

Children's Advisory Committee Meeting

9:00 – 10:30 AM / Wednesday, February 6, 2008

ACVP / 333 Hegenberger Rd. #600, Oakland, CA 94621 / Monterey Room (6th Fl.)

MINUTES

Members Present:

BOS:

Gail Steele

Children's Services Providers:

Steve Eckert, EBAC; Leslie Preston, La Clinical; Shahnaz Mazandarani, A Better Way; Kate Wadsworth, FFYC; David Theis, Ann Martin; Sandra Simmons, STARS; Karyn Tribble, BMH; John Fong, ACMHS; Josh Leonard, BYC; David Channer, A Better Way; Mike Thomas, La Cheim; Lisa Hilley, AFS; Jodie Langs, AC Foster Youth Alliance; Carol Singer, JFCS-East Bay

BHCS Staff:

Carolyn Novosel; Jeff Rackmil; Shannon Banks; Ellen Muir

Other:

Gary Thompson, ICPC

ITEM	DISCUSSION	PLAN/ACTION
1. Introduction & Announcements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Diana Kronsladt, Ed. D, Management Coordinator for the Center for the Vulnerable Child (CVC), Children's Hospital & Research Center has retired. The new Clinical Director of CVC is Luann Devoss, Ph.D. who has considerable experience working with families & children of all ages at La Familia. 2) BHCS Children's Administration is pleased to announce the appointment of Alexander Jackson, LCSW to the position of Chief of Outpatient Services. Alex has considerable experience working with children, youth, TAY, and families in San Francisco. His office is located at Oakland Children's Services in the Eastmont Towne Center. 3) Fred Finch Youth Center has appointed Vonza Thompson as successor to John Steinfirst, CEO, at FFYC. Her prior career history was CEO for Momentum for Mental Health, located in San Jose. Her starting date will be officially March 23, 2008. 4) EPSDT report on targeted age group 0-5 has been completed and is now available on the ECC website: http://www.first5ecc.org under "What's new." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information only.

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2. Update on MHSA – Prevention, Early Intervention (PEI) Activity	<p>1) The Children’s Director is participating in the PEI Subcommittee focusing on 0 -18 years. The subcommittee includes family and professionals interested in outreach and education in the community and MH consultation in the schools.</p> <p>The process includes a series of subcommittee meetings and joint integration PEI panel meetings with the goal to make presentations to the On-Going Planning Council on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. More information may be obtained from the BHCS website. (For details, please refer to attachment: Summary Survey Results.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information only. • Attachment: Summary Survey Results(2 pages).
3. Children’s Director Report	<p>1.) Planning for CAC Meetings 2008 Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to members present today for the discussion about Children’s Advisory committee: Where are we going? Some of the constructive ideas and suggestions include identifying a small sub-committee to work on agenda planning for the 2008 year. It was noted and recognized that the Children’s Advisory Committee continues to be a big VOICE for children’s services in Alameda County. We have been successful in initiating several strategic planning efforts, creating an opportunity to expand children & youth behavioral health services utilizing EPSDT Medi-Cal \$’s, and we have taken an active role in coordinating collaborative processes with our provider network. • CAC will continue to share information during 2008 identifying local policy issues as well as state legislative issues that impact our development and delivery of behavioral health services to children & youth in Alameda County. We are actively involved with Michelle Burns, Director of TAY Services in working out building blocks and development of bridges to assist the transition age youth as they emancipate and/or transition out of childhood into 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information only.

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Children's Director Report (Cont)	<p>young adulthood.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members suggested a more deliberate and consistent participation of SELPA's and education partners, as well as social services and juvenile probation partners... • Some of the key policy issues of interest to members will be Medi-Cal issues, particularly the eligibility protocol for children & youth as well as transition age youth. BHCS is committed to maximizing EPSDT and will take every opportunity to fill in the gaps in service that might be appropriately supported with EPSDT dollars. <p>2.) EPSDT (Ellen Muir) In her new role as EPSDT Coordinator, Ellen Muir has reviewed the EPSDT allocations and expenditures for 2006-07. Approximately 13 million dollars allocated for the last fiscal year were unspent. Ellen will be meeting with the priority population groups and CBOs to look at taking money that they are unable to spend "off the table" and allocate it to programs in which there are waiting lists or that focus on underserved populations or needs based upon feedback from the groups. We will continue to look at service coordination, data, and outcome measures that can support the ongoing provision of services.</p> <p>3.) Oakland Unified School District Fire Clearances for School Based Sites: BHCS Children's Operations and Quality Assurance partnered with Health Care Services Agency (HCSA) (Alex Brisco) and County Counsel to problem solve the challenge of obtaining a fire clearance as required for BHCS Medi-Cal site certifications. Over the years Oakland Unified school sites and CBO partners have been intermittently successful in obtaining fire clearances from the Oakland Fire Department. In 2004 a Master Agreement with HCSA</p>	

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5. Next meeting – March 5, 2008 (9 -10:30 AM)	Location: AC Vocational Program 333 Hegenberger Rd., Suite 600 Monterey Room	