

Southern California Youth Permanency Collaboration Meeting
April 23, 2009

Vista del Mar
3200 Motor Avenue
Los Angeles, CA

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Hosted by Vista del Mar – Los Angeles County

Minutes prepared by: Linda Librizzi, LCSW

- I. Introductions
- II. Review and approval of 1/22/09 meeting minutes
- III. All County Updates
 - A. Membership Update
 - Five Acres will no longer be able to send staff to our meetings but is continuing their Permanent connections work
 - New members:
 - a. Jodi Kurata from ACHSA
 - b. Claudia Martinez from Aspira Net
 - B. Updates from last meeting.
 - Breakthrough Series Collaboration – report by Bob M & Bob F
 - 10 counties participation including LA & OC
 - ILP transformation – focusing on enhanced services in the area of education and emancipation services with targeted population of emancipating youth
 - Extranet utilized to share what works
 - Plan – Do – Study - Act Plan
 - 3 Indicators measured for success: education, employment & permanency
 - OC DMH involvement
 - L.A. – THP Family Search and Engagement project – report by Stephanie Pierce, P3 Manager
 - Manager of TLP is being training in FSE
 - Still in planning stage with plan to start in May
 - OC THPP Family Finding Project – report by Greg M.
 - Reminiscent of EYCP report by CPYP
 - Focus on relational not placement
 - More collaborative with emancipated youth

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CMHCY conference (www.cmhacy.org) – report by Bob F & Greg M

- Bob presenting on EYCP project results & lessons learned
- Casey Family – Parent Education and Support Advocacy

CPYP TA – Pomona - report by Veronica N.

- All staff trained – Bob Lewis, Family Search & Engagement, 3-5-7 – Darla Henry, Families for Life
- They are having regular Youth Permanency meetings
- Reports on good successes with Permanency unit

LA County Metro North – report by Robert H

- All staff trained Bob Lewis, Family Search & Engagement, 3-5-7 – Darla Henry
- New staff enthusiastic and eager about permanency work
- Working on how to incorporate training into on-going practice
- Day 2 of Darla Henry Grief and Loss work – resulting in Grief & Loss Work Plan – good example of teaming efforts with Wraparound

C. All County updates

- Budget –

- a. O.C. – major funding cuts – 90% of contracts lost – some federal funding through EPSDT \$\$\$ possible
- b. Canyon Acres – report by Felicia Martin– have been able to locate private funding for their FSE project after cuts from County – MOU with OC for work
- c. OC – CPYP group report by Melanie McCallum & Tawny Crane – reports on successes, challenges and unanticipated positive results
- d. San Bernardino – report by Cara Hunter – Every CASA trained state wide in FSE. CASA engaging in ½ FSE work with pilot project
- e. San Bernardino Co – Sandra Lewis could not attend – report by Bob F – 50 kids in pilot project
- f. Aspira Net – report by Claudia M – doing a lot of permanency work – FR and Adoption, foster parents trained in and open to permanency
- g. OC CASA – Allison Carroll – Annual CASA conference with Bob Friend as Keynote Speaker, Family Search and Engagement – positive successes
- h. Hollygrove – report by Linda L – expansion of services for Spanish speaking families, reports on successes, collaboration and current plan for project with Metro North. Report on FSE training done

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by Hollygrove & Vista for Metro North, Pomona and Santa Clarita offices. Overall positive response from staff

- i. Vista del Mar – Phyllis asked to be notified about any training opportunities around Permanency issues.
- j. San Diego Casey – could not attend but will continue

Upcoming Conference: Transitional Youth Conference in OC – Saturday, July 18th

- Youth specific topics
- Inviting youth, families and professionals
- MHSA funding
- Bob M. will send invitation to this group
- Greg reports CEUs available for professionals.

Next Meeting – Thursday, July 23rd, 2009 from 1-3pm at LA County DCFS – Pomona office