

CCASSC Quarterly Meeting  
November 21-22, 2013  
Action Minutes

1. Jim Rydingsword requested CCASSC add San Benito County Health & Human Services as a new consortium member county.

**Action:** San Benito County's membership request was accepted by unanimous vote.

2. Hal Hunter provided a comprehensive overview of the California State Budget, Realignment and an update on current fiscal issues.

**Action:** H. Hunter will provide links to the LAO California Fiscal Outlook Report and California 2013 Budget Analysis. D. Foster will distribute.

3. Jim Rydingsword suggested CCASSC collaborate with the new "End Poverty in California" (EPIC) Caucus launched by California Senator Mark DeSaulnier.

**Action:** D. Foster will research & provide group with additional information on the caucus.

**Action:** D. Foster will invite Kathy Senderling-McDonald (CDWA Deputy Executive Director) to a 2014 CCASSC meeting to discuss the caucus and ways CWDA and CCASSC can collaborate.

4. Sustainability of CYC Central Region Office was discussed. CCASSC county financial support is needed for 2014 due to decreased funding from the California Endowment.

**Action:** Fresno County & CCASSC will supplement California Endowment funds for 2014. CCASSC will provide up to \$27,308 of needed funds from its R&D carry-over surplus from prior years. Approval for use of these funds was carried by unanimous vote.

**Action:** CCASSC members will make a future decision regarding 2015 full county (proportionate) support for CYC office. A CCASSC Advisory group will be formed to meet with CYC leadership in 2014 and then make a recommendation to the Consortium regarding 2015 support. Advisory group members: K. Harwell, J. Rydingsword, and D. Foster.

**Action:** D. Foster will invite CYC leadership to a future CCASSC meeting.

**Action:** D. Foster will extend a request from CCASSC to CYC to invite host County Chapter participation at future CCASSC meetings... Feb/2014 will be SLO; April/2014 will be Fresno.

5. "Thank you" to Howard Himes for his CCASSC leadership in 2012 and 2013. 2014 CCASSC officers were selected.

**Action:** By unanimous vote, Kathy Harwell (Stanislaus) will assume chair responsibilities and Jim Rydingsword (San Benito) will assume Vice-Chair responsibilities for 2014.

6. 2014 CCASSC Research Agenda and Budget discussed.

**Action:** Patty Poulsen will provide final Research Agenda recommendations for adoption at the February 2014 meeting. Suggestions can be sent to Patty for inclusion.

**Action:** 2014 CCASSC budget will be finalized by D. Foster and presented to group for discussion/adoption at the February 2014 meeting.

7. Dr. Elizabeth Brashears (CSU, Stanislaus) has completed her work with county-specific data on the views/opinions of child welfare staff on the use of corporal punishment.

**Action:** D. Foster will invite Dr. Brashears to a future CCASSC meeting to report on her findings.

8. “Katie A.” Learning Collaborative update provided by Patty Poulsen. CCASSC now has a Katie A. Resource Page on its website for information sharing. The first Regional Learning Collaborative meeting is scheduled for 2/7/14 in Santa Barbara County. All counties in the region would like to send representatives.

**Action:** Patty will send a “Save-The-Date” for the Learning Collaborative event to all CCASSC members.

9. Danny Morris provided a presentation on CDSS’ plans to implement CQI in California. There seems to be an effort by CDSS to link CQI with the developing State Case Review. This seems to link CQI with compliance. This link was discussed at length by the membership. Several “CQI Videos” have been produced to launch the effort.....however; none of the Directors present had reviewed the videos or provided input to CDSS on their content.

**Action:** CQI comments and concerns can be sent by CCASSC Directors to either Danny Morris (Madera) or Juliet Webb (Tulare). Both are regional representatives meeting on behalf of CWDA with CDSS on the CQI project.

**Action:** D. Foster will draft a letter to CWDA on behalf of CCASSC. The letter will express the desire of all CCASSC members that CWDA work with CDSS on a “responsible plan & implementation time frame” for CQI.

**Action:** D. Foster will send CQI video footage to members for review.

10. The revised “Academy of the Future” proposal was presented to the consortium by D. Foster & Virginia Rondero Hernandez. This was the same proposal submitted to BASSC

on 11/8/13.

**Action:** CCASSC supports continued planning with BASSC for a future “Grand Challenges” event focused on Workforce Development issues shared by both regions.

11. New Fresno State faculty, Iran Barrera and Gyanesh Lama, were introduced. They described their research experience and interests.

**Action:** CCASSC expressed interest in having Dr.Lama present at a future meeting. His use of GIS to identify poverty impacted areas was of great interest. D. Foster will schedule.

12. President Joseph Castro, Fresno State, Will be CCASSC’s special guest at the April meeting.

**Action:** D. Foster & Sal Montana will survey the group to develop a draft of discussion topics. The topics will be forwarded to President Castro’s office in advance of the meeting.

**Action:** D. Foster will provide members with background information on President Castro and his agenda for the future.

13. Sal Montana provided a 2014 CCASSC Student Research Stipend update. The 2014 review team will include, S. Montana, P. Poulsen, D. Foster, K. Harwell (Stanislaus), J. Lawless (Mariposa) and K. Woodard (Madera)

14. Information on the recently formed Public Health Directors Consortium was provided. It was noted that opportunities to collaborate with CCASSC would be enhanced if the county composition for both Consortiums was the same.

**Action:** D. Foster will explore with Donna DeRoo (Center for Health & Human Services, Fresno State) the possibility of both Consortiums having the same county membership.

15. Next meeting: February 20-21, 2014 Central Coast. (Sea Venture Hotel)

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