

Southern California Youth Permanency Collaboration

“Permanency should be as fundamental as safety for all youth in the system”

Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2008

LADCFS Santa Fe Springs Office
10355 Slusher Drive
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670
Rose Conference room

Attendees:

Felicia Martin – Canyon Acres
Greg Manning – Orange County Health Care Agency
Bob Malmberg – Orange County SSA
Melanie McCallum – Orange County SSA
Lynn Manhart - Orange County SSA
Stacy Haverstock – Five Acres Permanency Clinician
Marylou McGuirk – Five Acres Family Support
Linda Librizzi – Hollygrove Family Finding
Art Mayfield – Los Angeles County Probation
Lisa Campbell - Los Angeles County Probation
Tiffany Collins – Los Angeles County DCFS
Allison Carroll – CASA of Orange County
Sarah Paton - CASA of Orange County Family Finding
Dennis Levine - Los Angeles County DCFS
Veronica Norwood – Los Angeles County DCFS
Lorraine Viade – Los Angeles County DMH
Chuck Willis – Los Angeles County DCFS

Review of Minutes from July 24, 2008:

Thank you to Felicia Martin for the minutes. The minutes were approved without any changes.

Los Angeles - Youth Driven Teams (YDT) - Tiffany and Veronica led the group discussion

- Handouts provided from the “Families for Life” training
- Pomona office has held a few very successful YDT meetings which incorporate aspects of a Team Decision Making Meeting, Emancipation Planning Conference and Permanency Meeting.
- Preparation for the meeting includes assisting the youth to fill out a 2 page questionnaire addressing his / her areas of need / concern / growth and the youth’s self-identified support team
- A life book can be used to fill in gaps in information
- Technical assistance to be provided to the 3 CPYP LADCFS offices (Metro North, Pomona, Santa Clarita) which are at different stages of development using this model

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OC – Transitional Planning Conferences – Bob M led the group discussion

- Name changed from Emancipation Planning Conference
- Development of a Transitional Independent Living Program (TILP) for:
 - o Youth 17 years and older without any prior exposure to ILP services
 - o Youth 14 years and older with academic struggles
- Continued effort with the California Youth Connection and pro-bono legal service to address immigration issues for all youth

Breakthrough Collaborative Series – ILP Transformation – Bob M

- LA and Orange County are both participating counties
- Areas of focus: education, employment and youth permanency
- Preparation work underway in the counties with quarterly trainings / meetings to occur in Sacramento between January 2009 and May 2010.

LA County Probation – Youth Permanency efforts – Art M

- 2nd and 3rd adoptions to be finalized in December 2008
- 4th youth just secured Legal Guardianship status
- Engaging in media driven recruitment efforts for adoptive homes

OC Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) TAY conference – Bob M and Greg M

- 400-500 attendees at Cal State Fullerton
- Youth led panel and a series of breakout training sessions

Youth Permanency Training Curriculum – Tiffany C, Lorraine V and Bob M led the group discussion

- **LADCFS**
 - o Family Finding and Engagement training held at the 3 CPYP offices
 - o ½ day training designed to link these two trainings into LADCFS Policies and Procedures
- **LADCFS – Metro North Office**
 - o Targeted training for several of the wraparound providers that each chose one family on which to focus with very positive results
 - o Attempting to identify ways to sustain and expand the work with all the wraparound agencies
- **OC SSA**
 - o Moving to integrate Youth Permanency into the new and ongoing SW training
 - o Moving to integrate more youth participation in the training by sharing how permanency has had a positive impact on their life

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New Projects / Issues

- **OC - Darla Henry 3-5-7 Pilot Project - Greg**
 - o Handouts provided on the program description and diagram
 - o Goal is to have 2-3 initial youth brought into the program to follow the Darla Henry 3-5-7 model on grief and loss. Services will include Wraparound, Outpatient Mental Health Services (MHS), Life Books, and Creating Family Connections (CFC). These services will be provided through Canyon Acres in consultation with Greg.
 - o Consultation will also occur with Darla Henry
- **LA – P3 collaboration with presiding Judge Nash**
 - o Exploring possibility of conducting a small front end Family Finding and Engagement pilot (5-10 cases) in one specific court room
- **Family Finding and Engagement ~ Due Diligence**
 - o Both LA and OC struggling as to how to sustain and integrate this into the Due Diligence process
 - o Increasingly difficult with the budget and labor issues
- **Hollygrove Family Finding** – Hiring ½ time bi-lingual Family Finding and Engagement staff for LA County
- **EYCP – Emancipation Youth Connection Project**– Linda L led the group discussion
 - o Full report attached to most recent SCYPC email
 - o Reviewed the lessons learned, successes and struggles

Budget - Bob M and Tiffany C led the group discussion

- Continued concerns regarding impact of state budget crisis on funding for child welfare and mental health services – especially Youth Permanency
- Active searching for grants to help support Youth Permanency efforts
- Strong advocacy for ongoing focus on funding of Youth Permanency

Proposed Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Updates from San Bernardino and Riverside
- Update from Orange County ~ 3-5-7 Pilot Project
- Updates from Los Angeles and Orange regarding Breakthrough Collaboration Series

Next Meeting: Thursday January 22nd, 2009 - 1:00 to 3:00pm in Orange County. Hosted by CASA of Orange County. Location to be determined.