

**SARB Minutes: February 13, 2019**

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

**5100 Adolfo Rd., Camarillo CA**

- I. Introductions.** Sonia Garcia, Vida Martinez, Stef Sisman, Carrie Therault, George Williams, Steve Slyker, Stew McGugan, Norma Perez-Sanford, Ray Gonzales, Irma Villanueva, Wendy Mayea, Carol Bjordahl, Rebecca Rocha, Pablo Duran, Phyllis Franco

- II. Public Comments.** None

- III. January 2019 Minutes**

A brief discussion was held to follow up on Ed Code 48263 and 48260.5. Corrections were made to the CalWorks Section of the minutes. Corrections included: "Families or victims of domestic violence fleeing their abuser are automatically deemed homeless and if CalWORKS eligible, CalWORKS can provide up to 32 days of housing assistance." "Students fleeing their abuser are not required to attend school regularly to receive assistance from CalWORKS."

Ralph moved and Norma seconded the minutes as corrected.

- IV. Kids on the Move** None.

- V. Agenda Reports**

- **District Attorney's Office**
- **Public Defender's Office.** Not present.
- **Probation Agency.** Carrie is still getting information re. the Simi Valley Reporting Center.
- **Gateway Community School.** Not present. WASCing.
- **Behavior Health.** None.
- **Public Health.** The biggest issue in California was a Hepatitis A (spread by fecal oral route) outbreak in the homeless population, not measles. Public Health is immunizing as many as possible for Hep A in relevant regions. Hep A & MMR vaccination is now regularly administered at 1 yr.  
Public Health recommends to report rashes found on even small groups of students at any given school.

- **Human Services Agency/Children Family Services.** None.
- **Human Services Agency/CalWORKS.** Moorpark, Simi Valley, & Santa Paula are the counties regularly e-mailing the SARB agendas to Sonia. All districts can send agendas to [Sonia.garcia@ventura.org](mailto:Sonia.garcia@ventura.org) for the following reason. Agendas/lists are kept confidential by Sonia. Sonia is an extension of the county SARB and is reviewing our cases, despite not being able to attend district level SARB meetings. CalWORKS intervenes with qualifying families. Similarly, Carrie Therault, Probation Officer, receives the entire SARB agenda/list, despite whether or not every SARBed students is receiving services through probation.
  - If student is SARBed, Sonia notifies the caseworker to work with families and comply with compulsory attendance. Sonia maintains confidentiality and only communicates to the relevant worker, “You have a student has being SARBed.”
  - For the month of February, 2 students were identified from in particular school district. To help resolve the issue of concern, CalWORKS provided bus passes.
  - ***Are families of students older than 16 being sanctioned?*** To date, no families have been sanctioned.
  - ***Can Yvonne forward information to CalWORKS?***
  - ***Can CalWORKS communicate work with SARBed families to the school district to eliminate redundancy in providing the same services?*** Yes, Sonia will create a shared district sheet to report back to the district CalWORKS interventions for SARB families.
  - There is a change in law for teen mothers and it would be important to work with them as well.
  - One district observed that a family may be using the “domestic violence” clause to circumvent attendance laws.
- **Community Partners.** None others.

VI. **Monthly Truancy Fines and Fees.** Reviewed.

VII. **Information**

- 2018/2019 SARB Data Summary Sheets. Reviewed. Requested by Ray.
- CALPADS Update Flash #132; Discussion on the Definition of Truancy (5 vs. 9). There needs to be a concerted effort on part of the school to

meet with the parent prior to sending letter 3 or classifying a student as habitually truant.

Different districts send letters based on slightly different criteria: day or partial day absences; some use A2A. Oak Park USD uses the CVUSD SARB. Elementary students do not register as chronically absent or truant if they show up to school at any point in the school day.

Per December's Leg. Update, we can now bring chronic absentees to SARB, not just truants.

**Question: *What do you do when parent claims medical conditions are preventing regular attendance?*** Ideas include: Hold a psychologist, student-parent meeting to discuss needs. The nurse calls doctor to discuss/verify. The nurse or district admin have the doctor on phone at the same time as the parent is present to discuss the problem. [Chronic absentee letter from CDE](#). Call an SST/504 Meeting. Districts can try to get an agreement of what the parent can do. Offer nurse to excuse the absence in the event child has a medical need. Require the parent to provide a doctor's note with each absence. In a mini-SARB tell the parent you will no longer take parent notes.

Document all the school is doing to try to solve the absence.

**Question: *Last year, a 6 y.o. child was identified not enrolled or attending school. What are some options that can be used to fix the problem?*** Compulsory attendance applies to students age 6.

- Site staff should, verify the student is not enrolled in CALPADS. Tell parent they have 10 days to enroll in school and if not, a SARB will be scheduled.
- CPS verified schools can report "failure to enroll in school" to as neglect.
- Non-attendance at multiple SARBs can be cited but is discussed on a case-by-case basis with the SARB team. Families avoiding the SARB process can be cited. Under PC 272 and 270.1 (under 8<sup>th</sup> grade) parent can be cited.
- When SARBed and cited, if truancy continues, a parent is placed on informal probation and later the parent can be violated for probation (up to 10 days) if truancy continues.
- If parent is on probation, site admin report to the parent's PO and see if student attendance can be placed in the terms of probation.

- Get a hold of CalWorks.
- Contact the parent because parents don't want their bosses to know the school district is contacting them at work.

Continue to ask the “why?” questions to get families the support they may need. We likely have more wins than we think. We need to remind ourselves that we do good work in changing behavior.

**VIII. Upcoming Workshops**

- Chronic Truancy and Foster Youth Presentation: April 1<sup>st</sup>- Sacramento, CA
- CASCWA State Conference: April 17-19, Napa CA

**IX. Film Viewing (As Time Allows)-Resilience**

