

**HEALTH HUMAN SERVICES - HUMAN (HHS-SWERT)**

Supporting Organizations: Central California Social Welfare Evaluation, Research Training Center, California State University, Fresno

ACTIONS	STATUS	2009 - 2ND QUARTER REPORT
<b>OVERALL WORK GROUP STAFFING REQUIREMENTS</b>		
Plan, organize and manage all work group meetings; maintain work group records, agendas and minutes; coordinate meetings; evaluate effectiveness of implementation activities; maintain HHS portion of Partnership web site; provide monthly and quarterly reports.	C	
<b>Goal 3: Develop comprehensive methamphetamine education and treatment programs throughout the Central Valley region.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Objective A: Establish an ongoing collaborative partnership of local, state and federal representatives.</b>	C	The Methamphetamine Recovery Project Advisory Council, with funding from the Health & Human Services Work Group contracts, hosted a final event on June 19, 2009, at the Ramada Inn in Fresno. A regional conference to address Recovery and Reintegration featured Kathy Jett, Undersecretary of Programs, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, who served as keynote speaker. Deborah Nankivell, Executive Director of the Fresno Business Council, presented an overview of the Human Investment Initiative addressing mental health issues in Fresno County. Dr. Virginia Rondero Hernandez discussed stigma and its impact on addiction and recovery. Two guests presented their personal experiences with recovery and reintegration. Approximately 68 people attended, representing all eight Valley counties.
Monthly/bi-monthly work group meetings comprised of Valley county social services, local law enforcement, state and federal alcohol/drug.		
<b>Objective B: To the extent sustainable resources are available for direct services begin implementation of prevention and treatment modalities across the region.</b>	NP	Insufficient resources
Identify potential funding to support the cost of model development: public, private, philanthropic, and governmental funding opportunities.		
Dependent on available funding, selection of a contractor for model development.		
Seek funding sources for direct service implementation.		
<b>Goal 4: Support and promote proactive foster care prevention.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<b>Objective A: Decrease foster care placement changes when relative placements are available for children entering the juvenile dependency system.</b>	IP	The Social Welfare Evaluation, Research and Training Center (SWERT) has been actively involved in assisting two counties, one in the Valley and one on the Central Coast, in developing their applications for selection as pilot sites for the AB 340 legislation.
Monthly/bi-monthly work group meetings comprised of Valley county social services, local, and state departments responsible for child placement.		
Data gathering re: the extent and impact of relative placement licensing delays.		
Define a model process that minimizes delays, decreases placement changes without compromising child safety.		
Identify funding sources to offset estimated county costs to pilot the model.		
Seek legislative changes to secure non-county funding during the licensing review process for relative		
<b>Objective B: Support stable and continuous foster care prevention services in the Valley.</b>	NP	Insufficient resources.
Analyze regional prevention programs, funding sources, and impact on foster care placement rates and costs.		
Assess local, state, and federal potential for prevention programs.		
Formulate a strategic plan for engagement of all prevention resources, including legislative support and advocacy for sustainable funding.		
Convene an ongoing collaborative body with authority and responsibility for strategic plan.		
Implement initial components of strategic plan.		
<b>Goal 5: Develop and propose alternative evaluation methods for State distribution of new grant resources.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Objective A: Develop a methodology for proposal evaluation that considers county socioeconomic conditions.</b>		
Compile and analyze Valley-specific issues in public health and social services.		
Describe proposal rating and funding criteria and/or guidelines by state-level HHS departments, including legislative mandates.		
Identify and describe equity issues when Valley counties compete with other counties for state funding.		
Promulgate mechanisms for the state and counties to use to establish equitable proposal review processes.		
<b>Objective B: Dependent on the achievement of objective A, the HHS Work Group will act as a change agent to encourage state adoption of a more equitable proposal review process.</b>		
Draft a weighted proposal review process that considers levels of need.		

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State-level policy action to support new review process, including legislative amendments if needed.		
<b>Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter</b>		
<b>New funds leveraged during the quarter.</b>		