

CCR/FFA Workgroup Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Date: 01-19-2016	Time: 10:30 am to 2:30 pm	Location: UC Davis, 232 ARC, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616
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In-person attendees:

Agencies Representatives:

LaVerne Ishibashi (A Brighter Childhood); Chelsea Silveira (Arrow Child & Family Ministries); Kristen McQuary (Atkinson); Cora Hardy (Better Life for Children); Stephanie Ivler (Bienvenidos); Jackie Rutheiser (CA Alliance of Child & Family Services); Jerry Johnson (CA COFFA); Michele Bennyhoff (CA Council of Community Behavioral Health); Brodie Lytle, Jasmine Harris, Joy Anderson (CYC); Maryellen Dryer (Casa Pacifica/SJSU); Danna Fabella, Stuart Oppenheim (CFPIC); Gordon Richardson (EMQ Families First); Linda Guisti (Families for Children); Gail Johnson Vaughan (Families Now); Jill Jacob (Family Builders); Debra Benjamin (Greater Hope Foundation); Laura Richardson, Rob Getty (Koinonia Family Services); Carol Ramirez (Lilliput); Julissa Castillo (McKinley Children’s Center); Anna Johnson, Jackie Wong (Youth Law); Robert Pye (Paradise Oaks Youth Services); Kathleen McKuin (Positive Options); Vida Khavar (Private Consultant); Lorraine Montano, Willow Anderson (Redwood Community Services); Colleen Clark, Jane Tabor-Bane (Resource Center for Family Focused); Shelby Howard (Seneca Center); Bob Herne (Sierra Forever Families); Yuri Kimura (Stanford Youth Solutions); Nancy Reagh (Triad Family Services); Payton Hensley, Alyssum Maguire (YEP); Kim Chilvers (Youth Homes).

Child Welfare County Representatives:

Diana Boyer (CWDA), Jenell Ross (Riverside County); Karen Richardson (LA County); Emily Stewart, Maria Bermudez (Kern County); Sarah Glass (San Diego County).

State Representatives:

Sara Rogers, Irma Munoz, Ahmed Nemr, Michelle (Shanie) Humbert-Rico, Mai Yer Vang, Emerita Godlesky, Cheryl Treadwell (CDSS FCARB); Fernando Sandoval (CDSS CCL); John Sanfillipo (CDSS FCARB); Teresa Owensby (CDSS CCR); Sha Rena Chatman (CDSS RDTS); Sarah Dodge (CDSS); Anetria Turner (CDSS CCR); Erika Braccialini (CDSS CCR); Gina Jones (CDSS CCR); Kendra Elemdorf (CDSS CCR); Rami Chand (CDSS CCR); Richard Teran (CDSS CCR); Rosalind Hyde (CDSS CCR); Joti Bolina (CDSS CCL); Richard Knecht (CDSS/DHCS); Erika Cristo (DHCS).

Attendees on the phone:

Pam Ballard (**Arrow Child & Family Ministries**); Sherrie Butler, Rick Smith (**Pathway Family Services**); Elena Cacace (**Bill Wilson Center**); Khush Cooper (KC&A); Roberto Favela, Eva Terrazas (**EMQ Families First**); Joe Ford, Nick Ryan (**Hathaway-Sycamores**); Stewart Holzman (**Center for Children**); Jackie Jakob (**Trinity Youth Services**); Lynn Noble, Carrie Ontiveros, Shamra Tripp (**Aspiranet**); Janet Orozco (**David & Margaret**); Sarah Peery (**Ready for Life**); Jim Roberts (**Family Care Network, Inc.**); Karina Souquette (Aviva); Cynthia Stogel (All 4 Kids); Wambui Wainaina (**Family Extension Foster Care**); Dave Wesson (**Koinonia Family Services**); Erin Ellis (**Rosemary Children’s Services**); Dawn Cummins (**San Diego County HHSA**); Liliana Gallegos (**Riverside County Behavioral Health**); Brad Michnevich (**Sonoma County Probation**); Tara Moseley (**Yuba County Probation**); Michele Tom (**San Mateo County CFS**); Heidi Lombardi (**Riverside County DPSS**); Holly Benton (**San Bernardino County Probation**); Samuel Gibson (**Sonoma County Probation**); Arianna Smith (Office of Assembly Member Mark Stone); Kathleen Carter Nishimura (**DHCS**); Jean Chen (**CDSS-CCL**); Nina Dyba, Nenna Ezeh, Lila Hollman-Dowty, Charm Lee, Nancy Littlefield, Lynn Maschmeyer, Fanita Polk-Reaves, Theresa Rea-Martinez, Vevila Hussey, Cathy Jackson, Mary Sheppard (**CDSS**).

Presenter(s)	Agenda Items and Discussion (Major Points)	Action item	Responsible Person	Timeframe
Stuart Oppenheim	A. Welcome and Introductions	None	None	N/A
Stuart Oppenheim	B. Review the agenda and any additions to the agenda	None	None	N/A
Sara Rogers Cheryl Treadwell	C. CCR Updates (Sara Rogers, CCR Acting Branch Chief): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An 80-100 page ACIN is expected to be released in the next few weeks that will break down AB 403 by topic and describe all the provisions of the bill in an easy to read format. • ACIN I-06-16, Pathways To Mental Health Services Implementation and 			

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	<p>Continuum Of Care Reform (CCR) Implementation Updates, was released on January 12, 2016. The ACIN discusses the need for collaboration between counties/providers/stakeholder for mental health services. http://www.cdss.ca.gov/lettersnotices/EntRes/getinfo/acin/2016/l-06_16.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder Implementation Advisory Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday January 20, 2016 at CDSS. • Review of syllabus of the work group for the next few months. Seeking feedback on topics that are missing or any gaps in the topics in the syllabus. • Purpose of this meeting: to discuss how the Program Statement can be a useful regulatory tool for providers; the tool can improve the quality of care; and seeking input for creative ideas. The Program Statement will be a living document/quality of care document. The Interim Standards will be released by 7/2016, and full standards by 2019. • Rates (Cheryl Treadwell, FCARB Branch Chief) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Rates Workgroup is tentatively scheduled for Feb 24, 2016. ○ The new rate/rate structure is tentatively scheduled to be released by March 2016 for both STRTC and FFA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A question was asked for the possibility to review any rate/rate structure draft before it is shared with stakeholders on Feb 24th. This possibility is tentative. ▪ An ACL identifying the three accreditation agencies was released after the workgroup meeting on January 26, 2016: http://www.cdss.ca.gov/lettersnotices/entres/getinfo/acl/2016/16-05.pdf . ▪ CA Budget includes 2.5 million for accreditation (CDSS needs to develop a process on how these funds will be allocated to providers for accreditation). ▪ There is a group home methodology for the new STRTC rate that was shared in the CCR Fiscal Workgroup meeting on Feb 5, 2014. ▪ Any questions regarding rates, contact Cheryl or the CCR email box. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on missing topics or gaps to include in future meetings. 	Workgroup	None
Rami Chand Richard Teran Teresa Owensby	<p>D. Review Proposed Definitions of Program Statement/Plan of Operations & Other Areas to Explore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were concerns of plagiarism if the Program Statements are made available online. However, a quality assurance process can help with identifying plagiarism; quick and easy accessibility for counties to access program statements can help counties identify services for child/youth; and advocacy groups can also provide another layer of quality assurance. Currently, FFAs/GHs are notified by CDSS when a public request is made for a 	N/A	N/A	N/A

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	<p>copy of their FFA or GH Program Statement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Statement is a component of the Plan of Operation. Program Statement refers to related services such as Core Services, accreditation, new components such as RFA, and training of staff. Plan of Operation is more of a corporate document (includes facility floor plan, corporate documents, items not related to services). • A suggestion was to combine the FFA and STRTC Program Statement into one, however, one major difference between the Program Statement for FFA and STRTC is the stepping down process to a FFA home. 			
Richard Teran Emerita Godleski Teresa Owensby	<p>E. Review new AB 403 Requirements for the Program Statement for both STRTC/FFA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A question was posed for the workgroup to send in feedback regarding their preference for how to submit a Program Statement with the new requirements. • A suggestion that a communication plan with stakeholder groups like youth, etc. should be included in the Program Statement that discusses engagement with stakeholders/community and measure outcomes. • A suggestion was to have the FFA and STRTC Table of Contents mirror each other, however, they cannot because these are two different placement types. • There were quite a few questions regarding mental health, however, there were no firm answer as mental health is still being explored, but under AB 403 providers must provide this service in some type of way. Also, a mental health certification may mean a FFA has a mental health contract. • There were questions about the assessment tool. CDSS is still exploring the CANS and Tops assessment tools. AB 403 does not require a single statewide assessment tool, only that assessment tools used have common domains. According to CWDA, the 58 counties are interested in 1 assessment tool and the assessment tool needs to be inclusive of a 360 degree perspective that includes youth/others. 	Provide preference in submitting Program Statement with new requirements.	Workgroup	None.
Richard Teran	<p>F. Discussion regarding proposed licensing application costs for STRTC's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a proposal that there would be no fee for Group Homes transitioning into a STRTC. The attendees liked this proposal. • There is also a proposal that there would also be no fee for orientation for group homes that transition to an STRTC. 	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bob Herne Jim Roberts	<p>G. Accreditation Open Forum – Peer to Peer Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Roberts provided an overview of how national accreditation and Plan of Operations/Program Statements might overlap. Jim also provided a four page document that lists the most important requirements from accreditation agencies and recommendation on Program Statement/Plan of Operation requirements. • There was clarification on what is the difference between a provisional 	N/A	N/A	N/A

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	<p>license, license, and an extension. Provisional licenses are given to Group Homes who are transitioning into a STRTC and are missing the accreditation piece. FFAs are already licensed so they do not need another license. They can request an extension while they are working on their accreditation. Counties can request an extension for Group Homes that is not able to transition into a STRTC for up to 2 years at the Group Home rate through December 31, 2018. After December 31, 2018, an extension can still be granted and reviewed annually.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Jim’s experience with going through the accreditation process, it was overwhelming but after completing the accreditation process, the agency had become a greater agency to everyone (staff, clients, etc.). It takes time and expense but the outcome exceeds the hurdles. • Folks were encouraged to not wait until 6/30/2016 to start the Program Statement process. They could start with the base line standards and then develop regulatory standards when the Interim Standards are released in 7/2016. • Accreditation is based on state law and is nonnegotiable. • FCARB has been engaging with the 3 accreditation agencies on streamlining the process like how DHCS did with hospitals. 			
<p>Rami Chand Vevila Hussey</p>	<p>H. Next Steps for FFA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on next workgroup meeting: The agenda topic for February’s workgroup will focus on RFA. Possible agenda topics participants identified were: early implementation, adoption component, PARP, influx of homestudy request, and training. • The Interstate Agency Workgroup to Eliminate Disparities & Disproportionality, (chaired by Vevila Hussey with CDSS) will be providing an interactive presentation on tools to reduce racial impact (March 23, 2016, 10am-12pm at CDSS). It is open to all and is encouraged for all to attend to help agencies of all types to 1) Understand what cognitive science concludes regarding why our systems propagate such disparities; 2) Identify as individuals and agencies on how to reverse our biases (also called debiasing); and 3) A simple process for developing a customized tool for policies, programs, and even individual case decisions that works across agencies and systems. These types of tools reduce institutionalized racism, which is propagated largely without our awareness. This is a 2 hour interactive presentation with group activities so this presentation will not be available via teleconference. 	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Richard Teran</p>	<p>I. Next Steps for STRTC</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Program Statement webinar on February 2, 2016 will be recorded so folks who are not able to attend the webinar can watch the webinar at a later time. There will be more webinars possibly regarding Core Services, Child & Family Team, Resource Family Approval, Intensive Mental Health, and Stepping Down Process. Please send an email to the ccr@dss.ca.gov inbox <i>Attention: Richard Teran</i> if you would like to participate in the webinar series and have not previously participated in prior STRTC webinars.• The name for STRTC will be changing soon. It is unknown at this time what the name will be or when the change will occur. | | |
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Next Meeting: February 22, 2016 at 10:30am to 2:30pm at CDSS Auditorium, 744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Topic: Accreditation