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**Child Welfare Council**



## *Some Assumptions for the conversation...*

- Today's goals are to *explore and understand*, in anticipation of future strategic planning. We may or may not make recommendations or decisions.
- *Adaptive Thinking* is likely more important today, than technical thinking.

## *A Little History*

- Council Established 2006
- “Advisory body to multiple departments and courts serving youth and families in the Foster Care and Welfare System.
- “Improving Collaboration and processes...”
- “monitoring and reporting...responsivity to needs of children/youth...”
- Issue advisory reports at its discretion and report annually to legislature, Governor and public.

***Looking back, what are some of the outcomes you're particularly proud of as a counsel?***

A little history....

*“Collaborative youth and family services” is not a new suggestion...*

- Little Hoover Commissions (1975+)
- Blue Ribbon Commission: (AOC) (2006)
- Federal President’s Commission (Various)
- Child Welfare Council

*More than 40 years of suggested Integration!*

# Vision and Mission

(V)“Every California child lives in a safe, stable, permanent home, nurtured by healthy families with the capacity to meet the child’s needs and support the child’s well-being and is prepared for the transition into adulthood and becoming a contributing member of society.”

(M)“We provide an effective, collaborative forum for the three branches of government, foster youth and their families, and key stakeholders to advocate for effective and promising strategies and adequate resources to improve outcomes for children, youth and families involved with or at risk of involvement in the child welfare system.”

**Are they still reflective of our current beliefs and purpose?**

**If not, do these need to be reviewed before strategic planning can be effective?**

## *Steering Committee and Priorities*

- Does our recent Steering Committee process function to our satisfaction, and if not, what might we do in lieu?
- Does the current Steering Committee architecture and process serve our future needs?

# *Committee and Task Force Review and Inventory*

## Committees:

- *Prevention and Early Intervention*
- *Permanency*
- *Child Development and Successful Transitions*
- *Data Linkage and Information Sharing*

## Task Forces:

- *Ending Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children*
- *Out of County Mental Health*
- *Blue Ribbon Commission Collaboration*
- *Priority Access to Services and Supports*

# ***Committee and Task Force Review and Inventory***

*Do we want and need sub-committees or task forces?*

*(Future Task Force topic areas/needs conversation to occur in September)*

*Is there some alternative approach to tackling the work of the council?*

*Are there any potential suggestions for committee process, in anticipation of strategic conversations to come?*

*How might we best plan and implement our work in support of our mission and purpose as we now understand it?*



# Pre September Brainstorm...

- In light of AB 2083, CCR successes and challenges, the economic and political landscape in CA, and the state's commitment to System of Care...

What might/should CWC focus on in the next 36 months?

## *Council Composition and Size*

- Presently has 54 seated members.
- (Review Membership Roster)

## Other Possible Activating Questions--

- What actions could be taken which would help the council function effectively going forward?
- How can this group support departments, county delivery systems and community partners to adapt more quickly and effectively?