training. Emails will be sent to those still needing to complete it.
- The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Foster Parent Appreciation Banquet will be held on Friday, May 3, 2013 at the Westin San Diego.

#### **San Diego County Independent Living Skills (ILS) - Ernie Gomez**

- Access Program Career Fair will be held April 4, 2013 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Independent Living Skills classes are held 1-2 times a month and are completed in 6 months.
- Sea World will be taking job applications at 4<sup>th</sup> & Elm in Chula Vista on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Maxim Respite Care – Danny Ortiz**

- About 200 families have utilized Maxim Respite services.
- Foster parents receive 25 respite hours every three months.
- Respite may be provided in the foster home or in the provider's home.

**Polinsky Children's Center/Emergency Shelter Care – Marilyn Sproat**

- Polinsky population has been 40-50 children.
- Much time spent lately on doing field placements.
- Third Annual Polinsky Health Symposium will be held on May 4, 2013.

**Juvenile Probation Department – Elizabeth Machuca**

- Jorge Aguilar will represent Juvenile Probation beginning in April 2013.
- Residential Screener for Probation will begin screening for all types of placements; foster homes, FFAs, and group homes.

**San Diego County Adoptions – Genevieve Bromley**

- Melding workgroup is meeting twice monthly to address unintended consequences of Melding.
- Adoptions is using a new home study model called SAFE.

**Comprehensive Assessment/Stabilization Services – Jacquie Pusateri**

- There is currently no waiting list for CASS.
- More clinicians are being hired.
- New social workers have questions about how to make referrals to CASS; would like to attend regional unit meetings to present on CASS.

**Roundtable**

**IV. NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 11, 2013: 8965 Balboa Avenue, Conference Room 1-A**

**V. ADJOURNMENT: 2:00 P.M.**