



## Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee

*The mission of the Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee is to provide oversight for and promote communication between the Board of Supervisors, the Department of Social Services and its related agencies, and the community, with emphasis on providing information and recommendations that make the system more effective and efficient.*

### Thoughts/Concerns Review Topics: (Taken from Minutes)

#### Communication

- Communication Mechanism allowing FCSOC to hear from families and children.
- Improved communication with the Board of Supervisors.
- Communication Mechanism for Social Workers to talk with the FCSOC, see needs on the ground.

#### FCSOC Structure/Needs

- Possibility of a missing subcommittee or subcommittee restructure.
- Implement System for Annual Report to reach the Board of Supervisors.
- Determine the best way to gather information.
- Recommendation for a FCSOC budget.

#### Representation/Appointment Recommendations

- Recommendations for an Ombudsman, filled by a member of the FCSOC.
- Recommendations for a 3<sup>rd</sup> party Family Advocate, similar to those used by Mental Health.
- Appointment of a CYC Advocate on the FCSOC.
- Board of Supervisor representation needed at monthly FCSOC meetings.

#### Agenda Topics

- Standing Agenda Item to discuss oversight issues.
- Education on department processes to support increased understanding.
- CASA presenting on issues they have identified from working kids cases.