**California Child Welfare Council**
**DATA LINKAGE AND INFORMATION SHARING (DLIS) COMMITTEE NOTES**
**JUNE 7, 2016 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM**

**Welcome & Introductions**

**Action Items:**
- Approval of March 1st Meeting Notes – Moved, Seconded, Approved.

**Discussion Items:**
- National/State/Local Project Updates— Brief summaries and updates on progress of national, state and local initiatives or studies  - "Data in the News"
    o If you have additional news, please forward to Laurie Kappe at lkappe@iecomm.org
- New System Update
    o "Elastic search" being tested by 12 county users
    o New Emergency Response Call Center function in development – to be released in the next 90 days for testing
    o Certification Approval & Licensing (CALS) in development – to be released in the next 90 days for testing
    o Dev teams assembled across 2 vendors for development of the Case Management system – will start work in the next 30 days
- Potential Presentations for September Meeting (San Francisco)
    o Bridgette Lery – Child Welfare & homelessness
    o Terri Cook – Empire Health Foundation in WA State – Performance-based contracting
    o New System Update
    o Dual-Status Youth & The New Child Welfare Digital System – presentation by the Judicial Council
    o Food Stamp benefits underutilized by foster youth – Kim McCoy Wade (perhaps December?)
- RAND Simulation Report (retracted) – rebuttal from research community re: estimates and modeling led them to retract the report
    o https://www.rand.org/news/press/2017/05/23.html
    o https://chronicleofsocialchange.org/news-2/rand-pulls-child-welfare-simulation
    o http://retractionwatch.com/2017/06/02/rand-withdraws-report-child-welfare-reform-analysis/

**Insights Update: Laurie Kappe, i.e. Communications**
**Parental Substance Use**
- Challenge – Has the National opioid epidemic affected child welfare entries in California?
    o Cannot really answer this question because the available data does not give us the full picture
        ▪ CWS/CMS has a field for entering substance abuse information but it is optional – movement toward dedicated field in the New System
    o CWS/CMS data – Not a statewide increase in entries, except in a few rural

counties
- o CA Opioid Overdose Surveillance Dashboard – shows the number of overdose deaths by county/zip code
- o Other data sources – AFCARS, SAMHSA, OSHPD, CA State Inpatient Databases, CalOLMS, Structured Decision Making
- o Slides available on CWC website: http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/CommitteeInformation.aspx

**Presentation: Beth Morrow, Director, Health IT Initiatives, The Children's Partnership**
**Hacking Foster Care in California – Digital Innovation to Benefit Children and Youth in Care**
- Challenge: Enhance coordination using digital tools (reducing the digital divide)
- Sponsorship of hackathons with child welfare experts – bring together technology innovators to work on a shared problem; informed by child welfare experts, including current and former foster youth
    - o May 2016 – White House
        - Release of new CCWIS rules
        - CoLab Resource Hub (started in DC, released in LA) – single point of data entry for multiple resources
        - Sensay "Foster Tribe" (started in DC, released in LA) – online community for foster youth
    - o Dec 2016 – New York
    - o Feb 2017 – Silicon Valley
        - Computers and tech internships
        - Santa Clara County DFCS moving forward with demonstration project focused on goal-setting/independent living
        - Foster home recruitment/retention
    - o April 2017 – Los Angeles
        - Legal Hackathon – Desire for more sharing, commitment to making it happen
        - LA County DCFS – Visitation and transition planning
        - Open data set for the even for follow-up project discussion
        - Conversations between LA County & CWDS on collaboration on technology efforts
- What is the value added?
    - o Data analytics
        - New people are looking at child welfare data through their own lens
        - Technology experts are being informed by child welfare experts
        - What are the types of data we have in CWS/CMS that can be shared publicly via the open data portal so that technology experts can develop helpful applications
            - Unfortunately, a very small subset of data
    - o Data management
        - Visitation scheduling using app
    - o Making information available
        - Connecting parents, children, resource parents to resources in the community
    - o Bring in new information/partnerships

- Engaging youth directly and giving them a voice in their case planning/management
    - o Connecting members between care teams/feedback loops
        - Social workers provide referrals to youth via app, then enabling a feedback loop from the referral on what happened
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**Discussion of Presentations**
- Occurred throughout the presentations

**Committee Adjourned**