

CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL
Discussion Highlights
December 5, 2018

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Justice Raye called the meeting to order and welcomed Council Members and visitors. Justice Raye acknowledged David Ambroz, who was attending his last council meeting after 10 years of service. David Ambroz introduced Vaneshia Reed, Mr. Ambroz' replacement on the Council. Justice Raye then introduced Director Lightbourne, attending the meeting on behalf of Secretary Wilkening. Justice Raye acknowledged Director Lightbourne and his decades of service to California, and wished him well in retirement. Jevon Wilkes, Interim Executive Director of the California Coalition for Youth, introduced himself to the council and will be replacing Paul Curtis. Justice Raye then asked council members and the public to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of the September 12, 2018 Discussion Highlights (Action Item)

Justice Raye tabled this item until the March 6, 2019 meeting.

III. Recent Findings from the California Youth Transition to Adulthood Study (Information Item)

Director Lightbourne introduced Daniel Webster and Professor Mark Courtney who presented the latest findings from the CalYOUTH study, an evaluation for the impact on outcomes during the transition to adulthood for foster youth. The overall study addressed three primary research questions: Does extending foster care past age 18 influence youth's outcomes during the transition to adulthood?; What factors influence the types of support youth receive during the transition to adulthood in the context of extended foster care?; and, How do living arrangements and other services that result from extended foster care influence the relationship between extending care and youth outcomes? Director Lightbourne then invited members of the Council to ask questions and provide comments.

IV. Substance Abuse Specific Element to Add to Prevention Framework (Action Item)

Justice Raye called on Kathy Icenhower who presented on the new Substance Abuse element that the Prevention and Early Intervention committee wants to add to its Prevention Framework. Core elements of the framework included family centeredness, strengths focus, participant voice, cultural and linguistic competency, program monitoring, integrity & CQI, and integration and collaboration. Justice Raye then invited members of the Council to ask questions and provide comments. The item was adopted unanimously.

V. Presentation on the California Children's Trust (Information Item)

Director Lightbourne invited Ken Berrick and Alex Briscoe to make the presentation on behalf of the California Children's Trust. Mr. Briscoe's presentation included an overview of the Children's Trust, and their work to reinvent how we fund, purchase, deliver, and evaluate social, emotional, and developmental services and supports across systems. Discussion included reviewing the prevalence of Adverse Childhood Experiences among children, and the various funding structures for mental health services for children. Mr. Briscoe then discussed opportunities to align various funding through waivers and other systems changes. Director Lightbourne thanked Mr. Briscoe for his presentation and then invited comments and questions from the Committee.

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VI. Committee and Task Force Updates (Information Item)

Justice Raye called on the co-chairs of the Prevention and committees to provide updates:

- Prevention and Early Intervention/Citizen Review Panel – Kathy Icehower and David Swanson Hollinger
- Permanency – Bob Friend and Carroll Schroeder
- Child Development and Successful Youth Transitions – Rochelle Trochtenberg and Gordon Jackson
- Data Linkages and Information Sharing –Daniel Webster and Alicia Sandoval
- CSEC Action Team – Leslie Heimov and Judge Stacy Boulware Eurie

VII. Public Comment and Adjournment to Committee Meetings

Justice Raye and Director Lightbourne thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting.