Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee Meeting – December 6, 2023

DSS CWS Data

Staffing Information

Child Welfare Staff Task Area Detail – November 2023		
Task Area	**Staff**	**Vacancies**
Court Officers, Court Intake, Court Ongoing	19	2
Hotline	16	0
Emergency Response	61	8
Family Reunification / Family Maintenance / FR Training/El Puente	78	8
Voluntary Family Maintenance	10	2
Permanency Planning (PPLA)/NMD/ILP	34	10
Adoptions / Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)/NRLG	23	6
TDM/CFT, RFS, ISFC, WRAP, EdL; Shelter MOD C	21	0
Support Staff (SWA, OA, SAS)	112	16
Family Finding	1	1
Resource Family Approval (RFA) (Intake, Ongoing, Family Eval, D/C)	29	1
Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)	6	1
Supervision (Social Work Supervisors, Supervising Office Assistants)	57	3
Leadership (Program Managers, Administrative Assistants, and Program Technicians	24	3
Long-Term Medical LOA – Social Workers	2	0
Total	**493**	**61**

Table I: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by task area, for filled allocations and vacancies (Internal tracking). As of 11/15/23.

Child Welfare Job Class Detail – November 2023		
Position Title	**Staff**	**Vacancies**
Social Workers (SW/SWP)	302	38
Social Work Aides (SWA)	31	6
Office Assistants (OA)	75	10
Substance Abuse Specialists (SAS)	5	0
Social Work Supervisors (SWS)	46	4
Supervising Office Assistants (SOA)	10	0
Program Technicians	6	0
Administrative Assistants	10	1
Program Managers (PM)	8	2
Total	**493**	**61**

Table II: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by job class (internal tracking). As of 11/15/23.

Child Welfare Support (Non-CWS Allocations) – November 2023		
Position Title	**Staff**	**Vacancies**
Eligibility Workers (EW)	25	5
Social Services Program Supervisors (SSPS)	4	0
Office Assistants (OA)	3	2
Total	**32**	**7**

Table III: DSS Non-CWS Allocations (Internal Tracking). As of 11/15/23.

Referral and Case Information

Child Maltreatment Referrals by Allegation Type		
Allegation Type	**September 2023**	**October 2023**
Physical Abuse	211 (13.1%)	266 (15.3%)
Emotional Abuse	305 (18.9%)	316 (18.2%)
Neglect	742 (46.0%)	787 (45.2%)
Sexual Abuse	68 (4.2%)	84 (4.8%)
Other/At Risk	288 (17.8%)	288 (16.5%)
Total Allegations	**1,614 (100%)**	**1,741 (100%)**

Table IV: Contrasted referral counts categorized by type of allegation. The data also include referrals that were evaluated out, and not necessarily followed up on for investigation. Therefore, not all reported referrals were investigated. Referrals may have multiple allegation types, so the number of clients will differ from the total number of allegations. Source: SafeMeasures. Investigations. Allegation Type – By Client. Extracted: 11/20/2023.

Caseload by Task Area		
Task Area	**September 2023**	**October 2023**
Family Reunification	960	954
Family Maintenance	100	79
Permanency Planning	622	625
Supportive Transitions	126	122
Emergency Response	94	59
Adoptions	578	589
Voluntary Family Maintenance (VFM)	141	142
Total	**2,621**	**2,570**

Table V: The data represent the number of cases by task area. Permanency Planning data were calculated by subtracting Adoption case counts. Family Maintenance data were calculated by subtracting Voluntary Family Maintenance (VFM) cases. Source: SafeMeasures. All Open Cases. Case Subset by Service Component and Voluntary Status. Extracted: 11/29/2023.

Case Count by Ethnicity		
Ethnicity	**September 2023**	**October 2023**
White	404 (15.4%)	406 (15.8%)
Black	395 (15.1%)	397 (15.4%)
Latino	1,672 (63.8%)	1,618 (62.9%)
Asian/Pacific Islander	108 (4.1%)	107 (4.2%)
Native American	31 (1.2%)	30 (1.2%)
Not Reported	11 (0.4%)	12 (0.5%)
Total	**2,621 (100%)**	**2,570 (100%)**

Table VI: The data show a total case count by ethnicity. Source: SafeMeasures. All Open Cases. Case Subset by Service Component and Non-Voluntary Status. Extracted 11/29/2023.

FURS Data

FURS Summary Report			
Metrics	**August 2023**	**September 2023**	**October 2023**
Number of Calls	11	7	11
Average Mobile Response Time (Minutes)	41	27	42
Caller Type Totals from August 2023 through October 2023			
Foster Parent			10
Social Worker			8
Other (Congregate Care, Caregiver, Youth)			11
Total Number of Calls from August 2023 through October 2023			**29**
Average Response Time from Call Received to Arrival (Minutes)			**40**

Table VII: Number of calls for service and average mobile response time (Internal Tracking). Note: Not all calls require mobile response.

Placement Metrics

Entry into Placement – October 2023 to September 2023		
Placement Type	**County of Fresno (#/%)**	**Statewide (#/%)**
Pre-Adoption	1 (0.1%)	39 (0.2%)
Relative / Non-Related Extended Family Member (NREFM)	214 (27.5%)	6,131 (33.7%)
Foster Home	119 (15.3%)	4,337 (23.9%)
Foster Family Agency (FFA)	407 (52.2%)	5,412 (29.8%)
Court Specified	1 (0.1%)	128 (0.7%)
Group Home	20 (2.6%)	281 (1.5%)
Shelter	0 (0.0%)	1,300 (7.2%)
Guardian	10 (1.3%)	461 (2.5%)
Supervised Independent Living Program (SILP)	0 (0.0%)	12 (0.1%)
Other/Missing*	7 (0.9%)	78 (0.4%)
Total	**779 (100%)**	**18,179 (100%)**

Table VIII: Source: SafeMeasures. AB 636 Measure 4b: Placement Entries. Extracted: 10/17/2023. (Report currently under maintenance) *Number of children who were missing a placement setting or did not have a placement setting when they entered placement.

Number of Placements from Removal to End Placement Date – October 2023		
Placements	**Count**	**%**
1	774	36.3%
2	539	25.3%
3-5	595	27.9%
6+	218	10.2%
Missing Placement Count	7	0.3%
Total	**2,133**	**100%**

Table IX: The data show the sequential number of placements for youth in foster care from initial entry to the end of placement. Source: SafeMeasures. Episode Placement Count. Extracted 11/20/2023.

Placement Metrics Continued

Placements by Facility Type – October 2023				
Placement Facility Type	In County	Out of County	Not Recorded	Total
Group Home / STRTP	49 (2.7%)	22 (7.2%)	0 (0.0%)	71 (3.3%)
RFA - Relative/NREFM Home	525 (28.9%)	110 (36.0%)	0 (0.0%)	635 (29.9%)
RFA - Resource Home	248 (13.6%)	31 (10.1%)	0 (100%)	279 (13.1%)
Foster Family Agency	663 (36.4%)	91 (29.7%)	0 (0.0%)	754 (35.5%)
Supervised Independent Living	68 (3.7%)	19 (6.2%)	0 (0.0%)	87 (4.1%)
Guardian Home - Non-Dependent	218 (12.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	218 (10.2%)
Guardian Home - Dependent	44 (2.4%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	44 (2.1%)
Other	5 (0.3%)	33 (10.8%)	0 (0.0%)	38 (1.8%)
Total	**1,820 (85.6%)**	**306 (14.4%)**	**0 (0%)**	**2,126 (100%)**

Table XI: Placements by facility type for youth placed in-county, and out of county. Source: SafeMeasures. Placement Facility Type. Extracted: 11/20/2023.

Out of State Placements – October 2023		
Placement Facility Type	Count	%
Court Specified Home	28	82.3%
In-Home	2	5.9%
Relative/NREFM Home	0	0.0%
Supervised Independent Living (SILP)	4	11.8%
Total	**34**	**100%**

Table XII: The data show out of state placements, broken down by placement facility type. Source: SafeMeasures. Extracted: 11/20/2023.

Additional Placement Metrics – October 2023	
Placement within 30 days of Entry	Count
Youth Placed with a Relative within 30 days of Entry	19

Table XIII: The data show the number of youths placed with a relative within 30 days of entry into foster care (Internal Tracking).

DSS Juvenile Dependency Court Stats

Continuances/Hearings – October 2023			
Courtroom	**Dept. 21**	**Dept. 22**	**Dept. 23**
Number of Hearings	181	243	177
Number of Hearings Set to Trial	6	14	10
# of Continuance DSS	15	9	26
Continued by Parent's Attorney	8	5	11
Continued by the Court	4	1	10
Continued by FCA	0	1	3
# of Total Continuances	27	16	50
% of Continuances	15%	7%	28%
All Court Rooms (Avg)	**15%**		
DSS Continuance (Avg)	**8%**		

Table XIV: The table displays the total number of CWS-related court hearings, hearings set to trial, and total number of continuances for the selected month. Source: CWS Program Staff (internal tracking).

Court Writer Stats by Task Area – October 2023			
FR Court Writer Stats		**ER Court Writer Stats**	
Juris	2	*Original Petitions*	23
Dispo	4	*Amended Petitions*	7
Juris/Dispo	47	*PCWs*	6
Petition	0	*Arraignments*	1
Amended Petition	4	*Detentions*	24
Detentions	0	*Addendum*	2
Addendum	6	*1513 (A&B)*	9
PCW	0	*JV-180*	7
387	0	*Petition to Enter/Interview Minors*	0
Review of Dependency Status	0	*Ex Parte*	0
Continuance Request	0	*DEI, # of Children*	0
Ex Parte	0		
JV-180	0		
RDS 6	0		
Status Review Report	0		
Transfer of Case to Different State	0		

Table XV: The data show metrics for court writers assigned to Family Reunification, and Emergency Response, respectively. Source: CWS Program Staff (internal tracking).

Mod-C

Mod-C Data – October 2023	
Number of Unduplicated Youth	28 Youth
Total Number of Entries (including re-entries)	29 Entries
Number of Re-Entries	1 Re-entry (1 Youth Re-entered Once)
Length of Stay: Less than 9 days	26 Youth
Length of Stay: 9 Days or Greater/ Reason	2 Youth / 1 Return from AWOL, 1 Placement Disruption
Average Length of Stay	2.5 Days
Reasons for Entry into Mod-C	Placement Disruption (4) Return from AWOL (16) Return from JJC (2) Emergency Response Removal (6) Out of State Youth (1)

Table XVI: The data show entries and length of stay for youth using Mod-C housing. Source: CWS Program Staff (internal tracking).