**Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee Meeting – June 5, 2024**

**DSS CWS Data**

 **Staffing Information**

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| **Child Welfare Staff Task Area Detail – May 2024** |
| **Task Area** | **Staff** | **Vacancies** |
| *Court Officers, Court Intake, Court Ongoing*  | 17 | 3 |
| *Hotline* | 14 | 3 |
| *Emergency Response* | 63 | 5 |
| *Family Reunification / Family Maintenance / FR Training/El Puente* | 77 | 11 |
| *Voluntary Family Maintenance* | 10 | 0 |
| *Permanency Planning (PPLA)/NMD/ILP* | 43 | 4 |
| *Adoptions / Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)/NRLG* | 24 | 4 |
| *TDM/CFT, RFS, ISFC, WRAP, EdL; Shelter MOD C* | 19 | 3 |
| *Support Staff (SWA, OA, SAS)* | 123 | 10 |
| *Family Finding* | 1 | 1 |
| *Resource Family Approval (RFA) (Intake, Ongoing, Family Eval, D/C)*  | 22 | 8 |
| *Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)* | 7 | 0 |
| *Supervision (Social Work Supervisors, Supervising Office Assistants)* | 60 | 4 |
| *Leadership (Program Managers, Administrative Assistants, and Program Technicians* | 26 | 2 |
| *Long-Term Medical LOA – Social Workers* | 1 | - |
| **Total** | **507** | **58** |

*Table I: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by task area, for filled allocations and vacancies (Internal tracking). As of 05/27/24.*

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| **Child Welfare Job Class Detail – May 2024** |  |
| **Position Title** | **Staff** | **Vacancies** | **LOAs** |
| *Social Workers (SW/SWP)* | 298 | 43 | 5 |
| *Social Work Aides (SWA)* | 39 | 4 | 0 |
| *Office Assistants (OA)* | 80 | 5 | 0 |
| *Substance Abuse Specialists (SAS)* | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| *Social Work Supervisors (SWS)* | 51 | 3 | 0 |
| *Supervising Office Assistants (SOA)* | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| *Program Technicians* | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| *Administrative Assistants* | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| *Program Managers (PM)* | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total** | **507** | **58** | **5** |
| *Case Management Social Workers (SW/SWP)* | 175 | 19 | 5 |
| *Non-Case Carrying Social Workers (SW/SWP)* | 123 | 24 | 0 |
| **Total Social Workers *(SW/SWP)*** | **298** | **27** | **5** |

*Table II: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by job class (internal tracking). As of 05/27/24.*

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| **Child Welfare Support (Non-CWS Allocations) – May 2024** |
| **Position Title** | **Staff** | **Vacancies** |
| *Eligibility Workers (EW)* | 26 | 4 |
| *Social Services Program Supervisors (SSPS)* | 4 | 0 |
| *Office Assistants (OA)* | 5 | 0 |
| **Total** | **35** | **4** |

*Table III: DSS Non-CWS Allocations (Internal Tracking). As of 05/27/24.*

**Referral and Case Information**

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| **Child Maltreatment Referrals by Allegation Type** |
| **Allegation Type** | **March 2024** | **April 2024** |
| *Physical Abuse* | 232 (16.3%) | 257 (14.7%) |
| *Emotional Abuse*  | 230 (16.1%) | 281 (16.1%) |
| *Neglect*  | 673 (47.2%) | 807 (46.1%) |
| *Sexual Abuse* | 77 (5.4%) | 79 (4.5%) |
| *Other/At Risk* | 213 (15.0%) | 326 (18.6%) |
| **Total Allegations** | **1,425 (100%)** | **1,750 (100%)** |

*Table IV: Contrasted referral counts categorized by type of allegation. The data also include referrals that were evaluated out, and not necessarily followed up on for investigation. Therefore, not all reported referrals were investigated. Referrals may have multiple allegation types, so the number of clients will differ from the total number of allegations. Source: SafeMeasures. Investigations. Allegation Type – By Client. Extracted: 05/20/2024.*

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| **Referral Outcomes** |
| **Referral Outcomes** | **March 2024** | **April 2024** |
| *Evaluated Out* | 755 (56.8%) | 851 (54.4%) |
| *Substantiated* | 50 (3.8%) | 64 (4.1%) |
| *Inconclusive* | 175 (13.2%) | 183 (11.7%) |
| *Unfounded* | 144 (10.8%) | 179 (11.4%) |
| *Other/Not Recorded* | 204 (15.4%) | 287 (18.4%) |
| **Total Referral Outcomes** | **1,328 (100%)** | **1,564 (100%)** |

*Table V: This table shows the findings for all referrals received. For referrals with multiple clients/allegations, only the highest finding is reported according to the following hierarchy: evaluated out, substantiated, inconclusive, unfounded, or other. Definitions: evaluated out = information provided does not meet the criteria for further investigation or it is determined that there is insufficient evidence to proceed; substantiated = investigation or assessment found credible evidence to support the allegation of abuse or neglect; inconclusive = after investigation, there is not enough evidence to either substantiate or refute the allegations of child maltreatment; unfounded = the investigation or assessment determined that there is no credible evidence to support the allegations of child maltreatment; other/not recorded = the case is still under active consideration or investigation, and a decision or outcome has not yet been determined or communicated. SafeMeasures. Referral Outcomes. Extracted: 05/20/2024.*

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| **Caseload by Task Area** |
| **Task Area** | **March 2024** | **April 2024** |
| *Family Reunification (FR)* | 731 | 686 |
| *Family Maintenance (FM)* | 109 | 91 |
| *Permanency Planning (PPLA)* | 657 | 646 |
| *Supportive Transitions (ST)* | 130 | 142 |
| *Emergency Response (ER)* | 49 | 52 |
| *Adoptions* | 519 | 496 |
| *Voluntary Family Maintenance (VFM)* | 113 | 109 |
| **Total** | **2,308** | **2,222** |

*Table VI: The data represent the number of cases by task area. Permanency Planning data were calculated by subtracting Adoption case counts. Family Maintenance data were calculated by subtracting Voluntary Family Maintenance (VFM) cases. Source: SafeMeasures. All Open Cases. Case Subset by Service Component and Voluntary Status. Extracted: 05/20/2024. Average Caseload Range – FR/FM: 15-20 cases, Adoptions: 40-45 cases, PPLA/ST: 30-35 cases, and VFM: 10 cases.*

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| **Case Count by Ethnicity** |
| **Ethnicity** | **March 2024** | **April 2024** |
| *White* | 374 (16.2%) | 358 (16.1%) |
| *Black* | 357 (15.5%) | 346 (15.6%) |
| *Latino* | 1,423 (61.7%) | 1,384 (62.3%) |
| *Asian/Pacific Islander* | 103 (4.5%) | 94 (4.2%) |
| *Native American* | 27 (1.2%) | 26 (1.2%) |
| *Not Reported* | 24 (1.0%) | 14 (0.6%) |
| **Total** | **2,308 (100%)** | **2,222 (100%)** |

*Table VII: The data show a total case count by ethnicity. Source: SafeMeasures. All Open Cases. Case Subset by Service Component and Non-Voluntary Status. Extracted 05/20/2024.*

**FURS Data**

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| **FURS Summary Report** |
| **Metrics** | **February 2024** | **March 2024** | **April 2024** |
| *Total Number of Calls* | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| *Number of Phone Responses* | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| *Number of In-Person Mobile Responses* | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| *Average Mobile Response Time* (Minutes) | 35 | 49 | 45 |
| **Caller Type Totals from January 2024 through March 2024** |
| *Foster Parent* | 3 |
| *Social Worker* | 1 |
| *Other (Adoptive Parent, Congregate Care, Caregiver, Youth, School Staff)*  | 6 |
| **Total Number of Calls from February 2024 through April 2024** | **10** |
| **Average Response Time from Call Received to Arrival (Minutes)** | **41** |

*Table VIII: Number of calls for service and average mobile response time (Internal Tracking). Note: Per State legislation and contract terms, all calls that are deemed eligible by the Statewide FURS hotline and are triaged to the County level are categorized one of two ways: "urgent" which requires a response within one (1) hour, but not to exceed three (3) hours, or "non-urgent" which requires a response the same day (within 24 hours). It is the caller who determines the category, depending upon whether they would like an urgent response (within 1 hour, but not to exceed 3 hours) or not. All responses are in-person, face-to-face responses, unless the caller states they do not want an in-person response.*

**Placement Metrics**

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| **Entry into Placement – October 2022 to September 2023** |
| **Placement Type** | **County of Fresno (#/%)** | **Statewide (#/%)** |
| *Pre-Adoption* | 1 (0.1%) | 39 (0.2%) |
| *Relative / Non-Related Extended Family Member (NREFM)* | 214 (27.5%) | 6,131 (33.7%) |
| *Foster Home* | 119 (15.3%) | 4,337 (23.9%) |
| *Foster Family Agency (FFA)* | 407 (52.2%) | 5,412 (29.8%) |
| *Court Specified*  | 1 (0.1%) | 128 (0.7%) |
| *Group Home* | 20 (2.6%) | 281 (1.5%) |
| *Shelter* | 0 (0.0%) | 1,300 (7.2%) |
| *Guardian* | 10 (1.3%) | 461 (2.5%) |
| *Supervised Independent Living Program (SILP)* | 0 (0.0%) | 12 (0.1%) |
| *Other/Missing\** | 7 (0.9%) | 78 (0.4%) |
| **Total** | **779 (100%)** | **18,179 (100%)** |

*Table IX: Source: SafeMeasures. AB 636 Measure 4b: Placement Entries. Extracted: 10/17/2023. (Report currently under maintenance) \*Number of children who were missing a placement setting or did not have a placement setting when they entered placement.*

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| **Number of Placements from Removal to End Placement Date – April 2024** |
| **Placements** | **Count** | **%** |
| *1* | 739 | 38.2% |
| *2* | 456 | 23.6% |
| *3-5* | 503 | 26.0% |
| *6+* | 229 | 11.8% |
| *Missing Placement Count* | 8 | 0.4% |
| **Total** | **1,935** | **100%** |

*Table X: The data show the sequential number of placements for youth in foster care from initial entry to the end of placement. Source: SafeMeasures. Episode Placement Count. Extracted 05/20/2024.*

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| **Placements by Facility Type – April 2024** |
| **Placement Facility Type** | **In County** | **Out of County** | **Not Recorded** | **Total** |
| *Group Home / STRTP* | 42 (2.6%) | 17 (6.2%) | 0 (0.0%) | 59 (3.3%) |
| *RFA - Relative/NREFM Home* | 459 (27.7%) | 82 (30.1%) | 0 (0.0%) | 541 (28.0%) |
| *RFA - Resource Home* | 227 (13.7%) | 31 (11.4%) | 0 (0.0%) | 258 (13.8%) |
| *Foster Family Agency* | 608 (36.7%) | 94 (34.6%) | 0 (0.0%) | 702 (36.2%) |
| *Supervised Independent Living* | 56 (3.4%) | 23 (8.5%) | 0 (0.0%) | 79 (3.9%) |
| *Guardian Home - Non-Dependent* | 223 (13.5%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 223 (11.5%) |
| *Guardian Home - Dependent* | 35 (2.1%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 35 (1.8%) |
| *Other* | 5 (0.3%) | 25 (9.2%) | 0 (0.0%) | 30 (1.5%) |
| **Total** | **1,655 (85.9%)** | **272 (14.1%)** | **0 (0.0%)** |  **1,927 (100%)** |

*Table XI: Placements by facility type for youth placed in-county, and out of county. Source: SafeMeasures. Placement Facility Type. Extracted: 05/20/2024.*

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| **Out of State Placements – April 2024** |
| **Placement Facility Type** | **Count** | **%** |
| *Court Specified Home* | 21 | 75.0% |
| *In-Home* | 3 | 10.7% |
| *Relative/NREFM Home* | 0 | 0.0% |
| *Supervised Independent Living (SILP)* | 4 | 14.3% |
| **Total** | **28** | **100%** |

*Table XII: The data show out of state placements, broken down by placement facility type. Source: SafeMeasures. Disaster Map for All Children Receiving Services – By Assignment. Extracted: 05/20/2024*.

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| **Additional Placement Metrics – April 2024** |
| **Placement within 30 days of Entry** | **Count** |
| *Youth Placed with a Relative within 30 days of Entry* | 17 |

*Table XIII: The data show the number of youths placed with a relative within 30 days of entry into foster care (Internal Tracking).*

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| **Siblings Placed Together – April 2024** |
| **Placement Type** | **Count** | **%** |
| *Placed with All Siblings* | 671 | 55.7% |
| *Placed with Some Siblings* | 247 | 20.5% |
| *Not Placed with Any Siblings* | 286 | 23.8% |
| **Total** | **1,204** | **100%** |

*Table XIV: The data show the number of youths placed with all, some, or none of their siblings. Excludes “only children”, children without siblings in placement, or placements with an agency responsible type of adoption, mental health or Kin-GAP. Note: Siblings are counted if the relationship to the child in placement is whole, half, step- or maternal sibling. Extracted: 05/20/2024*.

**DSS Juvenile Dependency Court Stats**

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| **Continuances/Hearings – April 2024** |
| **Courtroom** | **Dept. 21** | **Dept. 22** | **Dept. 23** |
| *Number of Hearings* | 122 | 187 | 127 |
| *Number of Hearings Set to Trial* | 6 | 7 | 4 |
| *# of Continuance DSS* | 10 | 17 | 5 |
| *Continued by Parent’s Attorney* | 9 | 9 | 17 |
| *Continued by the Court* | 3 | 11 | 15 |
| *Continued by FCA* | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| *# of Total Continuances* | 22 | 39 | 39 |
| *% of Continuances* | 18% | 21% | 31% |
| *All Court Rooms (Avg)* | **23%** |
| *DSS Continuance (Avg)* | **7%** |

*Table XV: The table displays the total number of CWS-related court hearings, hearings set to trial, and total number of continuances for the selected month. Source: CWS Program Staff (internal tracking).*

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| **Court Writer Stats by Task Area – April 2024** |
| **FR Court Writer Stats** |  | **ER Court Writer Stats** |
| *Juris* | 2 |  | *Original Petitions* | 25 |
| *Dispo* | 1 |  | *Amended Petitions* | 10 |
| *Juris/Dispo* | 26 |  | *PCWs* | 8 |
| *Petition* | 0 |  | *Arraignments* | 1 |
| *Amended Petition* | 7 |  | *Detentions* | 24 |
| *Detentions* | 0 |  | *Addendum* | 0 |
| *Addendum* | 10 |  | *1513 (A&B)* | 0 |
| *PCW* | 0 |  | *JV-180* | 0 |
| *387* | 0 |  | *Petition to Enter/Interview Minors* | 0 |
| *Review of Dependency Status* | 0 |  | *Ex Parte* | 0 |
| *Continuance Request* | 3 |  | *DEI, # of Children* | 4 |
| *Ex Parte* | 0 |  |
| *JV-180* | 0 |  |
| *RDS 6* | 0 |  |
| *Status Review Report* | 0 |  |
| *Transfer of Case to Different State* | 0 |  |

*Table XVI: The data show metrics for court writers assigned to Family Reunification, and Emergency Response, respectively. Source: CWS Program Staff (internal tracking).*

**Mod-C**

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| **Mod-C Data – April 2024** |
| *Number of Unduplicated Youth* | 20 Youth  |
| *Total Number of Entries (including re-entries)* | 23 Entries  |
| *Number of Re-Entries* | 3 Re-entries |
| *Length of Stay: Less than 9 days* | 17 Youth |
| *Length of Stay: 9 Days or Greater/ Reason*  | 3 Youth |
| *Average Length of Stay* | 6 Days  |
| *Reasons for Entry into Mod-C* | Placement Disruption (4)Return from AWOL (11)Emergency Response Removal (5)Release from JJC (2)Youth from Out of County (1) |

*Table XVII: The data show entries and length of stay for youth using Mod-C housing. Source: CWS Program Staff (internal tracking).*