

## **CCASSC Action Minutes September 17-18, 2009**

1. Closed vs. Open Session:

A majority of CCASSC members voted to have all meeting sessions “open” to all. Director’s only sessions can be called when there is a specific need to do so.

Action Item: Current meeting format with a Director’s Roundtable Day #1 from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon will be maintained. Non-Director’s attendance is optional.

2. CCASSC/MH Director’s Roundtable:

After debriefing the first event it was agreed that a future event would be worthwhile (perhaps Spring 2010). It was suggested that the next event focus on some specific cases that CWS/MH have collaborated on and use these examples for analysis/discussion.

Action Item: SWERT will convene above event. David Foster will confer with Beverly Abott and Pat Jordon regarding event planning.

3. Relocation of CalWorks Clients:

Several members expressed interest in having a future discussion regarding the pros & cons of using relocation to other states as a CalWorks strategy. There was also interest in discussing a regional approach to this idea.

Action Item: David Foster will schedule topic for future meeting.

4. Case Study of Poverty:

A comprehensive case study of Poverty in the Fresno area is available. It is entitled “The Enduring Challenge of Concentrated Poverty in America”.

Action Item: David Foster will provide all members with a copy of the report.

5. Student Stipends:

Discussion regarding future CCASSC opportunities to utilize research/evaluation material presented by student stipend recipients. Ideas suggested: 1) CCASSC student journal publications. 2) Future student stipend “alumni” reports/updates.

Action Item: David Foster/Sal Montana will begin exploring development of a CCASSC journal and develop a “draft “ plan for an “alumni” network.

6. Impact of Year-to-Year Under-Funding on Families and Communities:

There is a need to collect and publish data on the impact California’s budget cuts are having on families and communities. This data, if presented in the proper way, could be exceedingly helpful with B of S members, legislators and the media.

Action Item: David Foster and Sal Montana to explore development of a regional “white paper”. David Foster will consult with S. Oppenheim on how this regional work can inform/be supported by the similar statewide work CFPIC is doing on behalf of CWDA.

7. Budget Templates:

J. Hornbach advised that her department has prepared budget templates that illustrate the % of her TANF/CalWorks budget that is spent on other county departments.

Action Item: David Foster will obtain copies of the templates and distribute to members.

8. Legislation:

Given the current time and energy that must be devoted to managing allocation/budget cuts, members did not feel a discussion regarding new legislative proposals for CWDA was possible.

Action Items: New legislation/legislative review will be added to CCASSC agenda as a regular item.

9. CCASSC 2010 Budget:

A proposed CCASSC include an budget was unanimously reviewed and approved for 2010. Changes for 2010 include:

- a) 2010 dues will not include an invoice for R & D activities. Re-instatement of the R & D portion of the dues will be reconsidered for 2011.
- b) All 2010 R & D activities will be funded using the existing R & D surplus.
- c) R & D funds will be reallocated to establish a line item to hire a part time CCASSC Research Associate. This funded position will be available to all CCASSC members for short-term data/evaluation activities as needed.
- d) A reduced amount of R & D dollars will be set aside for specific CCASSC research briefs/projects as deemed necessary by the collective membership.

Action Item: David Foster/Sal Montana will begin recruitment of a Research Associate. Interview of candidates and final selection will include a sub-committee comprised of C. Applegate, K. Woodward and K. Jensen.