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**VENTURA COUNTY  
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REVIEW BOARD**

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 –Simi Room

**MEETING MINUTES**

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**I. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS**

**Members Present:**

Ophra Ashur –Ventura County Behavioral Health  
Matt Benitez –Public Defender  
Carol Bjordahl –Pleasant Valley School District  
Maureen Byrne –District Attorney’s Office  
Teresa Cortez –Moorpark Unified School District  
Lorrie Marston –Ocean View School District  
Wendy Mayea –Simi Valley Unified School District  
Laurel McWaters –District Attorney’s Office  
Yvonne Pampalone –District Attorney’s Office  
Stacy Ratner –District Attorney’s Office  
Chris Ridge –Oxnard School District  
Juan Santos –Conejo Valley Unified School District  
Carrie Therault –Probation Agency  
Ralph Velarde –VCOE  
George Williams –Santa Paula Unified School District

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

**III. KIDS ON THE MOVE – None**

**IV. CORRECTIONS – Ms. Ashur’s first name missing the ‘h’; Ms. Marston’s first name spelled in correctly**

**V. AGENCY REPORTS**

- **VC District Attorney's Office**

The topic of having community members at SARB meetings was brought up. It was reported that it is helpful when representatives from community partners attend as they can provide input and discuss resources available. Last year's budget cuts to different public agencies could be attributed to the lack of representation in meetings. Although referrals are still being made to agencies, it is extremely helpful if someone is present in the meetings.

- **VC Probation**

Nothing new to report

- **VC Public Health** –No one in attendance

- **Interface** –No one in attendance

- **Gateway Community School** –No one in attendance

- **Behavioral Health**

Ms. Ashur will be moving on to a new chapter in her career. Heather Johnson, currently with CalWORKS, will be taking her place. The Thomas Fire burned down Vista del Mar, it was the only twelve and over psych hospital in the area. A command center was stationed in the VC fairgrounds to provide support to those affected by the fire. VCBH is also helping escort people evacuated to their homes to grab supplies. They are doing their best at providing support to victims and the community, an emergency operation center has been opened at the Ventura County building. Handouts on resources related to fires will be emailed. ERSes clinicians will be available to the Ventura School District to help prepare school staff on how to best assist students when coming back.

- **Public Defender**

Nothing new to report

- **Human Services** –No one in attendance

## **VI. Presentation**

- **Model SARB Program**

- No one from Renaissance High School present

**VII. MONTHLY TRUANCY FINES AND FEES**

- September's fines and fees were distributed

**VIII. DISCUSSION: JUVENILES ON PROBATION**

- Students who are 602s can be SARB'ed but should not be cited
- Their Probation Officers should file a violation of Probation
- Schools should be working with Probation in regards to students who are not attending school and are on formal Probation
- The comment was made that it might be necessary for Dr. Rice and the Judge to revisit 602s not being cited

**IX. EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE**

- AB 2815 amends Ed. Code 48240 to specify/modify responsibilities of supervisor of attendance
- School districts should have a Supervisor of Attendance appointed
  - New and expanded responsibilities are to facilitate the implementation of more effective practices to address chronic absenteeism and truancy, and to prevent dropouts
  - This is now included on the LCAP
- Takes SARB from Board of Trustees and gives it to school districts
- Participants who attended the SARB training at VCOE on November 1, 2016 will be receiving a certificate

**X. TRAININGS/ WORKSHOPS/ RESOURCES**

- Annual Legislative Update on December 7<sup>th</sup> was postponed new date TBD
- 2018-2019 LCAP Trainings for District and Charter LCAP teams, February 1<sup>st</sup>
- LACOE SARB Symposium, March 16<sup>th</sup> 8am-12pm, registration information to follow

**XI. CDE/ DATA QUEST**

- Truancy and Discipline data from 2016-2017 is now available to the public

**XII. FIRES**

- Looking at how to identify/ classify data in regards to the Thomas Fire, how to mark attendance and how to identify those students who were held back because of air quality
- Wavers were being submitted to the California Department of Education for missed days
- If school district has been impacted by Fire, data collected are to be identified as “Thomas Fire” so in the future data can be extracted
- Students whose family lost their home, can be identified as homeless or doubled up if living with someone –will have McKinney Vento rights

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting will be held on January 10, 2018