

FOSTER CARE SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 9th, 2017
5469 Kearny Villa Road, San Diego, CA 92123, Ste. 3700
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Present: Amanda Amabile, Yadi Munoz, Breanna Davila, Yoly Dayrit, Gloria Escamilla-Huidor, Shlyn Guarian, Laura Hattaway, Brenda Jones, Nicole Kelsay, Alice Kennedy, Diana Macis, Maria Martinez, Jessica Morales, Katie Olson, Mike Palomino, Twila Perucci, Jacquie Pusateri, Troy Rippengale, Veronica Sarabia, Anita Secor, Marilynn Sproat, Debbie Stolz, Javier Torres, Mirtha Valadez, Barbara Wojtach, Patricia Coleman, Andrea Carlin, Carol Kozik-Sproule, Khemal Johnson

I. Twila Perucci called the meeting to order at 12:00p.m. All in attendance made introductions.

II. Approval of Agenda/Minutes: The January 2017 minute corrections:

- Page – 1; Quality Parenting Initiative; Diana Macis; Bullet 4; Correction – “on 2/2, to”
- Page – 3; Adoptions; Gloria Escamilla-Huidor; Bullet 3; Correction – “... on approximately 200 in-progress home studies in addition RFA emergency assessments.”
- Page – 3; Foster Care Eligibility; Maria Martinez; Bullet 2; Correction – “... and the (HSS) Human Services Specialist are ...”

III. Discussion:

Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA), Child Welfare Services (CWS), Deputy Director – Alice Kennedy

- Levant office in is getting a new building at 8911 Balboa Avenue.
- SWIT class in session and will end in April.
- The state will be releasing more information on Resource Family Approval (RFA) conversion process with the date of December 2019. The agency will continue to inform on conversions.
- Program manager, Norma Rincon, will temporary be a Deputy Director, she will oversee the Child Abuse Hotline and RFA implementation. She will compare and analyze the current Foster Home Licensing (FHL) investigations, complaints, and due process procedures.

San Diego Foster Parent Association – Debbie Stolz

- Toys from Sleep Train are available for families.

Comprehensive Assessment/Stabilization Services (CASS) – Jacquie Pusateri

- Waitlist of 1 week for English and Spanish speakers.
- Currently recruiting Spanish speaking clinician.

Developmental Screening and Enhancement Program (DSEP) – Katie Olson

- Flyers for Kid Start distributed to committee.

Grossmont College Foster & Adoptive Kinship Care Education Program (FAKCE) — Barbara Wojtach

- January-February pink booklet is available.
- March – April issue is completed and currently in print.
- Trauma Informed Pre-Service (TIPS) registration tracking: January – 90 people; February 1-6 – 72 people. Registration on-line will be available soon. A PDF file with link for registration for social workers will be available.
- Save the Date flyer for Super Saturday, 6/3, conference style training.
- More Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) classes are available in March, April, and in Spanish. Foster and kinship parents are encouraged to attend.

- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) class, lead by social worker, Ali Luckey, on March 30.

HHSA, Resource Family Approval (RFA) – Wendy Curiel

- Approximately 120 RFA’s going through emergency, standard, and community.
- RFA academy started this month and 30 staff attended.

HHSA, Independent Living Skills (ILS) – Amanda Amabile

- On March 2, Housing 101 workshop for youths moving out. It will be in North County, 3/2, 3:45 – 8:00p.m., at YMCA in ILS office.
- Brand of Brothers event for boys on 2/23, 2-5:30p.m., at the Waterfront Park. A flyer to be emailed to committee.

HHSA, Public Health Nurse (PHN) – Anita Secor

- Medical and dental exam compliance for youth in foster care is 96% overall in San Diego County and **79% statewide. Dental at 89% in county and 65% in state.**
- For the Quality Improvement Plan, we will be working with dental providers to build a community of providers for youth in foster care who can provide services without the medical card.

HHSA, Foster and Adoptive Resource Family Services (FARFS) – Nikki Kelsay

- Bring recognition to the Emergency Resource Family Approval (ERFA) team for working after hours to make emergency placements.
- In May, the annual banquet will change to Quality Parenting Banquet or Social Hour event. The Save the Date announcement with confirmed date will be reported at next meeting.
- Shift in FARFS program, KIDS Line is now under supervisor Diana Macis and Options program is under supervisor Miriam Curiel.

HHSA, Child Welfare Services Placement Specialists – All Regions

South Region – Emma Morales

- Concerns in placement are communication between Regions and RFA. The placements for emergency takes too long for a response but there is improvement in past week.

East Region – Yoly Dayrit

- Thank you to RFA team for the afterhours workload. The assessment piece completed by RFA team allows for placement SW from regions can focus on QPI and building relationships with resource family homes.
- No children in PCC

Central Region – Shlyn Guarian

- 2 children in PCC

HHSA, Polinsky Children Center – Marilyn Sproat

- PCC population is 19

YMCA Kinship Support Services – Yadi Munoz

- Continuing to receive referrals

HHSA, San Diego Adoptions – Gloria Escamilla-Huidor

- 6 new staff coming to Adoptions on 4/1.

HHSA, CWS Policy & Program Support Division – Veronica Sarabia

- Currently working on policy manual with RFA and business as usual with relative homes assessments.
- Assisting staff on answering questions with implementation

HHSA, Foster Care Eligibility – Maria Martinez

- Relative home placements pending RFA are being referred to Family Resource Center for eligible resources.

HHSA, Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI) – Diana Macis

- Last week, administrators from Los Angeles County came to discuss on regionalization of QPI. Started training in Central region with an attendance of 51.
- State conference on March 2-3 in Sacramento. QPI ambassadors from regions will be in attendance.
- Next quarterly training is on Visitations. Two trainings will be held in South region due to attendance on 3/9 and 3/16.
- Ambassador retreat held on 3/8.

Roundtable

IV. NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, April 13, 2017

12:00p.m. – 2:00p.m.

5469 Kearny Villa Road San Diego CA 92123

(Seville Plaza Building, Suite 3700)

V. ADJOURNMENT: 1:20 p.m.