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

Presentation: Mark Courtney, PhD
CalYOUTH Study: Conversation with CWC Permanency Sub-Committee
- Focus of discussion – relational permanency for youth involved in the CalYouth study
- If you have questions, contact Mark Courtney at markc@uchicago.edu
- Slides on CWC website: http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/CommitteeInformation.aspx

Welcome & Introductions

Action Items:
- Approval of December 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"
  - FosterTech Magazine – special issue on technology and child welfare
    - Article on predictive analytics
    - Interview of Teri Cook – review of performance-based contracting in Washington state.
  - Available on CWC website: http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/CommitteeInformation.aspx
  - If you have additional news, please forward to Laurie Kappe at lkappe@iecomm.org
- Update on New System (Peter Kelly)
  - About a week away from the first software release of the new system
    - Will be used/tested by 6 counties in the coming months
    - Hugely important step because it includes integration of the legacy system with the new system. Documents that were in the legacy system but not searchable are now searchable within the new system.
      - May also be able to expand search feature in the future to better use unstructured fields
  - Working on the caregiver licensing and approval software
    - Currently finishing up procurement – by mid-Spring they should have vendors on board and start development
  - Parental substance abuse – A question was asked about why parental substance abuse is not an easily identifiable and analyzable field in CWS/CMS – Could this be improved upon in the new system?
    - Absolutely. However, there is a need to balance the number of "mandatory" fields for workers to complete
  - If you are interested in continuing discussion of the new system, please visit https://cwds.ca.gov
    - There, you can sign up for the email distribution list where you will receive regular reports on development and can participate in a

quarterly forum discussing development
- AB 1911 Report on Crossover Youth (Larry Bolton)
  o Workgroup has been formed
  o Reviewing documents and practices to better understand who is considered "crossover youth" and the data elements most essential to a database system tracking these youth
- Potential topics/presentations for future meeting
  o Teri Cook is doing some great work on performance-based contracting (not June, but September meeting)
  o If you have additional suggestions for future topics or presentations, please email Daniel Webster at dwebster@berkeley.edu

Presentation: Bridget Stumpf, Sacramento County Office of Education Foster Youth Services
The Foster Focus Data System: Integrating Child Welfare and Education Data
- Review of the features, types of data, and reports available in the Foster Focus Data System – a system that links education and child welfare data – utilized by a number of counties throughout the state
  o Many data fields with rich education data, Dashboard, Alerts, Education Plans, AB167 Tracking, Services Provided, Notes/Emails, Education Progress Summary
- Slides on CWC website: http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/CommitteeInformation.aspx
- If you have questions, contact Bridget Stumpf at bstumpf@scoe.net

Presentation: Katherine Elliott, PhD, MPH, California Department of Social Services & Dionne Maxwell, PhD, Department of Health Care Services
Mental Health Service Utilization: Children/Youth in the Child Welfare System
- Probabilistic matching of data from CWS/CMS with data from the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) MIS/DSS data tracking specialty mental health service claims data
- Two questions answered in this presentation: (1) How many children/youth in the child welfare system are receiving mental health services? (2) What is the nature of these services?
- Slides on CWC website: http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/CommitteeInformation.aspx
- If you have questions, contact Dionne Maxwell at Dionne.Maxwell@dhcs.ca.gov

Discussion of Presentations
- Occurred throughout the presentations

Committee Adjourned