



## SARB Agenda: November 14, 2018

1:00 pm to 2:30 p.m. Simi Room

5189 Verdugo Way Camarillo CA

- I. **Introductions** - Ray C. Gonzalez, Ralph Velarde, Laurel McWaters, Yvonne Pampalone, George Williams, Linda Calvo, Irene Ornelas, Stef Sisman, Vivian Perelman, Wendy Mayea, Carrie Therault, Phyllis Franco, Liz Jimenez, Steve Slyker, Matt Benitez, Vida Martinez

Thank you for being here. The meeting was open for conversation and the sharing of resources regarding recent events.

- II. **Public Comments.** None

- III. **October 2018 Minutes.** A correction was recommended "Rita" should be "Vita". Ralph move to approve. Laurel seconded the motion.

- IV. **Kids on the Move**

Appreciation and discussion occurred of how OUHSD assisted SVUSD looking for students who were believed to have moved out of SVUSD and into OUHSD's boundaries. The case included information that one of the two truant children wanted to register for school but the parent refused to enroll her.

A question was asked, "At what point would a parent's refusal to enroll a student in school constitute a CPS report, if the student has demonstrated she a desire to enroll and attend?" The discussion included a follow up question, "Could a 272PC violation move a parent to get the child to school?"

For another truant student (w/possible mental health), Gateway and Rio Mesa conducted home visits to get the student enrolled in school. Probation believes school refusal may be the issue.

Public Health has showed up at the court on a court date to meet a family.

It was noted the local SARB schedules may be off due to closed districts including but not limited to Las Virgins, Oak Park.

There are some new updates to CALPADS reporting which requires clarification re. dis-enrolling and reenrolling students. The VCOE CALPADS administrator says students are to be coded as a 160 immediately after Gateway/Providence has turned them over to their home district. No longer would “unknown” be coded during the lag time between leaving the VCOE program and reenrolling in another district. Ralph will clarify this process relative to enrollment, attendance, chronic absenteeism, and SARB. A diagram of the exact process was suggested to help all members understand the SIS coding process.

#### **V. Agenda Reports**

- **District Attorney’s Office.** None
- **Public Defender’s Office.** This is the last county SARB meeting with Matt Benitez. Ms. Perelman will be now representing the PDO. Matt thanked the SARB collaborative.

Ms. Pearlman has a history in misdemeanor trials, nonprofits getting homeless children in San Francisco to school, graduated, and leading successful lives.

For student on probation, districts can contact the public defender to assist in getting a student into school. PD can speak to public defender clients, not juveniles with private representation. Contact Matt until the new e-mail is sent out. Provide the student’s name and DOB.

The more agencies guiding youth to go to school, the more effective the change can be.

- **Probation Agency.** More expelled and suspended are attending the Day Reporting center and receiving mentoring. Love, reinforcement, and gifts, are given to students, particularly at the holidays. Holidays can be a difficult time for some students.

- **Gateway Community School.** Not present.  
Fire staging center is at the airport and the school is closed.
- **Behavior Health.** Not present.  
VCBH is all hands on deck with the shooting and fires.  
Ralph will be sending out links for support. Conejo and Oak Park districts are closed through Thanksgiving.
- **Public Health.**  
Phyllis and Liz attended a training from the **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: [Kidsmartz.org](https://www.kidsmartz.org)** (elementary)  
The training focused on prevention and child safety. Please share with your elementary teachers. Resources include kid friendly cartoons, presentations, lesson plans, videos (for elementary) and tip sheets for teens focused in online safety. [netismartz.org](https://www.netismartz.org) (secondary).  
Materials are user friendly in English and Spanish.  
Contact Information [tbigdeli@ncmec.org](mailto:tbigdeli@ncmec.org) Tina Bigdeli, Outreach Manager at National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

**Tuberculosis** broke out in Rio del Valle School, 24 Hour Fitness, and Oxnard HS, from a family recently relocating to the area with active TB. Altogether, 6 cases of active TB have been identified. PH is involved by treating and isolating those with active TB and the testing, interviewing, educating and reassurance of public safety.

**About TB.** TB is difficult to acquire. Symptoms include: coughing, tiredness, fatigue, blood tinged sputum, night sweats, can be latent. Medicines that can be used for those testing positive. Blood tests (serum quantiferon study) are being used in schools by PH as they are more accurate than skin tests, which can indicate a false or true positive. America does not use the vaccine which is used in other countries where TB is more common.

Primary care physicians can test those who are concerned about exposure. The Public Health TB Clinic at 2500 C Street, Oxnard can also be used.

- **Human Services Agency/Children Family Services.** Not Present.
- **Human Services Agency/CalWORKS.** Not Present.
- **Community Partners.**

**VCOE Health Department.** Irene Ornelas, LCSW, is working on prevention aligned to TUPE grants. She is providing counselors more support and direction for mental health services to our schools. Healthy and Safe Supportive Schools are separated.

Upcoming event: **Resilience** screening w/ACES presentation & panel discussion. February 5, 2019.

**Counselor's Collaborative.** January 21, 2019 w/focus on mental health and resources for schools.

***Social Emotional Response Task Force***

*Consider students and adults in the receipt of mental health help. How do we take care of caregivers as well as those currently suffering?*

- VI. **Monthly Truancy Fines and Fees.** Reviewed handout with a break down of revenues by district.
- VII. **County School Board Certification of Attendance Supervisor update.** SARB is a county function. Certificates were sent out were signed by the county superintendent. A sample was provided in the handout. These certificates respond to the Ed. Code requirement of county boards certifying attendance supervisors and is modeled after LACOE. Ed Code on these matters is being emphasized. Next year, VCOE will consider a half day training for a targeted, previously untrained audience.

Ventura Unified requests an additional training this year so all attendance supervisors at the middle and high school sites in Ventura have the opportunity to be trained.

- VIII. **COECWA Legislative Updates.** This handout was received from COECWA and reviewed. Several components modify language of preexisting laws by including but not limited to groups such as migratory children, students in 10<sup>th</sup> grade/vs. 11<sup>th</sup> grade, military families, and teen parents.

SB216 adds some new language to SARBs (handout provided). Ed Code adds, “chronic absenteeism”. The SARB handbook is being revised to reflect a new law for SARB referrals reflecting SB216 adding “chronic absentees” and requiring districts to document interventions used to deal with attendance.

There was a discussion of how to implement “pregnant teens not be required to finish work”.

Some local districts, such as Simi Valley, are already printing ID cards with Suicide Hotline numbers.

**IX. Vaping on School Campuses; Discussion**

- FDA Warning Letter sample was provided; Tobacco Retailer inspections
- There was a discussion to contact the DA, SRO, or local law enforcement if one suspects a local business is selling vapes to students.
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- VCOE does a lot of work with schools. TUPE also works with students, public health, and law enforcement to survey product placement and advertisements in local businesses for law compliance. Irene also teaches ROP Mind Matters and learned a middle school brother was selling Vape products on behalf of a convenient store.

A problem with the JUULs is that it looks like a flash drive and adults wouldn’t necessarily know what to look for. Packaging is very attractive. Children are getting addicted at an early age.

***What should we look for?*** Vaping doesn’t leave a smell. It dissipates quickly. Vapes are found when searches are conducted, usually for other items i.e. graffiti. Students are hiding the vapes in items such as Sharpies. Students are warned about the addictive nature of vapes which includes second and third hand exposure. There are supposed to be interventions for students who have JUULs confiscated such as a restorative approach. Referrals to substance abuse counseling are being made for students caught with vapes at school. Public Health warns teachers to investigate flash drives, even in computer labs. Vapes have the added risk as they can be explosive i.e. in pockets.

**X. Co-Location FYSCP @ CFS**

- VCOE is working with Social Workers to improve foster youth struggling with attendance

Once a week VCOE is at the CFS Placement Unit to connect with social workers for foster youth not attending school. Districts with particular concerns can notify Ralph with the student's name and he will work with the social worker to intervene to improve truancy/absenteeism.

The Homeless Education Project has started up again through Cathy Nye, who has visited each districts. You may also provide Cathy with info on homeless students who are not attending school as she can do home visits.

**XI. Upcoming Workshops and Resource Information.** Send Ralph a text if you would like these flyers again.

- Special Populations Conference: November 28<sup>th</sup>, VCOE

*The Ruby Payne, The Culture of Poverty, will be leading a workshop.*

- Annual Legislative Update: December 3<sup>rd</sup>, VCOE
- Safe TALK- Suicide Alertness Training: December 6<sup>th</sup>, VCOE
- Agency 101: January 30<sup>th</sup>, VCOE
- Trauma Informed Practice in Schools: Various Dates, VCOE

**XII. Talking to Kids about Mass Shootings.** VCBH and Oak Park have sent out a few resources which will be shared by Ralph.

- <https://www.vcoe.org/news/ArticleID/2186/Tips-on-Talking-to-Kids-about-Mass-Shootings>

