

**Child Abuse Council of Santa Clara County
Disproportionality Committee Meeting**

480 N First Street, Suite 201 – Legal Aid Society of SCC Building
San Jose, California 95103
Friday, November 18, 2011 @ 1:30 pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Chair Cathcart at 1:45 pm.

Members Present: Peggy Cathcart, Willet Tugwell, Mona Zapata, Jessie Zapata, Rose Hazzard, Tori Parks, Leeletta Allen, Sherrie Betts, Guerlyne Latortue, Jywanza Turner, Chante Gentry

Guests: Hannah Bangura, Eva Allen,

Members Absent: Debbie Senegal

2. Public Comments – None

3. Discuss / Approve 10-28-11 Minutes: Turner/Allen/All

4. Discuss / Approve Disproportionality Committee Business:

- a. Draft Cover Letter to General Council regarding concerns about the treatment of African Descendent Families in the DFCS System: A guest speaker, Hannah Bangura discussed her experiences with DFCS and the extended out-of-home placement of 2 of her children. Emotional and physical violence against parents was a critical aspect of her sharing. Members shared their similar experiences. The membership agreed to continue this process in work groups before the next scheduled DC meeting.

- b. Report from Chante: Chante Gentry reported on her participation in the October 2011 CAPP Cross-site meeting held in Sacramento. Per Chante, it continues to take time for the CAPP team to focus stakeholders on their specific role/purpose in the process. The second half of the day was more productive. Personal insights and feedback from clients and other stakeholders continue to highlight the need for an institutional approach to change.

- c. Topic of Interest: Parent/consumer members of the committee discussed at length the challenges associated with parenting oppositional children. Personal examples and solicitation of resources/interventions that help were included in the discussion (carry over from the guest speaker).

5. Announcements –Season of Sharing Applications are being processed. Toys for Tots will be providing toys to Legal Aid Society. Parents who qualify are encouraged
6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chair Cathcart at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted on 11-18-11 by Peggy Cathcart