

CCASSC Minutes

February 26, 2021

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CCASSC Directors Meeting

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Present:

Linda Belch

Debbie Blankenship

Monica Connor

David Foster

Feliza Gray

Amy Krueger

Donna Lutz

Lauri Moore

Denise Seabert

Kelly Woodard

Sanja Bugay

Marcus Crawford

John Garcia

Kathy Harwell

Cynthia Larkin

John Mauro

Delfino Neira

Cindy Uetz

Martha Vungkhanching

Yvonnia Brown

Devin Drake

Shannan Gadd

Christine Huber

Kevin Lucado

Deborah Martinez

Jeremy Oliver

Chris Woods

1. Introductions – Deborah Martinez, Chair
2. CHHS, College Update – Denise Seabert, Dean

The 50th week of remote work is being celebrated; they are finding the good! Big updates include the creation of a mental health task force; she will be on the committee. Some work is coming out soon. Increasing access for students, faculty and staff are a goal. Currently, the University is in planning mode for fall 2021. The University is working on strategies to get people back on campus; this would help with isolation. The President sent out email, educators now becoming a priority for the vaccine. The mobile unit was out in Biola where vaccines were given. Dean Seabert was at the event along with Assembly Member Arambula and Supervisor Pacheco. The goal is to reach challenging populations. Saint Agnes is a partner agency. The Top dog has been announced, Lisa Casarez, of Angels of Grace was selected.

Martha Vungkhanching. Masters number are up. The pre health approach for undergraduates has helped to streamline the process. Less people in the backlog. Their graduation rate is about the same. The pre health major had 600 students. She advised that placements are needed; need more partnerships.

Stanislaus State Update – John Garcia, Chair/Director

Their attention has been on fall planning and setting priorities. Getting people back on campus. Bringing people back to campus is the goal. Lack of information has been problematic. They are hoping 20% can come back. They need to reach out to freshman/transfer, undergraduates. Currently starting the planning process for graduate students. Keeping students in the field is a priority. Educational growth and a previous needs assessment were discussed. Marcus Crawford suggested doing another assessment after the pandemic. He would be willing to partner on this work.

Action: Continue discussing a needs assessment.

3. Adult Welfare – Linda Belch & Feliza Gray, Regional Chairs.

A. APS Training Update - Debbie Blankenship

They have been very busy. Currently, they are collaborating with other Regional academies on a Statewide Needs Assessment. They compile data, that helps develop the training plan for next year. Working with the Child & Family Policy Institute of California (CFPIC) on the APS convening. The goal is to build a robust statewide training system. Looking for sustained funding, not just a three-year cycle. She is looking at current statewide training systems. Counties have indicated they need homeless training. The Needs Assessment will include a section for Counties to complete so they have input into the homeless training curriculum Single adult homeless discussed. Donna Lutz found homeless training, and trauma informed practice training. Engagement is important, as is the continuum of care. Curriculum in this area is needed. Yvonna Brown discussed the importance of including culture in the curriculum. Fresno has contracted this out. Sanja Bugay, they have people with lived experiences. A lot of resources are being developed. The State is on board and other RTAs are partnering. Staff have indicated they want to go back and look at courses they have taken to refresh themselves; this was not possible because classes were only set up for credit only To address this request, this area has been expanded as a refresher course. Finally, a small chat group is being opened for Supervisors; as they, during this pandemic have missed talking and strategizing.

Action: Kings volunteered to be the first county to receive the homeless training.

B. Home Safe – Feliza Gray

Master Plan on Aging overview. The plan was sent out. It has five goals,

1. Housing, 2. Health, 3. Inclusion & Equity, 4. Caregiving that Works and 5. Affordable Aging. Power point packet provided to CCASSC members via email.

Housing - Want more housing options, transportation outdoor space, emergency preparedness, and climate readiness. Looking at Covid-19 response, for the future.

Health - Bridging health care within home; health care as we age, lifelong healthy aging, lifelong, healthy, geriatric.

Inclusion and Equity. Equity in aging, closing the digital divide, opportunities to work, opportunities to volunteer....

Caregiving that works - Family and Friends caregiving support, job creation & virtual care.

Affordable Aging - Affording aging and ending homelessness is the focus. Moving to the age of 60 which aligns with older American act.

Feliza Gray added that the Senate Budget Hearing will be this coming Tuesday. She advised the group that this hearing will drive the Master Plan on Aging. CWDA Adult Regional is paying attention to this legislation.

C. IHSS Report - Group

IHSS Report was emailed to all members. The document was discussed: Mistakes and omissions were discussed. Linda Belch advised that it came out yesterday. There were four counties audited, one focus was on low provider wages and paying higher salaries. Further, it explored how this makes it difficult to attract providers. The group discussed 80 percent or so of IHSS providers are family members. Another issue was a report that has not been completed in a long time; the statute has not been changed. The State said they will be Appealing. "It will be interesting to watch this play out at the State level", Kathy Harwell, discussed why were they selected? There was a heavy focus on provider wages, how bargaining is done, and county contributions. Some focus placed on the timeliness of work. Concern that regulations do not keep pace, statutes, rules regulations.

D. Vaccine Issues – Jeremy Oliver.

Jeremy discussed the regional issue of staff being pulled for vaccine efforts. This has created "staffing" issues. Delfino Neira, advised it has had a direct impact. He advised that his folks have been vaccinated. The tiered systems are complex. Kathy Harwell, Stanislaus recently got noticed that Social Workers/ Eligibility can be vaccinated. The challenge is getting in to get vaccines.

E. Funding – Jeremy Oliver.

9.4 million coming to California. Jeremy Oliver explained they are expecting more info on how can the funds be spent; what is the sharing ratio? The funds are one-time only funds.

4. CCASSC Business

A. CCASSC Upcoming Meetings – Kelly Woodard

March 19, 2021. 1-4. Virtual. Child Welfare will be the focus area. (note an extra hour added for a Director meeting)

April 23, 2021. 1-4. Virtual. Self Sufficiency will be focus area.

July 22, 23, 2021. In person. Location to be determined.

December 16, 17, 2021. In Person. Location to be determined.

B. Student Stipends – Marcus Crawford

Marcus Crawford encouraged the group to get the word out about the CCASSC Student Stipend opportunity. Recipients receive a \$1,000.00 stipend. The application is due May 3, 2021.

C. Pandemic Research – Marcus Crawford

Pandemic Proposal – emailed to the group prior to this meeting. Marcus Crawford discussed the proposal. Social Workers go to homes; not always recognized as front-line worker. What has the experience been like? The study could provide valuable program and research insight. The approach would be voluntary and anonymous. Data would be collected in aggregate form. The goal is to have it be valuable to the region. Another option discussed is a qualitative approach being added. The group wanted to ensure trauma avoided. Further discussed data could be useful, as experiencing a pandemic has not occurred before. What have they learned? The group would like to review the questions in advance and supports the project.

Action: Marcus will draft questions for review by the Directors.

5. Fiscal – Group

Jeremy Oliver, 9 million dollars from APS. They expect the funding to be from April through October of next year. You can use overtime to catch up.

Cindy Uetz discussed the Golden State Stimulus. She brought attention to the group that the communication from CWDA seemed to indicate that counties had to go to the Board to spend the allocations. However, CWDA clarified that Board approval was not required, unless it was required by the specific county process.

6. Other

- A. Shannon Gadd discussed a desire to have a food insecurity study in their county. David Foster advised there may be a resource at the University, he will explore and let her know.

Action: David will explore if there is a faculty person at the University that could assist with a food insecurity study.

- B. Cindy Uetz advised that Kern Social Workers are now considered essential workers. Devin Drake advised that his Social Workers are now on the list for Covid-19 vaccines.

12:00 Adjourn/move to County Directors meeting – same zoom call.

CCASSC Directors' Meeting

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1. Race, Equity Workgroup Discussion/Update. Deborah Martinez let the group know that names for Facilitators is needed. To date no names have been received; she provided two names. When the convening is scheduled, the goal is to have it be an in-person event. Cindy Uetz advised Cal Saws is using someone from Sacramento. CFPIC has names.

Action: Provide names to Deborah Martinez & Anita Ortiz. Cc: Kelly Woodard.

2. County multiagency juvenile justice coordinating council to develop the local plan (SB 823).

Madera has a small population; maybe 4. Stanislaus got an overview from their Probation. Fresno, discussing is discussing with Probation. Probation concerned that they are law enforcement, cannot do abuse. The concern is they draw down 4e dollars.

3. Counties who have whole person care internally have resources. Does APS Training translate/can it be purchased?

Sanja is looking for training. They are doing the program internally, which will bridge a year. Homeless population and engagement are two challenging areas. Looking for lessons learned? Kern not doing internally, they go through Kern Medical Facility. Cindy Uetz has a meeting today, right after this meeting. They have been successful with their participants. Working with everyday issues, their facilitator has had good connections. Tattoo removal has been successful, mobile showers. Cindy will provide contact information.

Action: Cindy Uetz will provide Sanjay Bugay with contact information.

4. Long Term Teleworking – what are counties doing?
Concerns exist with teleworking. Kings would like to keep it long term. San Luis is also supportive; they do not have a long-term plan. Their productivity is doing well. A survey was completed, and it was positive. Stanislaus is looking at a long telework plan. Currently, 22% or so of work force do telework. Eligibility can be tracked. Looking at classifications where teleworking can work. In Stanislaus, 60 of their staff are call center staff working from home. They use county equipment. Telework/remote work not for every employee. Fresno has had a drop in the afternoon with connectivity. Working on a reopening plan. Kern is a combination of everyone, no long-term plans. 75% of their staff doing virtual. No plans to bring people back in. Kings is on Amazon Connect. The county does not have a backlog in eligibility. Productivity has been an issue with

some staff, and some do not want to work from home. Mariposa does not work for everyone. Perhaps it can help with recruiting. Some staff drive an hour to get to work. Equity issues is a consideration. How do you equitably distribute the work? How do you measure some facets of jobs if they do not come into the office? Use of a county car vs. your own car discussed; use of the employee's car has implications.