

CCASSC Quarterly
September 13-14, 2007
The Cliffs at Shell Beach

In Attendance: D. Nielson, D. Foster, S. Pearl, C. Huerta, J. Chelli, J. Rutan, J. Fiorello, P. Montgomery, V. Rondero-Hernandez, K. Jensen, H. Walsh, J. Mondon, D. Griffin, B. Cuellar, J. Middleton, L. Collins, H. Himes, M. Sawicki, J. Hornback, P. Cheadle, B. Montgomery

- May 2007 minutes reviewed and approved by members.
- Action Item #1:
D. Foster will extend a formal invitation to John Wagner, Director, CDSS to join us at our November meeting.
- Action Item #2:
Two valley directors are needed as representatives for the San Joaquin Valley Partnership workgroup addressing development of a criteria for future distribution of state funds. (SJV Partnership HHS Goal #5) John Davis has already volunteered. CCASSC members who are interested should email D. Foster. D. Foster will email a reminder and information.
- Action Item #3:
AB340 has become the primary vehicle for influencing relative approval/disproportionate representation issues. SJV Partnership Board to send letter to Secretary Belshe asking that a SJV county be selected as one of the pilot counties. AB340 information with request for counties who would be willing to volunteer, to be sent by David to CCASSC members.
- Action Item #4:
Ken Jensen offered information regarding his experiences with the Wisconsin County Human Services Association (WCHSA). D. Foster will research WCHSA to see how it might be a resource to CCASSC.
- Action Item #5:
SWERT continues to develop a considerable body of information and data related to methamphetamine issues with women and children. As a result of the recent effort to submit a regional RFP for methamphetamine treatment, the CCASSC/SWERT partnership has created a proposal “blueprint” that can be used to pursue other sources of funding. J. Fiorello will prepare the material in a “Concept Paper” format that can be used for submission to Foundations, ACYF and/or can be used to seek a legislation to sponsor a bill to establish a Central Region pilot project.

- Action Item #6:
Discussion regarding concept paper to expand CCTA CWS/CMS training and technical assistance to the region. Many needs are unmet as a result of the current training and technical assistance void and the absence of state CWS/CMS support. CCASSC members were unanimous in support of moving the proposed expansion forward. H. Walsh and D. Foster will consult with Meg Shelden regarding the best way to bring the issue to CDSS for discussion.
- Action Item #7:
CCASSC members were brought up-to-date by D. Neilsen regarding efforts to bring the 2008 CWDA Conference to Yosemite. H. Walsh agreed to contact Ana Pagan to discuss the details of CCASSC member support and logistics for the event.
- Action Item #8:
Dr. David Chenot's presentation of this research on "Organizational Culture and Retention" was informative and very well received. David Chenot offered to follow-up with additional information on "organizational interventions" that seek to address turnover. David will send these to D. Foster for distribution to members.
- Action Item #9:
Dr. Rondero Hernandez presented the final draft of CCASSC Research Brief #1 entitled "Methamphetamine Incidence in Central California Child Welfare Cases". CCASSC members have (2) weeks to add feedback. Brief will be finalized, executive summary produced, and final version distributed at the November 2007 CCASSC meeting.
- Action Item #10:
CCASSC website prototype is in final phase of review. D. Foster (attempted to) preview the "beta" with the group. CCASSC website is expected to be "live" by the next meeting. D. foster will announce website via email when it is ready.