

FOSTER CARE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 13, 2014

6950 Levant St, San Diego

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Present: Wendy Curiel, Ann Fox, Sharon Ippolito, Suzette Johnston, Maribel Luna, Violeta Mora, Mike Palomino, Twila Perucci, Jacquie Pusateri

Minutes

I. **Twila Perucci called the meeting to order.** All in attendance made introductions.

II. **Approval of Agenda/Minutes:** The February 2014 minutes were unanimously approved with the following correction under San Diego County Office of Education, first bullet:

“Funding rules for districts are changing. Schools will be obligated to show progress on how they are supporting foster youth or they will lose a percentage of their funding.”

III. **Discussion:**

Child Welfare Services Policy & Program Support Division—Wendy Curiel

- AB352 has been passed; it mandates no smoking in foster homes or in the presence of foster children. The State is developing an implementation plan for this new law.

San Diego County Office of Education—Violeta Mora

- Funding requirements for school districts are changing:
 - Schools will have to show that the foster children are making progress or lose a portion of their funds.
 - Schools have a June 30 deadline to turn in plans on how they aim to meet the requirements.
 - Focus groups will be held in April; notices will be sent out to foster parents to strongly encourage their attendance.
- The Educational Summit will be held on June 25-26.
 - A call for presenters was made.
 - The Summit is sponsored by Department of Justice, Volunteer Lawyers, and San Diego Unified School District.
- College and Career Day will be held April 11, 8 am to 1:30 pm at Grossmont Community College. The focus will be on exposing students to college life, and discovering what it is that drives the foster youth student to complete college. Foster youth must register by April 4.

Comprehensive Assessment/Stabilization Services (CASS) — Jacquie Pusateri

- CASS is currently down one clinician; there is a 2-1/2 week wait list.
- CASS is receiving an influx of referrals; many are for foster youth coming out of group homes.

Grossmont College—Twila Perucci

- The July through December pink flyer with the new TIPS schedule will be distributed soon.

Developmental Screening & Enhancement Program—Maribel Luna

- DSEP will email flyers/newsletter/brochures to Ann Fox to share on the upcoming QPI website.

Foster & Adoptive Family Resource Services Operations—Ann Fox

- Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI) trainings are going very well, with many foster parents and social workers attending. Feedback on the training is very positive. Two more trainings are scheduled for April 9 at the Jacobs Center and May 8 in South Bay. Spanish translation will be provided. Ann Fox encouraged the community providers and educational liaisons on the Committee to attend the QPI trainings.
- Foster & Adoptive Family Resource Services is focusing on recruitment and retention of foster and adoptive parents.
- The 53rd Annual Foster Parent Banquet will be held on Friday, May 16 at the Westin Hotel in downtown San Diego. The Board of Supervisors will present proclamations to the foster parent associations.
- Ann Fox introduced Kimberly Washington, new Special Care Rate Coordinator.

Maxim Respite Care—Mike Palomino

- A special Maxim orientation will be held in North County for prospective respite providers. Currently four North County foster parents are scheduled to complete paperwork and provide information needed for background checks. After clearance is obtained and on-line training is completed, foster parents can begin providing respite care.

IV. NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, April 10, 2014

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

6950 Levant Street, Room 1 A/B

San Diego, CA 92111

V. ADJOURNMENT: 1:10 P.M.