

Probation Forum – Issues Update

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The User Resource Services Team (URST) is responsible for maintaining and making available to the counties application user training tools and documentation.

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PROBATION FORUM FOLLOW-UP: July 16, 2014

Twenty two counties, CDSS, and CWS-NS, participated in the discussion.



Legislative Update: Turid Gregory-Furlong provided information on AB 388. In part, AB 388 will require county probation department and child welfare services to consider whether the alleged conduct that appears to bring the dependent minor within the description of a WIC 602 ward was within the scope of behaviors to be managed or treated by the foster home or facility when determining which status is most appropriate for the youth. Further, performance standards and outcomes measures must be developed that serve to minimize law enforcement contacts and delinquency petition filings arising in group homes. A more detailed summary of AB 388 will be attached to these minutes.

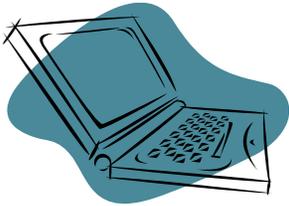
CRC/Compliance Reports: Cathy Jackson asked if Probation Departments were using the compliance reports from Safe Measures, and if so, what their experience has been. Five counties responded and overall found the reports useful, with exception to AFCARS. Cathy will report this information back to CDSS management. Additionally, Cathy will provide updated information on this subject at the September Forum.

Katie A Update: Katie A v. Bonta refers to a class action lawsuit filed in federal district court in 2002 and settled in 2011 concerning the availability of intensive mental health services to children in California who are either in foster care or at imminent risk of coming into care. Information as to the requirements resulting from this lawsuit can be found at: <http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/PG3346.htm> and ACL 14-29.

ACL 14-36: This ACL was developed after a 2013 Audit regarding candidacy for foster care. Counties are encouraged to read this ACL as it provides direction and forms to Counties on evaluating for imminent risk and reasonable candidacy for foster care, and Title IV-E Pre-Placement Case Plans.

ACIN 1-21-14: The Prison Rape Eliminate Act (PREA) and its impact on group homes. The applicability of PREA on group homes commonly used by probation remains in question. This subject will be placed on the September Forum Agenda for further discussion.

ACL 14-38: Based upon recent changes to State Law, all minors and non-minors in foster care shall have the same rights including for those 12 years of age or older access to age-appropriate, medically accurate information about reproductive health care, the prevention of unplanned pregnancy, and the prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections. Minors and non-minors are to be informed of their rights at least once every six months.



Identity Theft Update: Rick Pimentel reported two credit reporting agencies (CRAs) are currently involved in the batch process used by CDSS (Equifax should be included in the next batch).

ACL 14-23: Is a good source for additional information.

Important: When counties are requesting reports from the CRA's, use the address from time period of CDSS batch and the SSN in CWS/CMS, do not use the DOB.

A Webinar on Credit Reports will be held Wednesday August 20, 2014 from 1-3pm.

Here is the link for the webinar <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/124457842>

Email Rick Pimentel if there are questions: Rick.Pimentel@dss.ca.gov

Provide Rick with the Credit Report survey

NYTD: Theresa Thurmond provided additional information on the credit reports and gave an update on NYTD: CDSS is requesting quarterly reports from the CRAs to determine whether youth have credit histories. Counties ought to make request for the reports at least annually for 16 and 17 year olds. Thirty-seven counties have made contact with Experian. Probation Departments are encouraged to coordinate with their local CPS Division regarding Experian as that CRA is only accepting one contract from each county.

Information is located on the extranet noting which youth have credit reports with the CRAs. The NYTD POC will have the password to access this information.

Reminder: QA Reports for NYTD, are to be sent to NYTDdata@dss.ca.gov ILP Services Report indicate some county probation departments are showing zero to low number of services entered into CWS/CMS

A NYTD ACL will be coming out shortly regarding the survey for 21 year olds.

Training Update: Cathy Groh will be returning on August 11th.

Cheryl Binkley reported a Training Needs Assessment survey was recently completed involving 44 counties surveyed. 42 counties responded indicating they have training needs using the CWS/CMS system. This response detailed a need greater than originally expected. To request training, counties are asked to contact Luanne Puno at lpuno@ucdavis.edu or by calling (530) 757-8646.

Probation Consultant Position: The CWS/CMS New System Project is looking to recruit a representative from a Probation Department to assist in the development of the new CWS/CMS system. All interested individuals are encouraged to email Laura Beeman at: Laura.Beeman@osi.ca.gov

NEXT PROBATION FORUM September 17, 2014

New Time: 2:00-3:30

(877) 214-6371

Participant Code: 933687

Adobe Connect Meeting Link:

<http://cahealthosi.adobeconnect.com/probation/>

FUTURE AGENDA SUGGESTIONS: If there are concerns or issues you would like added to next meeting's agenda, please submit them to Harold Rowe @ harold.rowe@osi.ca.gov.