

Ad Hoc Youth Committee, 12/19/2013
DSS, 3433 S. Higuera, SLO, Room 358

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** – Jessica Thomas, Elise Roberts, Martin Meltz, Janna Nichols, Jennifer Kirn, Shawn Ison
- 2. Updates on Incentives for youth completing surveys** – Jessica Thomas stated 31 unaccompanied youth were counted in schools. Jennifer Kirn said 41 were identified at the Cuesta One Stop. Janna Nichols said they identified 70 unaccompanied youth in the Lucia Mar school district. Jessica Thomas stated that Lucia Mar receives McKinney Vento funding and that money could be used as an incentive. Jessica Thomas said 12 were identified in the community schools and said gift cards are often sold or exchanged for places to stay for a week. Shawn Ison stated Target cards and grocery cards work the best.
- 3. Review NAECHY survey feedback from school district liaisons**
It was suggested to add to the cover “for unaccompanied youth”. Jennifer Kirn stated that one survey could say ages 11-17 and one (for the transitional age youth) 18-25. Martin Meltz asked if youth would need help filling out the survey and asked if a youth should be administering it. Jessica Thomas stated that the high school counselors would do it in schools and it would depend who they would be comfortable with. Martin Meltz asked if Lisa Ray would have input from Children’s Resource Center. Jennifer Kirn suggested getting 100 surveys as a goal and posting flyers to give info on where to go to take the survey. Jessica Thomas asked if it should be regionalized. Martin Meltz suggested Coastal, North County and South County as three different regions. Janna Nichols suggested the teen center in Cambria as another location.
- 4. Schedule a survey timeline**
Janna Nichols stated March 1st would be a realistic start date. Jessica Thomas said schools could administer in January. Martin Meltz said no later than March 1. Jessica Thomas said each agency could have a staggered start time and surveys could come out no later than March 1.
- 5. Identify contacts for conducting surveys**
Jessica Thomas asked how we can connect HSOC reps in each city with Sheriffs and law enforcement. Jennifer Kirn said Tracy Langwood would be a good contact in Paso. Martin Meltz suggested Noah Smuggler in Morro Bay. Jennifer Kirn said that Melissa Musgraves has volunteers at the Family Resource Center in Los Osos. Jennifer Kirn suggested Gen Next in Paso. Elise Roberts suggested a booth at the Fair. Janna Nichols suggested surveys can be handed out then they can turn it in at a specific location. Martin Meltz asked if there was a SAFE building in Paso. Jennifer Kirn asked if we could email all the Resource Center directors in the County to ask to provide incentives and reach out to Youth (Laurie Morgan, Dan Cano, Melissa Musgraves) to get surveys completed. Janna Nichols suggested the Food Pantries in South County. Jennifer Kirn suggested re-directing them to the One-Stop. Jennifer Kirn suggested first finding locations for administering the surveys, finding partners and then posting flyers for locations and incentives for coming in to take the survey or drop off a completed survey.
- 6. Online survey/Survey Monkey?**
Jennifer Kirn stated it may be hard to access computers and there is a literacy issue.