

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AREA SOCIAL SERVICES CONSORTIUM ANNUAL PLAN 2014-2015

MISSION STATEMENT

CCASSC's mission is to develop strategies to address pressing regional human service needs by working with regional and state policymakers and institutions to develop solutions. University partners support the mission of CCASSC through research; analyzing and developing data and information to better inform membership. Ultimately, this regional university-community partnership aims to improve the quality of life for all residents in the Central California region.

MEMBERS AND MEMBER ALTERNATES

CCASSC members for the 13-14 fiscal years:

- Ana Pagan, Director and Michele Rowe, Deputy Director- Merced County Human Services Agency
- Judy Lemos, Interim Director Fresno County Department of Social Services
- Juliet Webb , Director Tulare County Human Services
- Kelly Woodard, Director- Madera County Department of Social Services
- Lee Collins, Director- San Luis Obispo County Department of Social Services
- Joe Chelli, Director of San Joaquin County Human Services
- Mary Sawicki, Director- Calaveras Health and Human Services
- Dena Murphy, Interim Director-Kern County Department of Human Services
- Peggy Montgomery, Director-Kings County Human Services Agency
- Kathy Harwell, Director-Stanislaus County Community Services Agency
- Daniel Nielson, Director -Santa Barbara County Social Services Department
- Jim Rydingsword, Director-San Benito County Health and Human Services Department
- Chevon Kothari, Director Mariposa County Human Services Department

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

University partnerships during the 2014-2015 fiscal years:

Virginia Rondero Hernandez, Director CSU, Fresno Department of Social Work Education
Jong Choi, Director CSU, Bakersfield Department of Social Work
Robin Ringstad, Director CSU, Stanislaus Social Work Program

STATE RELATIONSHIPS

State relationships during the 2014-15 fiscal years:

Will Lightbourne, Director, California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

CCASSC STAFF

Staff who will support the program for the 2014-2015 fiscal year:

David Foster, Director Central California Training Academy (CCTA)

Stephanie Pearl, Administrative Staff

Sal Montana, University Liaison

Patricia Poulsen, Research Associate

GOAL

Provide a forum for directors to share issues that they are currently dealing with and to discuss potential strategies for addressing those issues.

PROCESS OBJECTIVES

Rotate quarterly meetings throughout the Central California Region

OUTCOME OBJECTIVES

Conduct action research to inform planning, goal setting, decision-making and project management regarding critical issues as identified by the members.

Coordinate efforts with other consortia with research objectives throughout the state.

Develop strategies to address mutual concerns.

CRITICAL ISSUES/DISCUSSION AND RESEARCH TOPICS

- Poverty within the region/Use of GIS to illustrate issues
- CSEC
- Drought
- Health Reform
- Katie A
- Welfare to Work
- Fiscal Issues

- Child Welfare...Outcomes, Evaluate Out data, AB12

RESEARCH IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

During the FY 2014-2015, CCASSC Staff will perform action research on the prioritized topics.. The research questions aim to inform planning, goal-setting, decision-making, and project management around CCASSC discussion critical topics. CCASSC Staff will also continue conversations with CSU Fresno, CSU Stanislaus, and CSU Bakersfield to see if any of their faculty or thesis students are interested in addressing one or more of the CCASSC research priorities. CCASSC will also make efforts to coordinate research with other Regional Training Academies.

July to September

- Continue to develop further poverty indicators for persons living in this region.
- Identify possible student thesis/projects to facilitate the work on poverty reduction.

October to December

- Provide a summary of work to date at the November 2014 CCASSC quarterly meeting
- Work on improvements to the CCASSC website

January to March

- Obtain further direction from Directors at the quarterly meeting January 2015
- Provide an update to the Directors on research activities to date
- Continue to work with any student who is researching poverty or other topics
- Continue to update Unemployment Rate fact sheets
- Review the annual plan template with the directors

April to June

- Update work sheets including unemployment charts
- Begin to obtain information related to newly established critical issues
- Meet with the directors at the quarterly meeting and provide them with an update of efforts