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Comprehensive Prevention Plan – Addendum August 2023

- 1. Were individuals and families with lived experience represented as part of the core planning team for the CPP? It does list Phil Lockwood as a community representative but does not indicate if this person is: a) parent/youth with lived expertise and b) if they were part of the core planning team (SOC ILT).**

Please clarify who are the parents and youth with lived expertise that are participating in the planning process. If there were no parents or youth participants in the CPP process, then please share, what were the barriers to engagement?

While working on our 5-year County Self-Assessment and Comprehensive Prevention Plan, Child Welfare Services became aware that there was insufficient engagement with those with lived experience. While we had a Parent Partner program through a community-based organization, it was not functioning at the level that was needed. We set out to change this reality. We have since contracted with Stanford Sierra Youth Services agency (SSYSA) and added those with lived experience to our System of Care (SOC) Interagency Leadership Team (ILT). Christina Cagle and James Thyssen from SSYSA began participating in our SOC ILT in the spring 2023 and they also participated in the May 2023 CPP Convening.

Recognizing that more work is needed to engage the community, we are also working with SSYSA to develop a Shared Leadership Community Advisory Board as one of our immediate priorities for CPP implementation. This board is in the conceptual phase and the vision is to include youth, parents, resource parents, and community members. We anticipate this Advisory Board will launch by early 2024.

- 2. The Plan indicates that Solano County does not have any federally recognized Tribes, however, there is a connection with the Yoche dehe Wintun Nation. It is unclear if a representative from this Tribe was part of the CPP team. Please provide the following information:**
 - a) What efforts were made to engage the Tribe in participating in the CPP development**
 - b) What input did the Tribe provide to the county**
 - c) Were the outcomes of the Tribes input incorporated into the Plan?**
 - d) If there was no Tribal representation, what efforts were made to engage the Tribe in the CPP development?**

While there is a historical connection to Yoche dehe Wintun Nation, Child Welfare Services did not engage this Tribe in our planning process as they reside in Yolo County. Instead, we have begun to engage Native members who reside in our county. There are two key community members who are assisting us improving our relationships. We

currently have plans for an ICWA training in October 2023 that will include our Native partners at the table. We have also begun to engage our local Tribal TANF office to join our SOC ILT, as well as these two community members.

- 3. A description of ICPM was provided, however a clear explanation as to what strategies the county will use to incorporate ICPM with partners and with elected prevention services is not included in the Plan. Please update this information.**

Solano County Child Welfare is committed to consistent and ongoing incorporation of the Integrated Core Practice Model (ICPM). The principles, values and practice behaviors were incorporated at the beginning stages and continued throughout the completion of the CPP. Monthly cross-sector team meetings provided regular opportunities for partners to share perspectives and participate in the development of the County's priorities and strategies.

Looking ahead, Solano will continue to integrate ICPM principles values, and practice behaviors throughout implementation of the CPP. We intend to continue regular cross-sector team meetings while also strengthening our engagement through the development of the Shared Leadership Community Advisory Board. Community perspectives and engagement will be centered in all of our efforts to support families and strengthen our County's prevention continuum.

- 4. The CDSS recognizes that Solano County has elected to select all the candidates listed in the State's Five-Year Plan. However, it is unclear based on the research provided how the selection of candidacy overlaps with the evidence-based practices. It is stated that the selection of evidence-based practices was based on existing capacity, it is not clear how these specific services will fill the need of each of the candidate populations selected.**

As a reminder, Title IV-E funds can be used to establish or expand services to more clients, however it cannot be used for current programming.

As noted on page 24 of the CPP, the Phase 1 service priorities will include targeting children under 5 years old with an emphasis on African American and Native American families as they are disproportionately represented in the system. The Tier 1 EBPs identified on page 32 of the CPP that will target this candidate group include Healthy Families America, Family Nurse Partnership and Parent-Child Interaction Therapy. An illustration of how between these EBPs will advance our service priorities is included on page 42 of the CPP. These three EBPs are currently provided in our community and will address the unique needs of young families. In particular, with the support of Child Welfare Services, Healthy Families America will expand to include Child Welfare criteria which expands the eligibility requirements.

A second tier candidate group are youth served by the Probation system. They will be served by Multisystemic Therapy.

Through the Community Pathway, both candidate groups will also be served by the cross-cutting EBP of Motivational Interviewing.

5. Please clarify what primary, secondary and tertiary prevention strategies will be implemented.

Primary

- Child Abuse Prevention Outreach Campaign
- **NEW** - Mandated Reporter Training – *Reinstating Mandated Reporter Training and revising it to the new Community Supporter model.*

Secondary

- **NEW** - Community Pathway – Create a Prevention program that is embedded in the community that will address our Phase 1 candidate population.

Tertiary

- Parent Partner Program
- **NEW** - Shared Leadership Advisory Group – *development of an advisory group comprised of those with lived experiences and those from the community*