

CCR FFA Program Core Services Task Group Meeting

Agenda and Minutes

Date: 11-6-15	Time: 11:00 pm to 3:0 0 pm	Location: CDSS OB9 Room 1804
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Attendees:

Agencies Representatives: Diane Price (A Brighter Childhood); Angie Schwartz (Alliance for Children’s Rights); Lynn Noble (Aspiranet); Cora Hardy (Better Life for Children); Stephanie Ivler (Bienvenidos Children’s Center Inc.); Carroll Schroeder (CA Alliance of Child and Family Services); Doug Johnson (CA Alliance of Child and Family Services); Jackie Rutheiser (CA Alliance of Child and Family Services); Jerry Johnson (CA Coalition of Foster Family Agencies); Jasmine Harris (CYC); Joy Anderson (CYC); Vanessa Hernandez (CYC); Kathy Hughes (Child Net Youth and Family Services); Susanna Kniffen (Children Now); Gordon Richardson (EMQ Families First); Linda Guisti (Families for Children); Wambui Wainaina (Families Extension Foster Care); Jill Jacob (Family Builders); Kim Lewis (HR Dowden and Associates); Khush Cooper (Khush Cooper and Associates); Laura Richardson (Koinonia Family Services); Rob Getty (Koinonia Family Services); Karen Alvord (Lilliput Children’s Services); Kathleen McQuin (Positive Options); Victor Antonio (Promesa Behavioral); Michelle Sagehorn (Redwood Community Services 4Kids); Nena Penza (Ready for Life); Sarah Peery (Ready for Life); Lisa Molinar (Shared Vision Consultants); Barry Harwell (Sierra Child and Family Services); Nancy Reagh (Triad Family Services); Kim Chilvers (Youth Homes); Alyssum Maguire (YEP-CFPIC)

Child Welfare Counties Representatives: Diana Boyer (CWDA); Maria Bermudez (Kern County); Karen Richardson (LA County); Ayantu Negash (Riverside County); Janell Ross (Riverside County); Theresa Peleska (San Diego County); Natasha Bourbonnais (San Mateo County); Mark Contois (Santa Barbara County); Bob Harper (Sonoma County); Donna Kuonen (Ventura County)

Probation Counties Representatives: Rose McCool (CPOC); Felicia Davis (LA Prob); Kendra Hamilton (LA Prob); Ed Miller (Shasta Prob)

State Representatives: Karen Gunderson (CDSS CCR); Sara Rogers (CDSS CCR); Rami Chand (CDSS CCR); Irma Munoz (CDSS CCR); Theresa Thurmond (CDSS CCR); Tracy Urban (CDSS CCR); Kim Wrigley (CDSS CCR); Rebecca Buchmiller (CDSS CCR); Wendy Cook (CDSS CCR); Richard Teran (CDSS CCR); Mary Shepard (CDSS CPFS); Lynn Maschmeyer (CDSS FCRA); Nancy Littlefield (CDSS FCRA); (CDSS/DHCS) Richard Knecht (Pathways to Mental Health); Joti Bolina (CDSS CCL); Charm Lee (CDSS); Daisy Braxton (CDSS); Sarah Dodge (CDSS); Teresa Rea-Martinez (CDSS); Jean Chen (CDSS); Kathleen Carter (DHCS)

Presenter(s)	Agenda Items and Discussion (Major Points)	Action item	Responsible Person	Timeframe
Stuart Oppenheim Lisa Molinar	A. Welcome and Introductions	None	None	N/A
Lisa Molinar	B. Review the Agenda and any additions to the Agenda	None	None	N/A
Karen Gunderson	<p>C. Presentation regarding CCR, Status of Implementation Planning, Followed by Questions and answers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CCR Presentation Overview (status of implementation planning) <p>Stakeholder Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What is the funding status that the State offered to the Child Welfare Counties for Foster Parent Recruitment/Retention/Support? ACL 15-76 was released for counties who want to submit county plans to apply for these funds and are due by 12/01/15. ○ If counties will receive funds for foster parent retention and recruitment, will FFA’s receive funds too? Answer: There is nothing that prohibits a county to contract with FFA to provide Foster Parent Recruitment/Retention/Support funds to engage FFA’s. ○ Shasta County asked if there will be the funds for Probation. An ACL for Probation Counties for Foster Parent Recruitment/Retention/Support will be released soon. ○ Is work being done to create a standardized RFA Model format/template? CDSS indicated there is work going on a comprehensive model. It is not required at this time that all use a 	Group would like a copy of draft CCR PowerPoint	Lisa Molinar	TBA emailed to the group

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	<p>same format (e.g. SAFE model).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth want to play an active part in the RFA Assessment. ○ If FFA agencies select Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) for accreditation, do they have to adhere to CA's standards regarding Accreditation? It was indicated that yes, agencies will have to meet the state's requirements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jerry Johnson (CCFFA) provided additional information regarding CARF; ○ CCOFFA accreditation association challenges- CARF: The lowest common denominator sets the audit schedule. ○ COA: Either the associated FFAs would need to legally what? Under a parent company, or belong to an actual association. The benefit is 25% off the application cost, but all ongoing costs are full-per-agency. All audits would be agency specific. ○ Joint Commission: That's not a model they use. They are looking at a sliding rate (based on revenue) for initial survey and fees. There is an annual fee and the survey fee, once every three years. \$1700 for application applied to first year. The lowest fee is about \$8500 (\$1820 per year plus \$3024 per survey. ○ Will new rate structure be in effect with updated Program Statement? This has not been determined yet. ○ Discussion that there will be extensions for FFAs to be mental health certified (if applicable) and accredited through one of the three accreditation options. ○ If FFA/STRTC will only have one License, does this mean there will only be one Program Statement? No. And what will be the turnaround time once a Program Statement has been submitted for approval? ○ What is the level of an STRTC to a current Group Home? RCL 12 with Mental Health Component at SED in AB403. 			
Richard Teran	<p>D. Work Group Implementation Plan Going Forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reviewed status of CCR FFA Committee Calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting dates/times will be updated ○ There was discussion on the timeline for group homes to become STRTCs and county review of Program Statements ○ The committee calendar are not deadlines rather layout the work and drafts for feedback. ○ There is a need for Probation to have their own workgroup to focus on building capacity for probation youth's needs for FFA/Group Home placements. ○ There was a suggestion to add CFT to the Plan of Operation since it was not listed on the Program Statement (CCR FFA Committee Calendar), 	In Progress	Rami Chand Richard Teran	TBD
Theresa Thurmond	<p>E. Status of RFA/FFA Communications, Stakeholder Engagement, and Outreach Workgroup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Communications Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updates on Creation of Communication Sub-workgroup 	Develop FAQ's for FFA/Probati	Theresa Thurmond	TBA

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current FFA list being gathered ○ Some suggestions were made to the CCR FFA Transition concerns. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Add criminal to exemptions under Assessments. ○ FAQ's will be developed for FFA/Probation ○ Communications sub-group will not be meeting again, however may continue with follow-up items that come up. 	on.		
Rami Chand	<p>F. Update from the Core Services Work Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On 10/7/15 the CCR Core Services/Program Statement met to discuss services related to 4 of 6 core services. It was decided that a smaller task group was needed to continue additional work related to identifying service level needs. This task group met on 10/28/15; they provided feedback on basic level of services to four of the Core Services. This info will be analyzed and shared with FCARB to assist with the new rate structure, and will be reported back to the CCR Core Services/Program Statement Workgroup. The next CCR Core Services/Program Statement work group was scheduled for 11/20/15 but will be moved to 11/24/15. ○ Suggestion was made to invite local mental health partners to CCR conversation as it relates to the child assessment the role to integrated mental health to CCR. 	CDSS	CCR Core Services/Program Statement Workgroup	TBA 11/24/15
Stuart Oppenheim Lisa Molinar	<p>G. Develop a list of Policy/Transition Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion if smaller FFAs will receive funds to be accredited through the new rate structure? Will FFAs that been accredited to prepare for CCR be compensated back pay? These items have been determined yet. ○ Jackie Rutheiser will send list of adoption transition questions. ○ Accreditation- There will be extensions granted for 1-2 years to receive the Mental Health Certification needed. If an FFA gets a granted extension will they be given the current rate until they are accredited or will they receive the new rate? ○ Can CDSS create a webinar on Program Statements? Yes 	Provide adoption transition questions in an email.	Jackie Rutheiser	In 1 week
		Program Statement Webinar	CDSS	TBA
Stuart Oppenheim Lisa Molinar	<p>H. Wrap up and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Larger CCR Core Services/Program Statement Workgroup reconvene the week of Thanksgiving ○ Startup STRTC workgroups (TBA) 			
Next Meeting: CCR Core Services/Program Statement Workgroup scheduled Tuesday, November 24, 2015, 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm, CDSS 744 P Street, OB 8 room 235-237 Sac, CA				