PROBATION FORUM FOLLOW-UP: September 17, 2014

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

Legislative Update: Harold Rowe provided information on AB 2607. If signed by Governor Brown, AB 2607 would require a minor or non-minor released from juvenile detention upon an out-of-home placement order unless the court determines that a delay in the release from detention is deemed “reasonable.” “Reasonable” does not include - Delays caused by administrative processes, including, but not limited to, the work load of probation officers. Harold strongly encourages everyone to review this legislation on their own.

NYTD: The survey for 21 year olds begins October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. The incentive is $100. These youth took the survey at age 17 in FFT 2011 and are part of the defined cohort 1. Many took the survey at age 19 in FFY 2013 but many did not because they could not be located. However, all youth who took it at age 17 need to be contacted again. If a youth’s birth date falls between October 1 and March 31, they can take the survey at any time during those six months, no need to wait for the birth date.

The 17 year old population is the only group that has the 45 day window after the birth date requirement. Any youth turning 17 up until September 30, 2014, still has 45 days in which to take the survey and receive the incentive payment. Therefore, if a youth turns 17 on September 30, he/she would have until November 14 to finish the survey. For additional information/questions contact: NYTD@dss.ca.gov

Identity Theft Updates and SCR 8496
16 counties have entered into agreement with Equifax and TransUnion. However, these require a $500 fee. Experian will take manual requests.
- Only Equifax charges the $500 fee. TransUnion and Experian are free.
- No requests should be sent to CDSS. CDSS will not forward any requests to the credit reporting agencies.
- CDSS does quarterly batch requests with the credit reporting agencies and posts the inquiry results on the extranet for the Points of Contact to retrieve. The counties must then request any indicated credit reports directly from the credit reporting agencies. Requests are to be sent to ilpolicy@cdss.ca.gov

ACIN 1-21-14 The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) CDSS concluded PREA does not apply to group homes used by Probation Departments. According to the Department of Justice, facilities that house Juvenile Justice Youth are covered by PREA. Placement representatives from four Probation Departments have advised they will only use programs compliant with PREA standards. CDSS will take this matter under review.
CRC/Compliance Reports: CDSS is working with Safe Measures to see if a report can be created that shows whether or not FC23 data elements are being entered in CWS/CMS. It was suggested that rather than focusing on FC23 data elements, counties should look at the outcome measures. However, after being trained on the entry of FC23 data elements, counties would like a way to measure their progress.

NS Update and Update on Probation Consultant: CDSS has a new format to provide updates on the New System. Topics include Staffing and Procurements, Milestones, Risks & Issues, Stakeholder Events. Most recent information can be requested by emailing CWS-NSP@dss.ca.gov or calling 916-651-5927

New System staff is asking Probation representatives assistance to review of the Request for Proposal (RFP). To do so, a nomination form must be submitted. An email will be sent out to Counties regarding nomination forms. Nomination forms are due by October 1, 2014. A kick-off meeting is scheduled for October 20th. Once the nomination form has been submitted, the meeting information along with a summary of all sections to be reviewed will be sent out. The review process will be done via in-person, Lync, and/or by Adobe connect so staff will not have to travel. Reviews will cover: Technical, Business Processes/Requirements, and Procurement

Probation Consultant Position: The CWS/CMS New System Project continues to recruit a representative from a Probation Department to assist in the development of the new CWS/CMS system. The Probation Consultant would: Remain a county employee, be on loan to state, and be guaranteed return rights back to County service. All interested individuals are encouraged to email Laura Beeman at: Laura.Beeman@osi.ca.gov

Placement Fair 2014: Sacramento County Probation is hosting this event to provide placement officers an opportunity to network and showcase various in-state and out-of-state placement programs. 

   Date & Time: October 23, 1014  1:00-4:00
   Location: 4000 Branch Center Road, Sacramento, CA 95827
   For more information email: mckownj@saccounty.net

NEXT PROBATION FORUM
November 19, 2014
New Time: 2:00-3:30
(877) 873-8017
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.