



Child Welfare Committee

C H A R T E R

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I. Committee Description

[Related Bylaws:

The child welfare committee shall be responsible for overseeing and leading curriculum, stipend and any other social work education and in-service training issues related to the child welfare field. (Article VIII, Section 1(f))]

The child welfare committee makes recommendations to the CalSWEC board, for consideration and implementation at the universities, counties and Regional Training Academies (RTAs).

II. Goal of the Committee:

The child welfare committee advances child welfare practice, education and training, and makes recommendations to the CalSWEC board, for consideration and implementation at the universities, counties and Regional Training Academies (RTAs).

III. Functions of the Committee:

- Articulate & review child welfare education and training needs
- Identify emergent issues in curriculum, research and workforce development
- Maintain collaboration between counties, CDSS, universities, and training entities
- Develop education and training strategies to address emergent and promising practice issues
- Enhance links between field education to practice and research
- Inform statewide education and training policy using existing collaborative partners
- Recommend communication strategies that articulate child welfare education and training needs and issues
- Review child welfare stipend/ Regional Training Academy program activities and outcomes and make recommendations for program improvement, including evaluation strategies.

IV. Type of Representatives and Roles

[Related bylaws:

- *Initiative Committees shall be comprised of a proportional representation of all groups who are constituents of the Center (Article VII, Section 4)*
- *Constituents of Center shall include the following:*
 - a) *The chief executive officers of Social Work programs in the state of California.*
 - b) *Representatives of the County Welfare Director Association, the Mental Health Directors' Association and representatives of Aging and Adult Services Directors.*
 - c) *Volunteers affiliated with the centers projects who attend committee meetings.*
 - d) *Consumers affiliated with the centers projects.*

e) *Constituents representing additional areas of the public and/or not-for-profit sectors may be added as the focus of Center projects warrants, with the approval of the Board. (Article III, Section 1)]*

The chart below describes the type of representative and the role of all of the participating organizations. The meeting is open to all constituents of CalSWEC for discussion. The Nominating Committee assigns board members to the committee.

Organization/ Affiliation	Type of Representative(s)	Role
University	Dean, Director or designee	Provide executive-level input from the perspective of the School of Social Work/Social Welfare; provide ongoing communication with the Deans and Directors and the faculty and staff of the Schools of Social Work/Welfare
	CalSWEC Project Coordinator	Provide input from the perspective of the Project Coordinators; provide ongoing communication with the Project Coordinators [MSW/BSW addition?]
Counties/CWDA	County Welfare Director or designee	Provide executive-level input from the perspective of the larger county welfare agencies & CWDA; provide ongoing communication with CWDA
	CWDA Executive Director or designee	Same as above
	County Child Welfare Director	Provide executive-level input from the perspective of the county child welfare agencies & CWDA; provide ongoing communication with CWDA Children's Committee/county child welfare directors
CDSS	Deputy Director or designee	Provide executive-level input from the perspective of the CDSS; provide ongoing communication with CDSS
CalSWEC Staff	CalSWEC Title IV-E Stipend Program Director (and designated program staff)	Report on and provide input on Title IV-E Stipend Programs; provide ongoing communication with CalSWEC staff
	Child Welfare In-Service Training Project Director (and designated program staff)	Report on and provide input on Title IV-E In-Service Training Programs; provide ongoing communication with CalSWEC staff
RTAs/UCCF	Director of RTA/UCCF	Provide RTA/IUC perspective; provide ongoing communication with the RTAs/UCCF

County Staff Development	County reps approved by CWDA Regional Committees MERIT Systems Representative	Provide county staff development perspective Provide perspective of counties using MERIT Systems
Judicial Council, Administrative Office of the Courts	Judicial Council designee	Provide perspective of Judicial Council and courts; provide ongoing communication between Center for Families, Children and the Courts and STEC
Child & Family Policy Institute	Executive Director or designee	Provide perspective of CFPIC; provide link to CFPIC training & research initiatives
Union/labor representative	SEIU or other designated union representative	Provide perspective of organized labor; provide ongoing communication with the unions
Tribal Community	Designee from CDSS ICWA Committee, in consultation with the tribes (or other tribal designated representative)	Provide perspective of Indian tribes; provide ongoing communication to the ICWA Committee and other tribal groups
MSW/BSW stipend students	Student-designated representative	Provide perspective of current MSW/BSW stipend recipients
CalSWEC Alumni	Past stipend recipient currently working in the county	Provide perspective of alumni
NASW	Executive Director or Designee (One vote)	Provide perspective of NASW; provide ongoing communication with NASW
Foster Youth	Current or former foster youth (designated by CYC)	Provide youth perspective on training and education; provide ongoing communication with CYC and other youth advocacy groups
Parent Partner	Parent designated by county with a parent partner program	Provide parent perspective on training and education; provide ongoing communication to parent partner groups or organizations
Care Providers	Alliance for Children	Provide care provider perspective on training and education; provide ongoing communication to care provider organizations and entities providing training for care providers.
Probation	CPOC designee	Provide probation perspective on training and education; provide ongoing communication to CPOC and entities providing training for probation placement officers.

V. Decision-making

[Related bylaws:

- *Committee decisions. Each committee will establish a procedure for moving items from one committee to another committee. (Article IX, Section 1)*
- *Moving items for board approval/action. Once an Initiative Committee has voted in favor to move an item forward, it will be referred to the appropriate Permanent Committee to further develop the item if appropriate. Once the Permanent Committee has developed the item it will then move to place the item on the agenda of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will review and decide what action to take. If there is a vote in favor of moving the item to the full Board for action, the item will be placed on the Board meeting agenda for a vote. (Article IX, Section 2)]*

Decision-making by the Committee

- The committee attempts to build consensus for decisions whenever possible.
- Votes are utilized when requested by the chair.
- As with the CalSWEC Board, a simple majority is required to advance a recommendation to the Executive Committee, the Board, or a Permanent Committee. Votes from the Child Welfare Committee are advisory to the Permanent Committees and the Board.