

**California Child Welfare Council
DATA LINKAGE AND INFORMATION SHARING (DLIS) COMMITTEE NOTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM**

Welcome & Introductions

Action Items:

- Approval of June 7th 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” (Laurie Kappe)
 - o New System featured in a couple of news articles
 - o Three stories on predictive analytics
 - o Next month – Blue Print Conference on higher education for foster youth
 - o Full document of stories available online:
<http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/CommitteeInformation.aspx>
 - o If you have additional news, please forward to Laurie Kappe at lkappe@iecomm.org
- New System Update (Larry Bolton, Peter Kelly)
 - o AB1911 – Bill signed by the Governor, Requires the Judicial Council to create a workgroup to develop recommendations on better integrating probation youth into the new system.
 - Lengthy list of data elements that they would like to have
 - o Minimum viable product for Intake should be in the hands of early implementing counties by the end of the year
 - New feature: “Snapshot History,” creates a child welfare history of all people in the home and their roles
 - Capacity to populate many forms using data entered into CWS/CMS
 - o Case Management teams (2) have decided to merge into one team. They just started doing field visits into the counties. Creating prototypes.
 - o Court interface is in early development
- Potential Presentations for December Meeting
 - o Teri Kook – Empire Health Foundation in WA State – Performance-based contracting (December); Bridgette Lery would also be willing to co-present on the performance-based contracting techniques that they are using in San Francisco
 - o Kim McCoy-Wade – CalFresh benefits for foster youth
 - o Andy Krackoff – Data visualization
 - o Dyann Daley – Risk terrain modeling and predictive analytics work in Texas

Presentation: Bridgette Lery, MSW, PhD, Director of Research and Evaluation, City & County of San Francisco Human Services Agency

Making Use of What’s Here: Linking CWS/CMS and Structured Decision Making (SDM) Data to Fuel a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Process

- 5 year grant by the Children’s Bureau (ended): Randomized control trial in five jurisdictions (including San Francisco) throughout the country to do “housing first” interventions for homeless child welfare involved families

- Goals: Prevent placement, re-abuse, or to increase the speed of reunification, improve family functioning for families most in need and/or those that would benefit most from the program
- Used SDM to identify homeless families at most risk, considering additional risk factors: domestic violence, mental health, substance abuse, medically fragile child
- Used CWS/CMS to determine when homelessness factors into a child welfare case, to determine baseline data (homeless families are at higher risk for placement, but are much less likely to reunify), and to determine the impact of the program
- Eligibility:
 - o Currently homeless
 - o Beginning their first child welfare case
 - o Children are not yet in out of home care or recently placed
 - o One or more comorbidities: domestic violence, mental health problems, substance abuse
- Intervention:
 - o Rapid engagement
 - o Housing as a platform for stabilization: HUD housing vouchers provided by the San Francisco Housing Authority
 - o Low or no barriers to entry
 - o Seamlessly coordinated service delivery among multiple public and non-profit agencies
 - o Available when families want for as long as they need
- Tentative Results:
 - o For 2/3 of families, homelessness took place prior to the first child welfare event
 - o Stably housed nearly 60 families (½ in SF, ½ out-of-county)
 - o Reunification *may* be more likely for those receiving treatment
 - o Re-reports are more likely for those receiving treatment but substantiations are less likely (possible surveillance effect)
- Considerations:
 - o Took approximately 9 months to find housing
 - o Families need to maintain an open case for a bit longer in order to receive help re-applying or extending their vouchers
- CQI Implications:
 - o Integrating referral to the program into the regular investigative framework
 - o Using Safe Measures “Alerts” (created by NCCD) when a referral converts to a case that meets eligibility criteria (limit selection bias)
- The program is being maintained (but without randomization) for another 2 years (with additional CA counties) under CDSS’s new Bringing Families Home grant
- Slides available on CWC website: <http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/CommitteeInformation.aspx>

Discussion of Presentations

- Occurred throughout the presentations

Committee Adjourned; Next Meeting December 4 (Sacramento)