

California Child Welfare Council
DATA LINKAGE AND INFORMATION SHARING (DLIS) COMMITTEE NOTES
March 6, 2019 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

Welcome & Introductions

Action Items:

- Approval of December 5th Meeting Notes – Moved, Seconded, Approved.

- Do we want to continue to work on changing the name for this subcommittee? There was not enough support for this action item to push forward at this time. It was agreed that we should table it, with the possibility of taking it up again in the future.
 - o There may be shifts in the people on the general council, with the possibility of more subcommittees. As such, there may be a natural future place for us to reconsider our mission as well.

- Request from Larry Bolton that this meeting have at least one CDSS program person in attendance. Daniel Webster will check in with the general council to discuss.

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 “Just 16 States Track Education Outcomes for Foster Youth” – The Chronical of Social Change
 - o “State-level data for understanding child welfare in the United States” – Child Trends
 - o “LGBTQ youth are flooding the child welfare system, but they’re treated the worst” – LGBTQ Nation
 - o “Nearly 1 in 7 kids and teens have a mental health condition, half go untreated” – CBS News
 - o “Closing the Connectivity Gap for SF’s Homeless Youth” – Government Technology
 - o “New ‘Strong Start Index’ designed to help California’s children to thrive and succeed” – California Forward
 - o “The US foster care system is full of poor kids and most adults are too poor to adopt” – Medium
 - o “CHHS Secretary attributes success to data sharing, focus on customers” – Techwire
 - o “Building CCWIS is as easy as 1, 2, 3” – The Chronical of Social Change
 - o “Study points to need for support of justice involved youth” – Los Angeles Sentinel
 - o Document available on CWC website:
<http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/CommitteeInformation.aspx>

- Potential presentations for June meeting
 - o First Five + CDN on the “Strong Start Index”
 - o LA County Office of Education has been doing some innovative work to track educational outcomes for not only their local school districts, but neighboring counties as well
 - o Region 9 – County Attorneys – Pushing for inoperability and data sharing, but with privacy protections

Presentation: Akhtar Khan, Chief, Research Services Branch, CDSS; Patrick Delaney, Research Data Specialist, Research Services Branch, CDSS

“California Health & Human Services Agency Program Dashboard: Linking Clients Across Multiple Programs”

- Commitment at CDSS to “open-up” the data available
 - See the degree to which multiple departments are serving the same clients
 - Better serve clients with coordinated programs and improve outreach and education
 - Improve program administration and effectiveness
 - Promote use of analytical tools such as GIS for program outcome evaluation
 - Geocoding helps with a holistic view of the environments surrounding each program recipient address
- 4 views/levels of analysis
 - Congressional districts (US Congress)
 - State Senate districts
 - State Assembly districts
 - County
- 7 Departments
 - CalWORKs
 - CalFresh
 - IHSS
 - Foster Care
 - Medi-Cal
 - DDS
 - CCL Facilities
 - Demographics/Census
- Time Period
 - Jul 2017 point-in-time
 - Currently updating to October 2018 data
- Data De-Identification
 - In order to protect client confidentiality, all data in the dashboard has been de-identified according to the CHHS Data De-Identification Guidelines – cells with frequencies <11 are de-identified
- Uses
 - Generated data snapshots for each of the 53 federal representatives from California to give them a sense of how many youth are participating in various government programs
- Slides available on CWC website: <http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/CommitteeInformation.aspx>

Presentation: Rebecca Stilling, CWS-CARES

“Child Welfare Services – California Automated Response and Engagement System (CWS-CARES): Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Module”

- Demo of CANS Module in CWS-CARES
- Slides available on CWC website: <http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/CommitteeInformation.aspx>

Discussion of Presentations

- Occurred throughout the presentations

Committee Adjourned; Next Meeting June 5, 2019 (744 P St. Sacramento, CA 95814)