

## CCASSC Action Minutes

September 28-29, 2008

### 1. *Gomez V. Saenz*

David updated on the Gomez v. Saenz hearing office project – a collaborative effort between CCTA and CWDA Central Region. The project is underway and several hearings have been successfully completed. The hearing process is quite labor intensive and the CDSS allocation to counties to support it appears to be underfunded.

**ACTION ITEM:** David Foster and Ken Jensen offered to provide CCASSC with some aggregate time study statistics regarding hearings to date. This information can be used by CWDA to advocate that CDSS re-visit the allocation formula.

### 2. *APS Workload and Service Delivery*

The final “research brief” was presented to CCASSC. General discussion about ways to link the needs of elder and dependant adults at risk w/ MHSA.

**ACTION ITEM:** David will research existing models that utilize MHSA funds for adult protection. This will be a topic of discussion at a future CCASSC meeting.

### 3. *Central California Methamphetamine Incidence Study*

The study, co-authored by Title IVE students, Summer Verhines and Allyson Cookson, with SWERT faculty and staff, was presented. The four county data comparisons revealed consistency among counties in the depth and breadth of methamphetamine’s impact on county child welfare agencies.

**ACTION ITEM:** Aggregate data tables will be added to the study to broaden it’s usefulness for policy and practice advocacy.

### 4. *2009 CCASSC Meeting Schedule*

Dates were selected for future meetings as follows:

- November 20-21, 2008 Cliffs Resort
- March 5-6, 2009 Inn at Morro Bay
- July 9-10, 2009 Cliffs Resort
- September 17-18, 2009 Calaveras County (Location TBD)

5. *CIU*

Services from the Claims Integrity Unit (CIU) continue to be requested by counties particularly for review/training of probation Dept. use of Title IVE. It was agreed that providing a region-wide training for Probation staff would be beneficial. In addition, some new CWS fiscal staff could also use the training.

**ACTION ITEM:** Juanita Fiorello (CIU) and Peggy Montgomery will work with the CWDA Regional Fiscal Subcommittee on a region-wide Title IVE/CWS funding training. CCTA will host.

6. *MHSA-PEI*

Strategy discussion on how to better intersect with local MHSA planning committees.

**ACTION ITEM:** D. Foster will provide CCASSC members with an electronic version of the Tulare Co. MHSA – Child Welfare concept paper. The paper offers information that can be used to engage MHSA partners.

**ACTION ITEM:** CCASSC will seek and opportunity to meet with county Mental Health Directors to discuss how to form a stronger MHSA partnership. This will be a two step process with a report back at the November meeting.

Step 1: Chris Applegate will confer with Frank Mecca re: ideas about meeting with MH Directors.

Step 2: CCASSC members will begin a dialogue with their respective MH Departments re: linking MHSA with child and adult human service needs.

7. *Poverty Reduction Strategies*

Discussion regarding the role of CCASSC directors in reducing poverty in Central California. Consensus was that developing a regional strategy was of high importance.

**ACTION ITEM:** SWERT will develop a “Poverty Reduction Talking Points” document for CCASSC members to use with policy makers, community groups and staff.

**ACTION ITEM:** “Poverty Reduction Strategies” will become a CCASSC Research Brief project for 2009. S. Montana and J. Fiorello will lead the project. CCASSC members Jim Rydingsword, Donnie Griffin and Lee Collins will serve as an advisory committee.

**ACTION ITEM:** SWERT will explore with the CSU, Regional Children’s Institute and our other University partners the possibility of jointly sponsoring a “Poverty Reduction Summit”. Dean Cuellar offered financial support for such an effort.

**8. Presentation: 11 County Child Welfare System Improvements Evaluation**

One of the positive products from SLO's involvement in the 11 county pilot project was the development of a "Monthly Measures Reporting Tool" that uses CRC's safe measures as a platform. There is much county interest in this tool (Presented by Christopher Monza).

**ACTION ITEM:** Lee Collins will email the "Monthly Measures" Power Point to David for distribution to CCASSC members.

**ACTION ITEM:** David will confer with Christopher Monza and Terry Luna about CCTA sponsoring a regional training on the tool.