

FIRST 5 SACRAMENTO COMMISSION

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EVALUATION COMMITTEE

ACTION SUMMARY

Monday, January 22, 2024 – 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



Members: Steve Wirtz (Chair), David Gordon (Vice Chair), Olivia Kasirye
Advisory Committee Member(s): Robin Blanks, Tony Smith, Jennifer Mohammed (Alt.)

Staff: Julie Gallelo, Carmen Garcia-Gomez

Attendance: In-person: S. Wirtz, Dr. O. Kasirye, J. Mohammed, R. Blanks

Absent: Dave Gordon

Via Zoom: T. Smith

Consultant: Applied Survey Research



1. Call to order and Roll Call
Action: Meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM.
2. Public Comments on Off-Agenda Items
Action: None.
3. Approve Draft Action Summary of October 16, 2023
Action: Blanks/Kasirye
4. Receive 2024 Calendar-at-a-Glance

Discussion: Evaluation Committee meets in November, not October, update calendar.

Family Strengths Builder, the committee is interested in looking at how this tool compares to other tools. Can this tool be established as a psychometrically valid tool? If not possible, at least some indication that the tool is touching on the same points as previously looked at.

S. Wirtz is interested in looking at how the B&B Collaborative is engaging families; this is a high priority area. At this point not suggesting a special study but what can be done to engage families. J. Gallelo is interested in exploring the retention of families.

Staff explained the meeting dates and when the Evaluation Committee reviews the RAACD report, previously in October and recently later in the year because the CDRT data is delayed.

5. Staff Update
Action: None.

Commission staff provided an updated on the following items:

- Evaluation Staff Update: Commission evaluation staff will have the support of a Senior Office Assistant (SOA) beginning late January. The SOA will assist with Persimmony training, merging duplicate clients and exporting data for clean-up.
- Evaluation Planning: Staff and ASR will meet with contractors in the coming months to revise Results Based Accountability tables and surveys to be implemented in July 2024. In addition, the evaluation team will update the Family Information Form and Consent forms which will be presented to the Evaluation Committee in May.
- Referral Portal:
 - i. Referral Agencies: 95 agencies in the referral portal
 - ii. # of contractors using the Referral Portal: 11 F5 contractors (out of 17)
 - iii. # of clients with at least 1 referral: 617
 - iv. # of referrals sent: 1045 (it may be lower)
 - v. # of referrals with outcome data: 572
 - a. Pending: 139
 - b. On waitlist: 8
 - c. Parent declined: 53
 - d. Received services: 315
 - e. Unable to contact family: 57

Discussion: Staff explained the referral outcome is self-reported outcomes. Some agencies do not accept referrals via email so the outcome data will always have self-reported outcomes.

R. Blanks asked how the contractors that do not use the referral portal are capturing referrals? Staff explained, either not entering the data or providing the client with a flier.

6. General Evaluation Update – Applied Survey Research
Action: None.

ASR staff provided a summary of activities for the months of November and December.

7. Review and Discuss: First 5 Sacramento Annual Report FY 2022-2023
Action: The Committee asked that the item be changed from Review and Discuss to Approve.

ASR staff presented the annual report. The Evaluation Committee approved the report with recommended edits.

- **Add "N" for the children on slide 6**
- **Add "N" of 179 to slide 19**
- Edits to the B&B home visiting CPS outcomes; including overall and substantiated results.
- Add countywide comparison to slide 31
- **Change "crisis nursery caregiver" to "crisis nursery parent"**

There was additional discussion regarding the profile of the First 5 clients, adding additional follow-up measures about whether the clients have received the **services they've been referred to.**

S. Wirtz discussed the challenge of the B&B home visiting referral to the program, wanting to explore what the challenge is with retention.

R. Harrington mentioned that some families feel pressured to have the joint CPS visit and then disengage after the joint visit. S. Biegler reported that there have been challenges in engaging parents referred by CPS to other programs.

8. Committee Member Comments
 - a. Miscellaneous
 - b. Future Agenda Items/Presentations
 - a. Family Strengths Builder – March 2024

Adjourned: 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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