

Child Protective Services Oversight Committee

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 | 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Child Abuse Prevention Center

4700 Roseville Rd, North Highlands, CA 95660

MEMBERS

Present	Present	Present
X Alexander, Roy	X Felion, Sister Jeanne	Ore, Chris
X Alvord, Karen	Ferreirae, Holly	X Zone, Sharon
X Bell, Michelle	X Johnston, Maynard (Acting Chair)	
X Claar, Jane	X Maulfair, Virginia	
X Edison, Joni	Marino, Aaron	
Powells-Mays, June (Counsel)		
Nosce, Abigail (Staff)		

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:15 pm. Quorum was established.

Review Meeting Minutes

The March 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Gini, and seconded, to approve the March 2016 meeting minutes. **Motion carried.**

Recognition Award

The CPS Oversight Committee purchased an award to honor to previous Oversight Committee Chair, Gina Roberson's outstanding dedication and leadership. It will be presented to Gina in the coming weeks.

Subcommittee Updates

Critical Incidents (CI) Subcommittee

The subcommittee worked on the CI section of the Annual Report and their recommendations. They reviewed the cases over the past year, identified concerns and looked for commonalities. They are currently formulating recommendations to include in the 2015 Annual Report.

Systems Subcommittee

The subcommittee worked on their section of the Annual Report. They are completing interviews with Extended Foster Care (EFC) Social Workers, Youth, and Eligibility Specialists.

CPS Update

The Oversight Committee recently asked CPS to provide updates to the recommendations from the 2014 Annual Report to inform the 2015 Annual Report. CPS Deputy Director Michelle Callejas emailed the updates and the response was forwarded to the Oversight Committee for review. Michelle was present to address any questions that may have arisen from the updates and provided additional information.

- CPS' focus is on safety permanency and wellbeing.
- Impacts to system, such as CSEC and Katie A. legislation, have demanded more resources and time. The Division was previously forced to reduce some non-mandated services in order to fund

mandated services. Resources to the reduced programs are being allocated again, which will improve the system further. The goal is to get back to a more robust practice.

- The Continuum of Care reform currently being worked on will have an impact on the system and providers.
- Emergency Response (ER) Social Workers currently receive an average of 20 new referrals per month. Best practice indicates this number should only be 10-12. The high demands in this area make it difficult for Social Workers to prioritize other duties.

2015 Annual Report

- The 2015 Annual Report is scheduled to be presented at the July 26, 2016 BOS meeting. The project timeline was reviewed.
- Dr. Johnston and Abigail Nosce met last week to create the 2015 Annual Report draft template. They will meet again to organize what has been submitted for the Committee's review.
 - Subcommittees will email Abigail with their section of the report for inclusion in the 2015 DRAFT document.
- The Committee reviewed and discussed the CPS response to the 2014 recommendations.
 - They will utilize some of the information in the "Updates to 2014 Recommendations" section of the report.

Recruitment of New Members

The committee was asked to think about people they know who may be interested in joining the Oversight Committee and the Children's Coalition.

Public Comment

Sacramento County Counsel, June-Powells Mays reminded everyone that specific cases are not to be discussed in this meeting, as the information is considered confidential and this meeting is public.

Fatima Katumbusi, Community Attendee: Invited the Children's Coalition to attend a community forum hosted by the Justice Reform Coalition regarding CPS/Family Court on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at Oak Park United Methodist Church. She also expressed that she felt family preservation should have a greater focus in the CPS system and with the community providers that serve CPS clients. She is especially concerned with out-of-control teenagers who are placed in foster care and run away. There are many dangers this population encounters such as sex trafficking. She suggested that those responsible for monitoring these teens utilize resources such as Facebook and other online social media to help monitor activities.

Michelle Callejas expressed that CPS leaders in various counties are currently discussing the issues surrounding this population and are working with various system partners such as Law Enforcement, District Attorney, Public Defender and Children's Attorneys to solve issues and develop more resources for this special population. She also expressed that CPS' core mission is the belief that children are better off with their families, so they try to reunify them.

Meeting adjourned at 6:14pm