



CHILDREN'S TREATMENT & RECOVERY SERVICES COMMITTEE July 11, 2024

Attendees:

KCSOS – Kimberly Silva, KernBHRS - Stuart Shevchenko, Brenda Story, Jason Giffard, Karen Friedman, Susie Baker, Cristina Castro, Noelia Irvin, Monique Rivera, Erika Rosales, Maria Aleman, Brad Davis, Valerie Sumpter, KCPD – Patricia Cantu, CSV – Jennifer Williams, CGC – Corina Vasquez, BPD – Jeff Burdick, Kern High – Rebecca Banke, Dian

Recorder: Jessica Torres

1. Welcome and Introductions

Accomplished.

2. Approval of April 11, 2024, Minutes

Jason Giffard
Susie Baker

3. Public Comment

None

4. McKinney-Vento Eligibility and Referrals to Schools

- The McKinney-Vento Act is a federal law that was implemented in 1978 to help protect homeless students' rights to enroll, attend and succeed in public schools.
- The McKinney Vento program is located at the Dream Center.
- The programs goals are to increase homeless student educational outcomes, increase community knowledge about the issue's homeless children and youth experience, increase collaboration and communication among youth, schools and homeless youth service agencies.
- 6,440 students experience homelessness during the 2022-2023 school year which is a 37% increase since 2020. Kern county has the highest homeless students among the Central Valley Counties.
- Children and youth "who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence" are considered to be homeless. There is no minimum income requirement, age limit or time limit to receive McKinney-Vento services.
 - Fixed nighttime residence is considered to be not easily moved, the student is not moving or living in a car.



- Regular nighttime residence is considered to be staying in the same place every night, the student is not hopping from home to home on a daily, weekly or monthly basis.
- Adequate nighttime residence is living conditions that provide basic needs such as running water, electricity, heat and safe living conditions without overcrowding.
- All children and youth in temporary housing are protected by the McKinney-Vento Act.
- Students who are undocumented, children of migratory/seasonal worker and unaccompanied children and youth (not in physical custody of parent or guardian) are eligible for McKinney-Vento Services.
- The schools can offer free meals, transportation to/from school, immediate enrollment to education without required documents, allows the student to remain in the school of origin, referrals for health, housing, mental health and other needs, financial aid for college, clothing and hygiene items, school supplies, school credit waiver, help with graduation and ID documentation for students and parents.
- Every school district has a McKinney-Vento liaison to help identify and enroll students into school, support students with community services, promote awareness of rights to parent, youth and the community and provide professional development and support on the McKinney Vento Law and protections to school staff.
 - The liaison is the “go to person” if it is believed a student is experiencing homelessness.
 - If a family or youth self-identifies as homeless, they are considered “homeless” until proven otherwise.

5. Department Reports

Children’s System of Care (CSOC) Report

- The MIST Team has been officially certified in TFCO and can practice the TFCO model independently.
- TAY has dual recovery beds that are currently open through the new transitional housing program, Covenant, and are currently filling the beds for non-minor dependents.
- AB1051 was implemented on 7/1/24, KernBHRS is currently working with probation and DHS to streamline processes for timely contracting for the provision of Specialty Mental Health Services.
- Youth Bridge is engaged at Kern Medical working to step down youth out of the ER to ensure rapid linkage to mental health service.

Substance Use Disorder System Report

- If an adolescent is referred to the Tarzana Treatment Center which is a substance used disorder residential treatment facility the provider will need to be able to provide information on an ongoing basis the facility.
- Contingency management and medication assisted treatment is available if there are any referrals contact the access line.
- September is Recovery Month, there will be a Recovery Month celebration on 9/27/24, more information will be provided.

6. Items to be brought to the Board

None.

7. Provider Issues

None Reported.

8. Future Presentations

- CGC – Parent Empowerment Program
- CSV – WIC
- DHS – Family First Prevention Service Act – Everyone seemed interested in this topic.

9. Other

None.

10. Next regular meeting:

October 10, 2024 via TEAMS at 3:30 pm. Meeting adjourned.

Items Distributed:

Minutes for April 11, 2024 regular meeting.