



Foster Youth Success Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2015

Present: Andrea Acosta, Kristi Camplin, Patricia Gill, Steven Gonzalez, Mary Grothem, Tricia Hodawanus, Ruth Jones (Recorder), Rande Kirkemo, Daniela McCarson, Koji Uesugi

- **Call to Order: 1:08pm**

- **Approval of May 5th 2015 & June 2, 2015 Meeting Minutes**
 - **Moved:** Mary Grothem
 - **Second:** Kristi Camplin
 - **Motion Carries with 2 amendments**

- **Chair's Report** ○ Southern California Higher Ed Foster Youth Consortium Meeting @ SDSU on 9/8
 - Meets Quarterly
 - Next meeting in CSU San Diego next week
 - Please let me know if you are able to attend
 - 9:00am-3:00pm
 - FYSI Conference in Sacramento on 10/7-8
 - Current Liaison for Norco College is Nelya Parada who cannot attend
 - Every college has an FYSI liaison
 - Looking for volunteers to represent the committee
 - Blueprint Conference @ LAX Westin (10/26-27)
 - 5 members will attend (Mary, Kristi, Monica, Steven, Koji, Mike, Anita from CNUSD)
 - Rande Kirkemo (RCOE) attending also
 - Student Scholarships available: Conference cost + \$100 stipend Nominated the following students:
 1. Jaccob Klemphner
 2. Miriam Buggs
 3. Alyssa Hernandez
 4. Jasmine Cisneros
 5. Ashley Atkins- Kristi Camplin
 - Is a great opportunity and experience for FY students
 - Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support Program grant update
 - \$15 million grant
 - Opportunity for 10 districts to receive additional funding to support FY students
 - Getting assistants from the grants office



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- Funding would go to EOPS to form and support program within EOPS (Similar to CARE)
- Is a district grant so this would include RCC & MVC
- Norco EOPS is 100% on board with this.
- Grant application needs to be data driven
- Mary: after scanning the application it doesn't seem too difficult to figure out considering all the work the Norco College FYSS has already done.
- Foster Youth College Bound Day – Friday, January 29, 2016 from 9-1
 - Thank you to Daniela for allowing us to use reserved space.
- Annual National Foster Care Awareness Month – May
 - We need to secure permanent day.
 - Last year it was on May 12th.
 - We need to have a higher turnout from the community
 - We need to strategize how to market/advertise to all community members in efforts to get higher community participation
- **Discussion Items**
 - Foster Youth Summer Retreat Debrief
 - 16 students attended
 - ::ACTION:: send out survey results to the committee members
 - ::ACTION:: send out survey to Inspire (Kristi)
 - The set-up of the space was well done
 - Maybe staff can be sitting with students (intermingled)
 - Take into account staff presence
 1. Does a staff presence make them uncomfortable? If so how can we alleviate that?
 - Review of survey responses
 - Staff feedback
 - What percentage of foster youth enrolled vs. Attended
 - Is this only for foster youth students, this would be beneficial for other homeless students
 - Mary: Pushing Accuplacer testing
 - Koji: Help them register for classes and have a counselor to advise them
 - Align retreat with registration date
 - Would like to do another retreat during winter (Thanksgiving)
 - Only serves Norco college students (current/incoming)
 - College should be chosen based on program of study
 - Kristi: transportation is a major issue as well



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- CNUSD doesn't have any informational presentations to students regarding the different programs offered at each college.
- Patricia: most first time students will have their first 1-2 years
- Mary & Kristi: What about CTE opportunities
- Daniela: we do have an outreach specialist who does educate regarding the CTE programs. Can give student handbooks and CTE information to committee members before we leave.

- Koji: stresses the importance of the counselor to navigate the nuances
- Kristi: suggest a career exploration/assessment career counselor session
Jethro Midget
- We will talk more about in cooperating these ideas into FYCBD
- Next Steps for 2015-16
 1. SSS is still recruiting students
 2. Transfer program
 3. Winter retreat
 4. College Bound Day
 5. Computer Camp with RCOE –October 16-17th
 - Laptops

*** Looking for and EOPS/FYSS Counselor (Adjunct) someone who has 10-12 hours per week to be a liaison from Norco College to CNUSD

-Foster youth experience

-Mary: has interns who specialize in working with foster youth in crisis

- Support for FY at Norco College 2015-16
 - Recruit and admit as many students to EOPS for the fall and spring
 - Identifying students for JBF book voucher, laptop, and gift card support
 - FY Advising support – we need someone

- CNUSD High School Seniors Pilot Program 2015-16
 - Calendar of Events
 - Has UNITY class at all high school that they want to bring to the FY presentation.
 - See list of events
 - THRIVE to host training in November & February
 - ACE Scholars at Cal State San Marco
 - October 5th 4:00pm-5:00pm



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- **Announcements**

- FYSI (Nelya)
- CNUUSD (Mary)
 - See calendar
- Student Equity(Gustavo)
- Inspire Independent Living (Kristi)
 - 10 year celebration
 - Let her know if you wish to attend
 - September 12th
 - One opening in Boys home
 - 2 openings in girls homes
 - Must enroll before age 22 and may continue to participate through Bachelor's degree.
- THRIVE
 - Quarter 4 calendar & Flier
 - Have 130 youth graduation
 - Have a large population in Moreno Valley

- **Next Meeting**

- Tuesday, October 5, 2015
- Dr. Uesugi will not be here. But keep October meeting on the calendar.

- **Adjournment 2:32**