



# Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee

*The mission of the Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee is to provide oversight for and promote communication between the Board of Supervisors, the Department of Social Services and its related agencies, and the community, with emphasis on providing information and recommendations that make the system more effective and efficient.*

## MINUTES

April 7, 2021

9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

Meeting held via Zoom

### I. Call to order and introductions:

Meeting called to order at 9:02 AM with round table introductions.

### II. Approve minutes for *January 6, 2021, February 3, 2021* and the day's agenda:

- Wilma proposed adding the topic of Prevention DSS had prepared for the meeting.
- Jill Stepke motioned to approve, Richard Bailey second the motion, minutes approved unanimously.

### III. Update of the Previous Meeting's New Business:

#### A. Chair and Co-Chair Ad Hoc Committee

- Ad Hoc committee was created with members Rich Bailey, Pam Hancock, and Tracy Kashian. They agreed to work together to locate members interested in serving as Chair and Co-Chair of the Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee.

#### B. Next Meeting Facilitator

- Pam and Wilma agreed to co-facilitate the May 5 meeting.

### IV. Department of Social Services Update: Tricia Gonzalez

- Tricia introduced a video with Child Welfare supervisors explaining the various subcommittees and work groups throughout the Child Welfare branch of DSS.
- Tricia shared the video will be on the department's YouTube channel so it can be referred to again.
- In response to a request for an e-mail contact list for the leads of the subcommittees, Tricia explained the best way to get in contact with the leads would be to send the request to the committee e-mail: [CWSFCSOC@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:CWSFCSOC@fresnocountyca.gov) because the leads could change.
- Tricia explained April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a presentation was presented to the board regarding this topic.
- The Families First Prevention Services Act, which needs to be implemented by October 2021, is requiring coordination with the state and other counties.
- The assembly bill 2083 required the created of a MOU with Child Welfare, Probation, Mental Health, the Superintendent of Schools, and regional centers to create a system of serving more complex needs, the system of care.
- Tricia introduced the video shared with the BOS explaining the Child Abuse Prevention data for Fresno County.
- Tricia explained the hope is people will be more comfortable approaching those working at the resource centers which is why the prevention focus is on the resource centers.

### V. New Business:

#### A. Annual Report.

- Pam and Wilma volunteered to review the last 2 completed annual reports to put together a draft for 2019-present.

#### B. Prevention Discussion

- Reported on during the DSS Update.

#### C. Survey Monkey Topics

- Pam Hancock sent a link via the chat box for all attendees to fill out a survey. The survey is intended to help the members include topics the community would like to see addressed. Pam stated she will also send the survey link via e-mail so more of the interested parties can participate.

### VI. Subcommittee Updates:

#### A. Quality Parenting Initiative (RDS/QPI).

- Tricia shared the department is no longer associated with the QPI subcommittee and recommended removing the item from the agenda. Tricia suggested, for the purpose of this meeting, Elizabeth Thomas provide an update on the Foster Parent Association and the work they are doing.

B. Education.

- Pam shared the Education sub-committee has been absorbed into the Advisory Meeting she chairs and the next meeting is being held on May 3, 2021.

C. Children’s Mental Health.

Wilma mentioned the first meeting was held in February and the committee will convene every other month on the 4th Thursday at 9 AM. A calendar of the scheduled meetings was emailed out to the group earlier.

**VII. Review of Action Items:**

Tracy shared she has already submitted her application for reappointment to the committee.

**VIII. Public Comments:**

No Update.

**IX. Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 AM.

**Committee Attendance**

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
		<input type="checkbox"/> Sal Quintero <input type="checkbox"/> Ari Martinez (Proxy)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pamela Hancock
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Thomas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Bailey	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jill Stepke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tracy Kashian	<input type="checkbox"/> Patricia Miller	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wilma Hashimoto

**Attending Staff and Guests**

Tricia Gonzalez, Victoria M. Najera, Erica Lozano, Brian Van Anne, Bernia Walker, Chad Valorosi, Dalvin Baker, Marilyn Bamford, Sonia De La Rosa, Cheri Archuleta, Jessica Carrillo, Laura Lopez, and Dana Parker.