CCASSC Action Minutes April 23-24, 2015 San Benito County

1. Discussion regarding recognition of Central Region demographics and the need to revisit methodologies used to allocate resources for need-based and child safety programs. The Central Region continues to grow in all areas of need with poverty indicators growing exponentially. Often public assistance resources are distributed using historic allocation methods rather than "real time" demographic information. As a result, resources often do not catch up with need.

Action: This is a good discussion to have with CDWA with 2016 legislation possible.

<u>Action</u>: Jim Rydingsword will invite Cathy Senderling-McDonald to the next CCASSC meeting for a discussion about 2016 legislation, realignment and potential opportunities for CCASSC and CWDA to work together.

2. It was suggested an invitation be extended to CSU, Monterey Bay, to send a representative to CCASSC. CSUMB is located very close to SLO and San Benito counties and would be a good addition.

Action: D. Foster will make contact and extend the invitation.

3. Discussed APS training and the current role of CDWA Adult Services Committee, PSOC and CDSS Adult Services Branch. Juliet Webb is this year's CWDA Adult Services Co-chair.

Action: Juliet will pass-on the concerns expressed by CCASSC members and reinforce that a regional training structure for APS that is "county driven" is an imperative.

4. Roundtable discussion with Merced Co. Supervisor Hub Walsh and Michelle Gibbons of CSAC. The CSAC Poverty Workgroup welcomes a partnership with CCASSC to help refine its agenda for poverty reduction in California. Information about the workgroup and its activities can be found at: http://www.counties.org/poverty-working-group

<u>Action:</u> P. Poulsen will be the CCASSC representative to work with CSAC and their Poverty Workgroup.

<u>Action</u>: Patty will develop a CCASSC Poverty Presentation for the CSAC workgroup to familiarize them with Central Region issues and data that CCASSC has explored.

<u>Action</u>: D. Foster will provide Supervisor Walsh and Michele Gibbons with CCASSC information on subsidized Employment.

<u>Action</u>: D. Foster/ P. Poulson will meet with SJVPH to plan next joint convening which will focus on poverty and health disparities.

5. Issues related to small county needs and foster care recruitment were discussed.

<u>Action</u>: CCASSC letter to be drafted in support of small county needs.