



# 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

October 1, 2025

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Meeting held in-person for Committee Members and public.

Virtual option via Microsoft Teams for public only

### I. Call to order and introductions.

**Rosemary/DSS Support Staff**

- Meeting called to order by Committee Chair, Rosemary Alanis, at 9:01 AM with roll call by DSS Support Staff, Julia Perez.

### II. Approve Minutes for September 3, 2025 and October 1, 2025 Agenda.

- Karina Lopez (District 1) motioned; Vincent Latham (District 4) seconded to approve the September 2025 Minutes and October 2025 Agenda.

### III. Receive Report from DSS CWS Addressing Critical Areas

**Dalvin/Kim**

- Data in the "Placements by Facility Type" on the September report that was discovered to be incorrect has been revised. Correct data is reflected on this month's report.
- State-wide issues with the Child Welfare data system have been resolved, however the early education enrollment data for youth aged 3-4 years is currently being input by Child Welfare staff and should be available for report-out next month.
- Hiring controls are still in place and there is about a 10% vacancy rate in CWS.
- The California Automated Response and Engagement System (CARES) will be the new statewide case management system for CWS.

### IV. New Business

**Rosemary**

#### A. Introduction of New Committee Members

- Joe Olivares (District 5) was formerly a Foster Family Agency (FFA) Administrator and currently serves as the President of the Board of Directors for Focus Forward.
- Vincent Latham (District 4) works at CSU Fresno as the Administrative Coordinator for the Title IV-E Program. The Title IV-E Program serves to assist those working on bachelor's and ,is a program within the Social Work department of CSU Fresno that has county partnerships to increase Social Worker training so students can receive their bachelor's or master's degrees.

#### B. Discuss and Provide Direction to DSS Staff Regarding a Standing Request for the Committee to Receive the Quarterly Mod C Governing Body Report that is Submitted by DSS to the Board of Supervisors

**Rosemary**

- Committee Chair requested that the Committee receive a copy of each quarterly Mod C Governing Body Report. CWS DDs confirmed the report will be provided to the Committee each quarter, after the report is submitted to and approved by the Board of Supervisors.

#### C. Discuss Plans for Completing and Submitting the FY 2024-25 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors

- Committee will use partial meeting time in November and December to discuss details of the 2024-25 Annual Report.
- A copy of the 2023-24 Annual Report was requested to be distributed for review.

### V. Subcommittee Update

#### A. Education

**Vacant**

- Pamela Hancock (District 5) will reach out to Tumani Heights, Director/County Liaison for Foster and Homeless Youth Education Services, to obtain information on the Education Subcommittee.

#### B. Children's Mental Health

**Kevin**

- The Children's Mental Health Subcommittee had a presentation on the topic of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). There was a discussion on how abuse experienced as a child can have long-term effects that reach adulthood and some behavioral

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issues can possibly be survival responses to past trauma. More information on ACEs can be found at:

<https://www.acesaware.org/>

- Korey Kieth (District 5) added that CASA and the Probation department are part of a program that teaches youth in custody about ACEs. Youth who take these classes can become teachers to assist others who have experienced ACEs. Clinicians are also involved with the program.

## VI. Announcements

- Next CQI Quarterly Report-Out: November
- Presentation on Networked Improvement Communities (NIC) literacy program in partnership with Fresno County Superintendent of Schools is scheduled tentatively for the December meeting.

- VII. Adjourn:** Next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 9:00am, in-person for Committee members and the public. Virtual option via Microsoft Teams is only for members of the public. Please note: participation in FCSOC meetings requires in-person attendance. Virtual option is view-only. Meeting adjourned by Rosemary at 9:59 AM.

### Committee Attendance

Supervisor Designated as FCSOC Member: Luis Chavez, District 3 Yahaira Figueroa, Chief of Staff and Proxy to Supervisor Chavez				
District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karina Lopez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Lisitsin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patti Scovill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosemary Alanis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pamela Hancock
Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maisie Young	Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vincent Latham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Korey Keith
Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tracy Kashian	Vacant	Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Olivares

**\* Marked Boxes Indicate Committee Member Attended**

### Attending Staff and Guests

In Person: Kimberli Smith, Dalvin Baker, Rachel Madden, Julia Perez, Hillary Bolger, Mai Yang, Brian Van Anne, Kathleen Hernandez, Kelly Sisowath

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