

Sierra County Office of Education
Foster Youth Services Executive Advisory Council
109 Beckwith Road, Bldg 4, Loyalton, California

September 21, 2017

Minutes

10:30 am

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Superintendent Merrill M. Grant, Ed. D., Superintendent

Hannah Tomatis, Coordinator, Foster Youth Services Coordinating Advisory Council; Foster Youth Educational Liaison

Andrea Ceresola, Loyalton Elementary School Administrator

Thomas Jones, Loyalton High School Administrator

Jamie Shiltz, Sierra County Child Protective Services

Alyia Pilgrim, Foster Youth Success Initiative Liaison, Feather River College (via phone), Ex-Officio Member

ABSENT: Michael Moore, Sierra County Board of Education

1. Approval of the Agenda
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2. Review and Acceptance of the minutes into record from the January 19, 2017, meeting.
3. TOMATIS attended the Foster Youth Technical Assistance Region 2 Meeting on 9/18/17. The FYSAC plan is due October 31. This plan represents how we will spend our funds. Questions came up at the meeting as to restrictions on qualified spending. Answers were vague; unquestionable uses of funds include staff trainings, transportation and staff wages. Our needs are different; our situation is different from the large counties.
4. Demonstration of Need/Actions Taken:
 - a) Foster Youth Count as of 9/21/17-Two qualified youth not actively participating. Three active foster youth.
 - b) Community/Educational Needs for 2017-18
 - c) TIPPS-MAPP/ Cancelled April, May 2017, due to lack of interest; not rescheduled. Our county was prepared to participate, but the trainer required more participants. Chalk it up to our rural location?
 - d) Ohana House Update-Although CDE approved providing services through support of the purchase of transitional housing for Sierra County foster youth students to transition from high school to Feather River College, they are now questioning our action. Dr. Grant, Nona Griesert and Hannah Tomatis had a conference call with Tom Herman and Jackie Wong of CDE and answered many questions. They indicated they will do more research.
 - e) Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program Plan comments:
Liaison should be meeting with teachers and parents during educational evaluations
How do we support youth wellness?
Bring back Rapping Dad or something similar to aid school employees in understanding foster youth and their individual and unique situations
New Liaison next year; send to Summit in spring.
5. Budget (handout)
6. Next meeting date is January 18, 2017, 10:30, Sierra County Office of Education, 109 Beckwith Rd., Loyalton, CA 96118, Room 4
7. Suggested Agenda Items
 - a. Budget and Expenditures

8. Adjourn at 10:50 a.m.
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Hannah Tomatis
Foster Youth Services Coordinator/Liaison