

CCASSC Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2025
Sea Venture
100 Ocean View Ave
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Presents

Yvonnia Brown

Tracey Belson

Christine Chung Camacho

Sydney Forga

Katherine Harwell

Nadia Lopez

Donna Lutz

Francena Martinez

Lito Morillo

Marina Rodriguez-Lopez

Kelly Woodard

Christopher Woods

1. Roundtable – Group

Kelly Woodard discussed Student Stipend group. Discussed starting in November 2025 as not enough time to do time to prepare for September. The plan is two presentations November 2025, February 2026, and April 2026.

Kelly Woodard announced the Student Stipend results. Lito Morillo and Christine Huber were thanked for their participation on the panel. Six students were selected.

Donna Lutz discussed the IVE Graduate Listening Sessions. What is happening with IVE Students coming into the workforce. CDSS will be sending out surveys.

Conversation between the counties and University Leadership. What are enhancements? Education and Workforce Development.; what skills are missing from the Graduates. CDSS sending out a survey. Looking at 2-3 hours. We will support note taking. Then hopefully a good assessment. Hoping this is a good opportunity. David Foster, Dave McDowel, Alison Book going around the state to glean information. Looking at county needs and where the programs need to be retooled. He suggested some in this group may want to participate.

Extend beyond IVE. Sometime this year. Generational issues discussed.

Medi Cal – feels like it is going backward. In Home Supportive Services is a concern as well. Pauses in hiring and ACA expansion discussed.

2. Impacts of the State Budget – Chris Woods. Counties are worried. CSAC sent out letters, CAOs being encouraged to participate. The next contact will come from Berkeley. They have a proposed dashboard. Mandates and unfunded mandates will become a big issue.

3. Cal-OAR – Implementation System Improvement

Some had minimal feedback, some evaluators approaches is different. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion included in feedback. One County discussed their Cal-Aar

System improvement plan. It was concerning as to what they expect from the county.

4. Cal SAWS – Chris Woods and Francena Martinez will be calling a meeting.
5. Strategic Planning CWDA meeting - Katherine Harwell
CWDA Planning, first meeting June 13, 2025. Provided materials in the packet.
CWDA is working on a 5-year strategic plan to move policy forward

CWDA will be sending out a survey and updated documents. Lot of conversation. Bypass, front end of child welfare. This is not included in Child Welfare Statement. Survey coming out with about 10 questions. Do you agree with CWDA positional changes? Looking for a vision for the future. They will be developing goals for Self Sufficiency. Same for Children's, Adults. Does this meet CWDA strategic goal? How did the session go for you and what do you want for August? Thoughts on the strategic planning session. Several did not attend. Survey due next Friday. Discussion would have liked to have seen document before meeting. Priorities discussed; where did they come from? It might be premature. Discussion on what members vs. what CWDA wants.

Aligning staff and system change discussed. This does not feel like System change. The structure, structural change, governance. Aligning staff should have occurred first. Chris Woods will reach out to Shelby Boston.

Kathy Harwell provided handouts. A survey will be sent to the Director's July 19th. Survey will be due by July 25th

6. CARES – Continued Discussion – Group
The Letter got people's attention. Diana Boyer, has been raising awareness about Regional Training Academies.
Office of Technology and Solutions Integration. They have been educating them on how our counties are being served. Big thanks goes to Terry Luna. Looking at hiring a third person. Next step is getting access; Donna is working on it. Forms can go on when they start pilot. Getting ready to provide services after the rollout.
7. Cal AIM – Implementation – Tracey Belton
Discussion of Enhanced Care Management services. Interface needs to improve. One county has signed a Memorandum of Understanding. Ombudsmen can help fix the fee for services.
8. CANS CFT – David Foster – August 7, workforce development discussion regarding reporting back to CDSS on compliance. David will report back.

David reported that he and Diana Boyer want to meet with Dave McDowell on this issue. They have spoken to the other Regional Training Academies. Meeting has been set for August 7th.

9. Motivational Interviewing.

David Foster asked the group if anyone was going to start Motivational Interviewing (MI). Tracey Belton said her County will begin with Shared Vision. David will send a handout to the group.

10. Attendance at Friday CCASSC Meetings – Group Discussion it was agreed this would be on the agenda for the Friday, September 19, 2025, meeting. Devin Drake suggested revisiting CCASSC Focus Areas, Fiscal, Child Welfare, Adult Welfare and Self Sufficiency and approach/how it is working?

Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings:

September 18, 19 2025 – Self Sufficiency

November 20, 21 2025 - Child Welfare

February 19, 20 2026 - Fiscal

April 30, May 1, 2026 – Adult

July 24, 2026 – Director's Retreat

September 24, 25, 2026 – Self Sufficiency

November 19, 20 2026 – Child Welfare

