

## **Southern California Youth Permanency Collaboration**

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### **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

- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> adoptions to be finalized in December 2008
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 - 1:00 to 3:00pm in Orange County. Hosted by CASA of Orange County. Location to be determined.