

**Child Development and Successful Youth Transitions Committee
Work Plan Status: March 16, 2016**

WORK GROUP TOPIC	WORK GROUP MEMBERS	PLAN FOR NEXT STEPS – from March 2, 2016 meeting	STATUS – MARCH 16, 2016
Education Work Group	Paige Fern Chan, Ken Berrick, Marsh Lewis-Akeem, Andrea Cammann, Emily Higgs, Jill Rowland, Vanessa Hernandez, Joy Anderson, Michelle Traiman, Michelle Lustig, Molly Dunn, and Lorianne Elinsky. Cherie is going to ask a CASA from Yolo County to join the group. Others who are interested should let Sylvia know.	<p>Break the effort into three parts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider age of child when selecting education rights holder. 2. Work with Judicial Council on changes to current law and practice for selecting education rights holders. 3. Determine what group home administrators should and should not have in the way of education rights holders. <p>Issues identified so far that need to be addressed as a starting point for developing guidance and model policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Should there be different levels of education rights, such as access to information vs. decision-maker? ▪ What information must a caregiver have? ▪ To get the courts involved we need to raise the level of attention to the problems and work with children’s attorneys and have recommendations regarding what the law should say. ▪ Is the Child and Family Team an effective venue for selecting the education rights holder? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trish commented that the core elements of CFTs vary and need to be flexible depending on the situation, e.g., education-related mental health services; it is critical that the right people must be at the meetings. ○ Marsha commented that in Level 14 Group Homes she has had a difficult time getting the county Child Welfare Worker to the CFT meetings. ▪ How do we keep the biological parent involved, especially if he/she is reluctant to share education rights? ▪ There should be mandated training for education rights holders. ▪ Identify what education records exist and who should have access to them. <p>Develop guidance for schools, courts, and caregivers.</p>	Plan developed on March 2, 2016 and Paige will coordinate activities to move forward.

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Over Medication	Rochelle Trochtenberg, Carol Brown, Ken Berrick, Diana Boyer, Bill Grimm, Vanessa Hernandez, Anna Johnson	Continue to monitor progress of QIP project and implementation of new legislation on use of psychotropic medications by youth in foster care.	Full Council was updated on March 2, 2016
Priority Employment	David Ambroz, Len Edwards, Deborah Cromer, Nisha Kashyap	David and Len asked for volunteers to work on this project with them at the full Council meeting, and several individuals responded with agreements to help.	Work group membership secured and will develop recommendations
Housing and Runaway/ Homeless Youth	Paul Curtis, Rochelle Trochtenberg, Vanessa Hernandez, Joy Anderson Vincent Bartle, Addie Ellis, Emily Higgs, Jessica Haspell, Susanna Kniffen, Diana Boyer, Amy Lemley, Tricia Gonzalez, Anthony Bennett, Jennifer Bucholz, Erin Thurston, Simone Tureck (John Burton Foundation)	<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. ▪ At the March 4, 2015 meeting, the Committee discussed the need for a Problem Definition ▪ Opportunities for housing include possible federal funds, expansion Guardian Scholars, Transitional Housing Program Independent Living Program, and year-round use of dorms. ▪ Work Group members signed up to be participants in the JBF monthly conference calls on THP-plus/THP+ Foster Care. ▪ On December 9, 2015, the work group focus was expanded to include runaway and homeless youth. 	<p>Work group members will continue to participate on the JBF monthly conference calls on THP-plus/THP+ Foster Care.</p> <p>Paul presented a proposal for the work group’s consideration on Jun1, 2016, and will revise based on feedback from Committee members.</p>
Supporting Healthy Sexual Development of Foster Youth	David Ambroz, Wendy Durst, Haydee Cuza, Anna Gleason, Vanessa Hernandez, Cindy Cain; Cherie Schroeder, Lori King, Janine Bruce, Anna Johnson, Jamie Lee Evans, Miranda Sheffield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Our report and recommendations will be incorporated into the CDSS work plan of its work group on this same topic, which includes the CCL regulations to implement the new “Responsible and Prudent Parent Standard.” ▪ Ensure all youth and caregivers know and understand the Foster Child Bill of Rights. ▪ As requirements for the Resource Family Approval are developed as part of the Continuum of Care Reform initiative, they should address this topic as well. 	Participating on the CDSS work group on the same topic

FUTURE TOPICS FOR THE 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 youth in foster care (“doc to doc”)