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FOSTER CARE SERVICES COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting September 9, 1993
5454 Ruffin Road, Room 201
San Diego, CA 92123

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Patty Boles	Diana Dixon	Margie Davis
Sandra Boelter	Ron Hasbrooke	
Tina Brewster	Clyrinda Milke	
Rick Clark	Nadiene Sahagun	
Laura Colligan	Luis Villegas	
Bonnie Feinman	Grace Young	
Anne Fitzpatrick		
Lennie Hart		
Mary Henthorne		
Lola Hobbs		
Virginia Kelly		
Denise Kerwood		
Eleanor Smith		
Delores Stroh		
Tom Wickline		

I. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order by Chair Sandra Boelter at 12:20 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda. Motion carried and approved for agenda by members.

III. Approval of the Minutes. Rick Clark needs to be listed as one of the Members Absent. Minutes of August 12, 1993, then approved as corrected.

IV. Items for Consideration.

A. Update Reports

FCSC Ad Hoc Steering Committee. This committee has met August 23, 1993, and September 9, 1993. The recommendations from this committee are attached. Bylaws and procedures to be evaluated. The Board of Supervisors are to pass an official ordinance and this will be a future agenda item.

Motion, seconded and carried to approve the committee's recommendations.

The minutes are to reflect that the Foster Care Services Committee was formed on February 17, 1976, and was Board of Supervisors approved on September 14, 1976.

Community Agencies. The Association of Foster Family Agencies (AFFA) is busy with committees and trainings. They are looking at attempts to let new social workers know about FFA's as a resource. Tina Brewster is the vice-chair of AFFA.

Foster Parent Associations. The Associations have reconvened after the summer, and it is business as usual. There will be a State training in November in Sacramento. Discussion about grievances followed; it was recommended that information about grievance procedures be incorporated in the Our Child newsletter and a mailing to foster parents from the Foster Home Licensing section be considered.

Foster Parent Liaisons. No report.

GOLD. Executive meeting attended in Sacramento; GOLD representative hoping to see new legislation introduced. Items representative discussed included: (1) Placements with non-offending parents; (2) Juvenile Court possibly mandating immediate guardianship under limited conditions; (3) Changing the definition of "parent".

Mental Health. AB 3632 being implemented; referrals are to go to Kemper clinic. Representative mentioned that referrals on foster children are coming from Riverside County.

Probation. Letters went out to foster parents asking for interest in placements.

Schools. No report.

Childrens Services Bureau. State Department of Social Services approved direct cost for transportation in the foster care rates. The medication cost will remain with the county.

Bonnie Feinman announced that the Foster Parent Appreciation Evening will be held October 22, 1993, at 7 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Temple in Mission Valley. Invitations are to go out in mid-September.

Joint Commission on Children and Youth. Representative passed out study on foster care reunification (see attached). The Commission is still a commission.

Licensing. No report.

Income Maintenance Bureau. No report.

B. Training. Flyers for fall trainings are being distributed to FFA's and foster parents.

V. Old Business. No old business.

VI. New Business. No new business.

VII. Next Meeting. Next meeting is October 14, 1993.

VIII. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

FCSC STEERING AD HOC COMMITTEE

Recommendations

The FSCS Steering Ad Hoc Committee met on August 23, 1993 and September 9, 1993 and developed the following recommendations:

1. Instruct the Steering Ad Hoc Committee to report back in 60 days to address these issues:

   - The membership composition for the FCSC Committee-- include recommendations relative to adding/deleting memberships;
   - Recommendations on the voting status of each member;
   - A nomination and election process which addresses cultural diversity issues;
   - Composition and structure of subcommittees.

2. Make no change in the current structure and functioning for 90 days pending the committee's report and an ordinance change from the Board.

3. Change the name to Foster Care/Relative Services Committee.