

Coordinating Council Meeting May 9, 2014

Welcome, Introductions and Review Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by Lindy Khan.

In attendance:

Frank	Acojido	Acalanes
John	Angell	John Swett

Dan Cabral District Attorney's Office

Pete Cardinale Liberty
Gene Clare Liberty
Bettye Davis WCCUSD
Maria De la Luz Bordanaro Oakley

Laura Delahunt District Attorney's Office

Fran English Moraga
Steve France Acalanes
Julio Franco WCCUSD

Patrick Gaffney Clayton Valley Charter

Scott Herbert **SRVUSD** Greg Hettrick Oakley Phil Kader Probation Lindy Khan CCCOE Lynn Mackey CCCOE Bob Sanchez Antioch

o District Personnel Changes/New Members (update contact list)

Gene Clare is retiring from the Liberty Union High School District.

Jan Steed will be leaving the Brentwood Union School District.

Greg Hettrick will be moving from Oakley Unified to Brentwood Union School District and wil be the Director of Student Services.

Bettye Davis and Julio Franco from WCCUSD have joined the group.



District Attorney's Office

News from the District Attorney

Laura Delahunt informed the group their office is filing a truancy case against a parent in the John Swett district. The children are ages 8 and 10 and have missed 32 out of 96 school days. The district had followed all the protocols and intervention steps, but the parent refused to cooperate.

Judge Laettner has opened up 10 additional SARB slots for Mt. Diablo district. Dan Cabral and Laura asked if it would be beneficial to have the judge participate in one of the CC meetings. All agreed that it would be beneficial and were willing to hold the meeting in the judge's courtroom during a lunch break. A tentative date was set for June 3rd. Laura will confirm this date and the group will be notified via email.

Judge Laettner is trying to come up with other creative ways to implement punishment for truant students and is open to suggestions from the group. There was much discussion regarding electronic monitoring and the added expense to the probation department and lack of personnel to monitor the devices 24/7. Lindy mentioned that at the STATE SARB meeting, folks from Hayward did a presentation on their attendance awareness efforts. Hayward's program involves the community; and local businesses have agreed not allow students into their establishments during school hours and there is a number for them to call to report truants. It was agreed by the group that a multi-layered strategy to the truancy problem, involving court, community participation, incentives and mental health services is the ideal approach.

Court & Community School LCAP

• Priority Area 9: Coordination of Instruction for Expelled Youth - District Input irregular attendance to SARB.

Lynn asked for input from the group regarding expelled youth. The group will get back to her with any input.

State SARB: Legislation Updates

o AB 1643 (Buchanan) County SARBs

Mandates County SARB's: in reading the wording, Lindy realized the purpose of County SARBS was to convene a group, provide coordination of services throughout the county. A County SARB doesn't have to actually hear SARB cases but could do so for districts who choose not to, or don't have the resources available for SARB hearings. At the last CC meeting it was made clear that the majority of the group that a County SARB would just add another layer of services and not represent a separate entity. Lindy has been in discussion with charter/community schools. Currently there are 2 charter schools in the county, and two more will be coming on board for the 14-15 school year. A county



SARB for the above could refer students if needed and provide a limited scope/time for these types of schools to help facilitate with mental health/District attorney/ probation etc. It's easier for the resources, such as mental health, district attorney's office and probation, to go to one location.

o SB 1296 (Leno) Contemptuous Habitual Truants

This bill would prohibit the lockup of juveniles for being habitually truant. There are only 3 counties in the state that currently utilize this, and they want the ability to retain the right to this option. It is an expensive option since youth in juvenile hall can not be mixed/housed with other inmates. The bill is moving quickly, and there was no written opposition presented at the state SARB meeting in Sacramento on 4/24.

Fall Attendance Awareness Campaign

- Poster & essay contests & video the attendance poster and essay contest is closing today. We have close to two hundred submissions. A group will meet on May 27 to read the essays and judge the posters. The first 100 entries will receive a \$10 Target gift card. The best essay and poster winners will receive a \$200 Target gift card. Additionally, five \$100 Target gift cards will be awarded to the top 5 entries in each category. This contest is funded by a \$2,000 donation from United Way East Bay and a \$1,000 donation by ACSA Region 6.
- Attendance Initiatives
 Judge Hardie's Keeping Kids in School initiative just created 3 task forces to address the following issues:
 - Resources: identify and bring together available resources
 - Funding: Seek grants, and funding from corporations and companies, such as the Thomas J. Long Foundation which is a current sponsor of the Attendance Learning Network involving three districts (Mt. Diablo, Antioch and John Swett). Some of the Long's funds were set aside for an outside faciliator. However, Lindy has assumed this roll and these funds can be used for the attendance campaign.
 - Attendance Fall Campaign: Identifying ways to raise awareness about the truancy/chronic absentee issue. The plan is to identify products and resources to provide to each district and charter school using the funds from the Long's Foundation. Lindy would like to convene a summer task group to solicit ideas and to develop plans for the use of these funds.

District Sharing

Updates from all

Acalanes: Mental Health issues always come up. They are offering professional development for their assistant principals in order to identify students sooner.

Oakley: Held a study session on attendance with their Board. They are looking at ways to improve and planning on putting things in place for next year.



Liberty: Is continuing their efforts towards early intervention prior to SARB.

Antioch: Is looking forward to working and sharing data with Attendance Works for the attendance pilot.

Cardenas Shackelford shared the following book: School Counseling to Close the Achievement Gap: A Social Justice Framework for Success, Cheryl Holcomb-McCoy.

Moraga: Has had several district-level SARBs and Fran expressed frustration with Kaiser's policy of only scheduling student mental-health appointments during school hours.

WCCUSD: Bettye Davis came on board 2 weeks ago. They have had 292 hearings with 5 referred to juvenile court, but they have had zero explusions this year.

Mt. Diablo: They are looking at their data with Attendance Works and focusing on zip codes and any related attendance patterns. As part of their LCAP they will be bring counselors back to school sites. They feel they need more resources at school sites to prevent truancy/attendance issues. Their expulsions are down significantly for the year.

Lynn Mackey: Sunny Smith of the Probation Dept. will be attending more truancy meetings and the courty and community schools will be focusing heavily on attendance next year.

John Swett: After their last SARB, 6 out of 7 have improved. They are implementing a new policy; parents will be required to go to dinner with John and the SARB coordinator at the district's expense. They feel this is a chance for parents to sit down with district personnel in a nonconfrontational setting and talk about the issues with their student. Their local housing authority manager is joing their SARB panel and will become very involved in the process.

Fall Trainings – Save the Dates

- O Thursday June 5; Attendance Work Group
- o August 22nd: LCAP and Student Services (Foster Youth, Attendance, and School Climate)
- o Sept. 4th, Oct. 30th, Dec. 4th, Mar. 5th, and Apr. 16th: Eliminating Barriers to Learning (focus on Mental Health)
- Nov. 13th (tentative): NAMI on Campus

Upcoming Events

o CASCWA Bay Section Workshop

Friday May 30, 2014 Martinelli Event Center, Livermore

Other Issues/Potential PD/Future Meeting Topics

2014/15 Proposed Meetings (2nd Friday every other month)

Sept. 12, Nov. 14, Jan. 9, Mar. 13, May 8