

Date: Minutes from Ad Hoc Committee meeting of July 24, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

Topic: Ad Hoc Committee for the benefit of RCRC clients who receive support from California Children's Services (CCS). In attendance is Director of Client Services Mary Block, Member of the Board of Directors Tamera Leighton, Community Member Steven Perez, Area Board 1 Director Dawn Morley.

For the benefit of new committee member Dawn Morley, Mary reviewed the brief history of the board's interest in improving the timeliness for Del Norte and Lake County area authorizations for RCRC clients from California Children Services and she reviewed the indicators that show this process often takes up to two years for the benefit of new committee member Dawn Morley.

The Committee noted that the letters received from Lake and Del Norte Counties departments of Health and Human Services appear to be collaboratively written. Dawn noted that she believes the requests for information are reasonable and that she is concerned for all the recipients of CCS.

Attached are the letters to and from RCRC and DHHS.

The responses from DHSS were discussed. The committee concluded that the questions asked might be answered at the State level. Action items include:

1. RCRC has identified 15 common clients for the Del Norte area of RCRC and California Children's Services. The committee recommends a chart be developed to track the information known to date. This will apply to Del Norte only at this time and will be completed through the existing collaboration with RCRC and DHSS.
2. Steve suggested the Committee reach out to the community to let people know that advocacy assistance is available in Del Norte. Tamera and Steve will develop a method of outreach and bring a suggestion back to the committee.
3. The committee recommends the RCRC board of directors seek assistance from the State. If the board president and executive director concur, a letter will be written and signed by the board president.

Tabled for future meetings:

1. Equitable access to basic services for rural areas; how is CCS recruiting services in areas where none are available.
2. How changes at Sutter Health might impact our population, especially for emergency services.
3. How will managed care impact our CCS and RCRC services.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.