

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF EL DORADO

Sitting as the Juvenile Court 295 Fair Lane Placerville, California 95667

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JUDGE:

Dylan Sullivan, Presiding Juvenile Judge

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STANDING ORDER RE:

Participants in Multi Agency Case Staffing Meetings Can Share Relevant Information Regarding the Youth Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 827, 830, 18951, 18951.5, 18951.7

El Dorado County developed a case planning process for dually involved youth, or youth at risk of dual involvement, where the youth comes in contact with both the dependency and delinquency systems. The case planning process is called Multi Agency Case Staffing (MACS) meetings. The goal of MACS meetings is to identify services and support for the youth and the family to promote functioning in a safe and healthy manner. MACS meetings may include the current social worker and probation officer, a liaison from either Child Protective Services (CPS) or the Probation Department (Probation), a school representative, a treatment provider, and any other party deemed necessary, especially if identified by the youth or family. At each MACS meeting, either a Probation or CPS representative will complete a form with the youth addressing confidentiality and consent to share information. In addition, a staffing form setting forth an action plan for the youth and family outlining services and support systems will identify all participants' responsibilities.

The Court finds:

- 1) Youth with experience in both the dependency and delinquency systems represent a particularly vulnerable population in need of meaningful joint coordination of service delivery between Probation, CPS, and other agencies.
- 2) Youth and their families should engage in the process of developing an effective service plan; and, information sharing is necessary for successful MACS meetings.
- 3) MACS meetings including the participants identified above are within the scope of Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 827, 830, 18951, 18951.5, and 18951.7, and local rules of Juvenile Court, Chapter 6: Access to Confidential Information (Rule 6.6.4), and this Juvenile court's standing order on section 827 issued March 22, 2017 which governs confidentiality and information sharing.

Based upon these findings, and good cause appearing, IT IS THE ORDER OF THE COURT:

- 1) CPS, Probation and the other participants are authorized to share information at MACS meeting summarizing the presenting issues, a brief history of the youth's contacts in each system (as applicable), information about family supports and resources, and information relevant to the issues and action items identified for discussion.
- 2) CPS, Probation and the other participants are authorized to share relevant information about the youth with the family, relatives, community partners, and agency professionals attending the MACS meeting that specifically relates to issues identified as topics for the MACS meeting and resultant action plan.
- 3) MACS participants shall be limited to only those persons necessary to achieve the goals of the particular issues requiring the MACS.

Dated: September 26, 2017

DYLAN SULLIVAN

Presiding Juvenile Judge of the Superior Court of California

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