



Research and Development Committee Meeting

Hilton Sacramento Arden West Hotel, Sacramento

February 4, 2016 | 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Virginia Rondero Hernandez, Chair

M I N U T E S

Attendance

Board Members:

Yvonnia Brown (Merced County), Jeff Edleson-PI (UC Berkeley), Scott Gruendl (San Mateo County), Melinda Hohman (San Diego State), Rodger Lum (ED CalSWEC), Stuart Oppenheim (CFPIC), Michelle Rainer (Serve Coordinator-HSU), Siyon Rhee (CSU-LA), Jessie Rosales (CDSS), Jack Wall (SJSU), Evaon Wong-Kim (CSU East Bay)

Staff:

Sandhya Rao Hermon, Susan Jacquet

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Virginia Rondero Hernandez was unable to attend. In her place, Stuart Oppenheim assumed the chair position.

II. Committee Charter Review

Sandhya Rao Hermon pulled up the charter on the overhead and edited it throughout the discussion.

- Sandhya noted that the inclusion of Tribal entities should be added and that the dissemination piece needed to be augmented.
- The charter was then reviewed bullet by bullet.
- Under “Decision-Making” regarding moving items for the Board action, the relationship to the CalSWEC Initiatives is still pending. This section will be revisited when the full Board has discussed the committee structure and decision-making process.
- It was suggested that a recommendation be made to the Board to amend bylaws relevant to committees.

Actions:

- The bullets under “Committee Description and Goals” will now read:
 - *The Research and Development Committee will facilitate research and develop partnership programs for the advancement of social work education and social work practice in the publicly-supported social services.*

- *This committee shall sponsor, oversee, and direct evaluative and other research projects pertaining to social work education and social work practice in the public and not-for-profit social services. This committee will create sub committees focusing on the initiatives as needed. (Article VIII, Section 1(e))*
- Under Membership bullet three will read:
 - *Permanent Committees shall be composed of no more than 15 board members and should include a proportional representation that reflects the composition of the board. (Article VIII, Section 4)*
- The “Activities of the Committee” will be moved to the appendix with the exception of the last bullet, which will become the description of “Evaluation of CalSWEC Programs” and will read as follows:
 - *The R and D Committee will sponsor and oversee research, evaluation, or synthesis of curriculum related to any relevant to any agenda that informs training and education. Research should be drawn from the following domains - Tribal, regional statewide national or international entities.*
- The remainder of the current charter will be moved to the appendix.

III. Identification of Priority Issues, Concerns, Activities, and Objectives

- The Committee recognized the narrowness of the Research and Development Committee issues, which have been focused on child welfare because of Federal IV-E funding and lack of funding for the other initiative.
- The Committee looked at Theme Three from the Strategic Plan – “CalSWEC as Research Leader” but questioned how to become a research leader without:
 - Resource development for research in the broader sense.
 - A broader spectrum of funding possibilities.
- The Research and Development Committee focuses on both researching education and training as well as innovative programs in the areas of CalSWEC’s interests.

Discussion:

Melinda Hohman prompted discussion about the researchers in the consortium.

- RTN and the Network Hub has some information on researchers.
- In regard to funding, it was suggested that the Committee consider how to take advantage of funding in the Affordable Care Act and also Prop 47 (the Reduced Penalties for Some Crimes Initiative).

Action:

- The Committee developed a list of priorities for Theme Three:
 - Facilitate collaborative research on emerging and innovative methodologies to study education and training in CalSWEC areas of interest.
 - Promote greater inter-professional collaboration.

- Support research that reflects the importance of social work and other disciplines in whole-person health.
- Disseminate and translate relevant research through the most effective modalities and/or serve as a resource to find relevant research.
- Promote the importance of the social work profession through data collection, analysis, documentation, and dissemination.
- Foster evaluation and field research that examines connections between social work employment practices and quality of service.
- Research and evaluate the infusion of culturally responsive programs (including education and training) for underserved and diverse communities.

IV. Fine-tuning or Restructuring the Committee

The Committee developed ideas for a work plan.

- Procure funds for research to expand the Committee focus.
- Develop ways to incorporate input from county, Tribal, state, and other partners into the committees:
 - Create and implement a structured outreach to counties to expand representations because of the lack of county research personnel on the Board and the Research and Development Committee.
 - Collocate Board and CWDA meeting.
- Form workgroups around specific grants with subcommittees.
 - Evaluation researchers staff in counties.
 - CalSWEC might consider sponsoring a panel on workforce development showcasing California researchers.
- Reach out to community health partnerships.
- Establish Inter-professional collaboration through the ACA and new funding opportunities such as Prop 47.

Action:

- Using the priorities developed by the Committee and the ideas generated for the work plan, Sandhya and Susan created possibilities for the work plan detailed the matrix in the following Appendix.

V. Adjournment

- Next meeting will be determined after the survey.

APPENDIX – TENTATIVE WORKPLAN

Priorities	Action Steps	Funding (current scope)
Facilitate collaborative research on emerging and innovative methodologies to study education and training in CalSWEC areas of interest.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Convene regular statewide meetings on workforce development showcasing California researchers from universities and counties. 2. Convene a group of county, Tribal and university researchers and evaluators, and potential funders to identify new sources of funding. 3. Create a clearinghouse of researchers and evaluators to a) foster networking opportunities, and b) house research and evaluation output (e.g., county reports that are uploaded into secure portion of CalSWEC website). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Title IV-E and RTA 2. NEW 3. Title IV-E (through the Network Hub)
Promote greater inter-professional collaboration.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pursue greater inter-professional collaboration through the ACA and new funding opportunities such as Prop.47. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NEW
Support research that reflects the importance of social work and other disciplines in whole-person health.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the evaluation of community health partnerships. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NEW
Disseminate and translate relevant research through the most effective modalities and/or serve as a resource to find relevant research.		
Promote the importance of the social work profession through data collection, analysis, documentation, and dissemination.		
Foster evaluation and field research that examines connections between social work employment practices and quality of service.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invite more participation from county evaluators and researches at CalSWEC Board meetings. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No additional funding needed. County supported.
Research and evaluate the infusion of culturally responsive programs (including education and training) for underserved and diverse communities.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop evaluation protocols that attempt to evaluate cultural competence, the extent of bias, and the effects of colonization in underserved and diverse communities. 2. Provide a platform to broadcast to the broader CalSWEC community the voices of underserved and diverse communities. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Title IV-E 2. Title IV-E