CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL
DATA LINKAGE AND INFORMATION SHARING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2014

I. Welcome/Introductions

II. Action Item: Approval of September 10th meeting notes
- Approved

III. Discussion Items
- National/State/Local Project Updates—brief summaries and updates on progress of national, state and local initiatives
  - Alicia Sandoval (CDSS)
    - CDE linkage – submitting weekly CWS/CMS data extracts to the California Department of Education. Some of these data are being imported into CALPADS system to generate reports on children in CW. Receiving positive feedback on these reports.
    - DHCS – Katie A. (now known as Child Welfare and Mental Health Coordination and Monitoring) data linkage in progress. Match CWS/CMS data with several different DHCS systems to identify the children who would be considered part of the Katie A. subclass.
    - QIP Psychotropic Medication Project - the QIP Data and Technology Workgroup identified two priorities: 1) produce client-level reconciliation reports for counties that identify psychotropic medication prescriptions without a documented court authorization and 2) develop psychotropic medication outcome measures.
      - County reconciliation reports have already been created and are in the final stages of testing; an All County Information Notice has been drafted and final reports will be distributed to counties in January 2015.
      - Six outcome measures have been drafted; the Data and Technology Workgroup will meet with the Clinical Workgroup this month to refine the draft measures. DHCS and CDSS have drafted a global data sharing agreement that will allow exchange of client-level data with counties. This agreement is a high priority for both departments and execution of the agreement is anticipated soon.
      - If anyone is interested in participating in the QIP Data and Technology Workgroup, contact Alicia.Sandoval@dss.ca.gov.
    - Anna Johnson (National Center for Youth Law) raised a number of questions/discussion items regarding the QIP data linkages:
      - Anna will draft a document that details how the six outcome measures could be used at the county level for QA purposes.
      - Looking at various initiatives such as for Katie A, LCFF data match, and QIP outcomes would be helpful to get a bigger picture of service delivery to children in foster care from a more holistic perspective.

- Would be helpful to review study of prescribing practices in group homes and the CCR report; also determine if additional DHCS data can be useful to identify treatment services provided to youth placed in group homes.
- Point raised that there need to be a discussion of positive outcome measures and how to measure those in relation to the QIP.
- Suggestion to review the psychotropic medication findings in Dr. Courtney's (Cal Youth study) report.

  - Sarah Tyson (California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office) – match GPA/community college data for the assessment tool to determine placement
  - Laurie Kappe (California Child Welfare Co-Investment Partnership) – data in the news handout
    - Discussed the fear of sharing medical data (balancing privacy and safety or the best interests of the patient) and the work that needs to be done to educate the public/stakeholders further on the potential benefits of data sharing
  - Emily Putnam-Hornstein (USC/Children's Data Network)–
    - Attended a meeting at University of Pennsylvania/Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy – support for data integration work (Funded by MacArthur Foundation)
    - Casey Family Programs meeting – data analytics/predictive risk modeling. Focus of the meeting was to determine whether administrative data can be used to identify clients with high levels of need to better target resources/services and if this could be more effective than the clinical instruments/assessments already in place. Some jurisdictions are working on this. Discussions of the basic requirements for any vendor selling systems that will do predictive risk modeling.

- Potential presentations for March meeting
  - Did not discuss

IV. Presentation – Cumulative Risk Interactive Data – Emily Putnam-Hornstein, Children's Data Network/USC & California Child Welfare Indicators Project/UCB
- Reviewed the new interactive site at the Children's Data Network to help more general audiences understand the cumulative risk of child welfare involvement in the state (and in Los Angeles): http://www.datanetwork.org/viz/cumulative
- This is the companion to the work presented to the DLIS committee in June 2014, which can be found here: http://www.datanetwork.org/actionable-research/1002

V. Presentation – Child and Family Services Review – Round 3 – Barbara Needell, California Child Welfare Indicators Project/UCB
- See posted presentation – live presentation cancelled due to the storm (ended the meeting early)

VI. Adjournment – 3:00 p.m.