

Sierra County Office Of Education

Foster Youth Services Executive Advisory Council

109 Beckwith Road, Bldg 4, Loyalton, California

MINUTES

~~February 18, 2016—~~
~~10:30 a.m.~~

The above time and date were changed due to inclement weather. The meeting was moved to February 19, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Superintendent Merrill M. Grant, Ed. D., Coordinator, Foster Youth Services Coordinating Advisory Council
Hannah Tomatis, Foster Youth Educational Liaison
Michael Moore, Sierra County Board of Education
Thomas Jones, Loyalton High School Administrator
Andrea White, Loyalton Elementary School Administrator

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marlene Mongolo, Sierra County SELPA Director
Lisa Botzler, Sierra County Child Protective Services
Jamie Shiltz, Sierra County Child Protective Services. (Representing Ms. Botzler)

(Absent members could not rearrange schedules to be present at last minute meeting.)

1. Introduction – Coordinator

Dr. Grant gave the background of the Foster Youth grant which we applied for and anticipate receiving. This Advisory Council is a mandatory part of the program to ensure sufficient oversight to the educational needs of local foster youth.

2. Budget – the Budget for \$75,000 was approved by California Department of Education

3. Purpose/Goals -Educational Liaison

a) Identify the educational, physical, social, and emotional needs of foster youth

Any discussions in this regard will be in general terms. Individual students and their needs will be addressed in confidence by the Educational Liaison.

b) determine gaps in service provision and provide educational and social support services, either through direct service provision or referral to collaborative partners

The question: "Can the Sierra County Child Protective Services confirm that the current needs for foster youth in Sierra County are tutoring, mentoring and counseling?" needs to be answered by Sierra County. A request for a statement from the Health Director has been made.

- c) identify inadequacies in the completion and timely transfer of health and education records to facilitate appropriate and stable care and educational placements

Secretaries.

- d) improve student academic achievement, reduce incidence of juvenile delinquency, and reduce rates of student truancy/dropouts

Applications received from certificated teachers to provide tutoring hopefully beginning by the end of February.

A counseling program has been established with a counselor available at each site weekly (4 hrs at Downieville School; 4 hrs per week-shared with LHS and LES)

- e) provide advocacy to promote the education-related best interests of foster youth throughout California

Feather River College program: Foster Youth Success Initiative College and Financial Aid

Environmental Alternatives – Finding and supporting foster parents

Sierra County Child Protective Services – Students and Foster Parents

4. Next meeting date

Quarterly meetings are planned, but the Council will meet in March on Thursday, March 17, 10:30 a.m., to monitor progress of the tutoring and counseling program currently established.

5. Suggested Agenda Items

Update on Tutoring and Counseling

Grade level appropriate tutoring

Transportation to and from tutoring/summer tutoring

Update on the current needs of our foster youth and are we meeting them?

6. Adjourn