

Children's Advisory Committee
 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. / Wednesday, December 1, 2010
 ACVP/333 Hegenberger Rd., #600, Oakland, CA 94621/Monterey Room (6th Floor)

MINUTES

Members Present:

BOS: Gail Steele
Children's Services Providers: Irene Kudaruskas, Leslie Preston, Dennis Romano, Carol Singer, Sandra Simmons, David Channer, Kathie Jacobson, Josh Leonard, Randy Morris, Zandra Washington, Sophia Engle
BHCS Staff: Linda Hunt, BHCS; Ellen Muir, BHCS; Michelle Burns, BHCS; Lisa Carlisle, BHCS; Jeff Rackmil, BHCS
Other: Alexi Saldamando, PREP; Kate Hardy, PREP; Irene Casanova, EBCRP

ITEM	DISCUSSION	PLAN/ACTION
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lincoln Child Center has leased a new facility at Union and 14th Streets in Oakland. School based, wrap around services and school engagement (truancy) will be relocated to this new site. 	
AB3632 Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We scheduled six meetings with school districts during the first two weeks of December. It will be our second opportunity to articulate the County position to continue services pending the outcome of the 37-County Lawsuit against the State. BHCS Children's Administration is establishing a "we" approach to our school district partners. In January we will meet with school district and agency members to articulate one memorandum of understanding (MOU) between school districts and County for the delivery of services to students not eligible for public resources. 	
Transition Points in Children's Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This discussion involves looking at the ethos of how we build our systems of care. One strategy would be to look at what we built and then assess what we need to improve. Items to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What percentage of 0-5 children and families are still receiving services as they transition into age 6 and 7 years old? ○ Identify other transition age points during childhood and adolescent years. ○ Determine the multi-generational aspects of serving children as they transition into different age categories and assess their reaction. • We acknowledge that we don't want to keep children in therapy "forever." Comments shared in the meeting require a more 	

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	<p>expansive system-wide discussion as well as relevant data. Additional questions raised include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Expanding a CBO’s contract” vs. “expanding CBO services” ○ Should there be a service limit secondary to a child’s age? ○ How do we see students “transitioning in and out of services?” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We also recognize not all programs we build for children and youth are the same. We have increased our attention to child and family centered services, but some of our mental health specialties are designed specifically for an individual child. How do we find ways for community based organizations to make it work for the child and family and maintain the mission of the organizations serving the community? • A starting point may include running data about how many children are split between agencies. The data search would also recognize the multiple “access points” within the Children’s System of Care. <p>Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at 2000 Embarcadero Cove, 4th floor, Gail Steele Room, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.</p>	