

**Child Development and Successful Youth Transitions Committee
Work Plan Status Report: March 4, 2015**

WORK GROUP TOPIC	WORK GROUP MEMBERS	PLAN FOR NEXT STEPS – DECEMBER 10, 2014	STATUS – MARCH 4, 2015
1. ILP Co-Location and Credit	Jill Sevaaetasi, Cherie Schroeder, Diana Boyer, Aaron Carpio, David Ambroz, Paige Fern Chan, Gordon Jackson, Cherie Schroeder, Jill Rowland, Ken Berrick, Andrea Schiavoni	<p>Issue is ensuring foster youth have opportunities for concurrent enrolment in high school and community college – goal is to have co-enrollment as the default option so that foster youth can graduate at 18 with an AA degree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paige is identifying obstacles and exploring options. ▪ Ken, Andrea, David, Gordon and Sylvia to follow up with Paige. ▪ Committee members to bring ideas to March 4, 2015 meeting. 	Gordon, Ken, Paige, and Andrea to report to share ideas for moving this work forward at the March 4, 2014 meeting.
2. Partial Credit	David Ambroz, Ken Berrick, Andrea Schiavoni, Bill Grimm, Gordon Jackson, Cherie Schroeder, Paul Curtis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work Group members presented its report and recommendations to the full Council on September 4, 2013; the Council unanimously adopted the recommendations. ▪ In collaboration with CSBA, the work group disseminated the model policy and prepared a Partial Credits Manual to guide school administrators, registrars, child welfare workers, foster parents and foster youth; ▪ There were 36 training sessions in 2014. ▪ Over 50 school districts have implemented the model policy. ▪ The dissemination of the model continues, with the help of a Partial Credit Manual ▪ Building on the success of the Partial Credits Manual, the Alliance for Children’s Rights developed a Foster Youth Education Toolkit to further support the education success of foster youth. This Toolkit was reviewed at the December 10, 2014 Committee meeting and will be presented to the full Council on March 4, 2015. 	Presentation to full Council made March 4, 2015

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3. Push-out	Gordon Jackson, Rochelle Trochtenberg Jamal Harbison, Aaron Carpio, Mlriam Krinski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Katie A and Psychiatric Medication efforts are also covering this topic. ▪ Invite Patrick Gardner to make a presentation on this topic at the March 4, 2015 Committee meeting. 	<p>Patrick not able to join meeting in person on March 4.</p> <p>Consider including the issue of push-out within the topic of work group #1 above</p>
4. Education-related Mental Health Services	Gordon Jackson, Ken Berrick, Paige Fern Chan, Carol Brown, Cheryl Treadwell, Andrea Schiavoni, Robert Sanchez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tracking progress of the AB 114 Committee that is looking at similar issues for all special need students, through the lens of meeting foster youth’s needs. The goal is to understand the impact of new policies for serving students with special needs now that “AB 3632” has been discontinued, and a paper was prepared to capture this information. ▪ Discussion at the December 10, 2014 Committee meeting raised concerns that trauma reactive behaviors are being labeled as ADHD; information regarding Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) could inform understanding and solutions on the topic. ▪ Request an update from CDE at the March 4, 2014 Committee meeting. ▪ Visit the AB114 Web page http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/ac/ab114twg.asp for further information. 	<p>Invited Chris Drouin (CDE) and Rusty Selix (California Council of Community Mental Health Agencies) to give an update at the March 4, 2015 meeting.</p>
5. Over Medication	Rochelle Trochtenberg, Carol Brown, Ken Berrick, Diana Boyer, Bill Grimm, Vanessa Hernandez, Anna Johnson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At the March 12, 2014 Committee meeting, Bill Grimm and Anna Johnson from NCYL provided a comprehensive overview of the issue. ▪ The Work Group met with Harry Hendrix, DHCS management and QIP Co-Chairs, Pauline Chan (DHCS) and Lori Fuller (CDSS) on May 12, 2014 regarding CDSYT’s concerns about the QIP. ▪ On June 11, 2014, Harry Hendrix and Karen Gunderson joined the Committee meeting for further discussion on the issues. ▪ A joint QIP/CDSYT presentation was made to the full Council the September 10, 2014 meeting. 	<p>QIP Progress report made at full Council meeting on March 4, 2015</p> <p>Anna Johnson will share a document she prepared that compares and contrasts the provisions of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) the Katie</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A progress report was made to the Council on December 10, 2014, with Bill presenting recommendations for how the QIP could further improve efforts to solve the problem.. ▪ Action steps outlined on the QIP timetable are still in progress and the Committee will continue to monitor the work of the QIP. ▪ Anna volunteered to compile a list that compares and contrasts the goals of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) for education, Katie A settlement implementation and QIP project that could be useful in leveraging efforts on one initiative with the other two. 	A Settlement and the Quality Improvement Project (QIP).
6. Santa Clara Priority Employment Policy	David Ambroz, Shahera Hyatt, Olga Nassif, Paul Curtis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In 2010, Jackie Wong wrote a paper on this topic with recommendations ▪ The Committee will revisit Jackie’s paper at the March 4, 2015 meeting. 	At the June 3, 2015 meeting Jackie will report on the status of PolicyLink moving this work forward, including requests to some funders for resources to support the work.
7. Housing	Rochelle Trochtenberg, Theresa Thurmond, Addie Ellis, Diana Boyer, Wendy Durst, David Smart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CDSS gave an update on housing programs for transition age foster youth and former foster youth at the March 2014 meeting. ▪ Funding sources need to be identified. ▪ Possibility of using college dorms year-round needs to be explored. ▪ At the March 4, 2015 meeting, the Committee will craft a Problem Definition after presentations by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vanessa who will provide CYC materials to inform the discussion. ○ Vincent who will bring information on the UC Independent Scholars Program. ○ Sylvia who will secure information from Amy at the John Burton Foundation. ○ Other experts identified by Committee members. ▪ Consider asking representative from the Department of Housing and Community Development to attend the June 3, 2015 meeting. 	<p>Vanessa and Vincent will provide materials for discussion on March 4, 2015</p> <p>Sylvia contacted Amy Lemley; no response received to date.</p>

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<p>8. -Quality/ Accreditation -Congregate Care Reduction -Recruitment, retention and training of quality caregivers</p>	<p>Karen Grace-Kaho, Ken Berrick, Andrea Schiavoni, Anna Gleason Wendy Kinnear-Rausche, Bridgette Hernandez, Bill Grimm, Paul Curtis, Carla Wills, Rochelle Trochtenberg, Jamaal Harbison, Cheryl Rave, Len Edwards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resource materials include the CDSS Congregate Care Report (January 2011); Los Angeles County report; and the Continuum of Care (CCR) Report from CDSS released in January 2015. ▪ New standards under development for the Committee to monitor include Resource Family Approval for foster parents, relative caregivers and adoptive parents. ▪ Committee will explore whether to recommend that Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) and Group Homes be accredited (Note: the CCR report recommends accreditation). 	<p>Karen Gunderson, CDSS, will make a presentation to this Committee and the Permanency Committee on the CCR Report.</p> <p>Judge Edwards will share the Los Angeles Juvenile Court’s group home and placement move policies as examples of ensuring appropriate use of group homes and placement moves under current system.</p>
<p>9. Young Children in Foster Care</p>	<p>Diana Boyer, Carol Brown, Karen Grace-Kaho, Letrice Littlejohn, Diana Brown, Angela Zuspan; Deborah Lowery; Tricia Gonzalez, Len Edwards, Susan Dotson, Cherie Schroeder, Cheryl Rave, Renee Hemsley, Jane Tabor-Bane, Mary Sheppard, David Smart</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recommendations on this topic were adopted by the full Council on December 11, 2013. ▪ First 5 California launched its media campaign in March 2014, and Sylvia coordinated CDSS involvement in developing special messaging for foster parents related to the campaign with First 5 staff. ▪ Foster parent messaging was added to the campaign on December 10, 2014, and Camille gave a live demonstration of the updated website to the full Council on that same date. ▪ Camille will work with Sylvia to arrange for the Committee participate in the First 5 California Annual Conference in Spring 2015 to spread the messaging for foster parents. 	<p>Successful First 5 California Conference held on February 10 – 12, 2015. Attendees included Cherie (also a presenter), Jane, Mary, David and Sylvia. Secretary Dooley spoke on a closing panel and noted the collaboration between the Council and First 5 California.</p>
<p>10. Role of Ombudsman</p>	<p>Karen Grace-Kaho, Carol Brown, Diana Boyer, Angela Zuspan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Karen requested legal opinion from CDSS regarding the role of the Ombudsman and will share it when received. ▪ Karen will recompile previous messaging on this topic and lead a discussion at the March 4, 2015 Committee meeting. 	<p>Karen to present on June 3, 2015</p>

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11. Supporting Healthy Sexual Development of Foster Youth	David Ambroz, Wendy Durst, Haydee Cuza, Anna Gleason, Vanessa Hernandez, Cindy Cain; Cherie Schroeder, Janine Bruce, Anna Johnson, Jamie Lee Evans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This item grew out of a discussion generated from a presentation to the full Council on December 11, 2013 regarding teen births. ▪ Per discussion at the March 13, 2014 meeting, Gordon and Rochelle worked with Sylvia to draft a position paper. ▪ Workgroup reviewed the position paper and gave a status report to the Council and the Committee at the June 11, 2014 meeting. ▪ An “Open Space Technology Gathering” on this topic is scheduled for February 5, 2015, with invitees including foster youth, former foster youth, foster parents, group home providers, child welfare workers, community care licensing representatives, as well as Committee members. 	Highly successful gathering held on February 5, 2015. Book of Proceedings to be drafted by March 19, followed by development of report and recommendations for full Council on June 3, 2015.

FUTURE TOPICS FOR COMMITTEE’S CONSIDERATION (brainstormed at the December 10, 2014 meeting):

1. Sealing of Juvenile Records
2. Forum for and by psychiatrists regarding psychiatric medication and mental health treatment services for foster youth (“doc to doc”)