**CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL**

**PREVENTION and EARLY INTERVENTION COMMITTEE/
STATEWIDE CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL

Policy Areas for Review 2015
PROJECT PLAN**

**Goal 1**: Promote increased uniformity in prevention practice by bringing evidence-based prevention practices to scale on a statewide basis.

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| **Objective 1: Statewide Prevention Framework**—Develop a statewide Prevention Framework to promote greater uniformity of prevention practice among community-based organizations, networks, family strengthening organizations, family resource centers and others. Update the Differential Response Framework to reflect key California prevention platforms (Strengthening Families, Core Practice Model, etc.). The Prevention Framework must also include a focus on responding to substance use disorders, given that 70 – 85% of all families entering the child welfare system struggle with issues related to drug and alcohol use and abuse. | **Draft Statewide Prevention Framework.****Updated DR Framework** |
|  | **Activities** | **Timeline** | **Deliverables** |
| **1a. Statewide Prevention Network** | * Support OCAP’s development of a statewide prevention network whose members agree to deliver consistent,evidence-based, measurable outcomes-focused practice.
* Develop policy recommendations on prevention network membership criteria designed to unify the field and increase collective impact.
 | As requestedSeptember 2015 | Recommendations to OCAP on criteria for membership in Prevention Network. |
| **1b. Data -**  **Informed Practice and Systems** | * Review the need for a set of proposed prevention outcomes to be shared by prevention partners statewide and make recommendations regarding criteria (interlocks with CFSR, etc.)
* Review data linkage and information sharing policies to increase flexibility for prevention activities while protecting essential confidentiality concerns.
 | September 2015(interim)September 2015(interim) | Recommendations on criteria for shared prevention outcomes.Report on initial findings. |
| **1c. Build Capacity for Effective Outcomes**  | * Make recommendations to help make sure families receive the services they need, and what they get is effective and further increases capacity to deliver effective outcomes.
* As requested, review statewide coordinated efforts directed at building the capacity for organizations, networks, and systems to prevent child abuse and neglect, including through addressing substance use disorders that frequently contribute to family stress and overall risk for child maltreatment.
 | June 2015As requested | Initial recommendations on how to build capacity for effective outcomes. |
| **1d. Training and Technical Assistance** | * Assist OCAP to map existing capacity-building resources (including training and technical assistance). Begin to identify training and technical assistance specific to the prevention of child abuse and neglect that may be needed to further increase capacity.
 | December 2015 | Report on findings. |
| **1e**. **Prevention of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children** (CSEC) | * Support the Council’s CSEC Task Force to identify and promote awareness of the role of community in preventing this form of abuse. (Presentation by CSEC Prevention Committee.)
 | December 2015 | Report on findings. |

**Goal 2**: Promote federal reform of child welfare financing through education and awareness.

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| **Objective 2: Federal Reform of Child Welfare Financing**—continue dissemination of educational materials and toolkit. Update materials to reflect California’s policy determinations in this area. | **Dissemination Plan 2015****Updated FRCWF Educational Materials** |
|  | **Activities** | **Timeline** | **Deliverables** |
| **2a. Integrated Health Systems** | * Explore the role of the ACA in providing access to behavioral health (mental health and substance use treatment) for at-risk parents; articulate pathways to voluntary services that include self-identification to primary care physician.
 | December 2015 | Report on findings. |
| **2b. Cost/Benefit Analysis of Prevention in California** | * Explore approaches to cost/benefit analysis of prevention programs to determine if such a study could articulate in dollars and cents how prevention saves money. Make a recommendation as to whether or not California should conduct a similar analysis.
 | June 2015 | Recommendation on whether to conduct a cost/benefit analysis of CA Prevention Programs. |