

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
JUVENILE DIVISION

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ORDER PERMITTING MEMBERS OF YOUTH AND FAMILY TEAM MEETINGS TO
SHARE RELEVANT INFORMATION ABOUT DUALY-INVOLVED YOUTH

Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court
County of Santa Clara, California

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Youth and Family Team Meetings are designed to engage families and other natural supports of dually involved youth or those youth who are at risk of becoming dually involved. The goal of team meetings is to identify services and supports the youth and family need in order to function in a safe manner, ultimately free of system involvement. In addition to the youth, family and family supports, those involved in the meeting shall include the current social worker and probation officer, and may include a dually involved youth advocate, liaisons from social services and the juvenile probation Department, non-attorney representatives from the minor's and/or parent's attorney's office(s), representatives from Child Advocates, and possible treatment providers. The meetings will be strength-based and non-judgmental, and will result in a plan with recommendations for both the dependency and juvenile justice systems as necessary.

Prior to each meeting, a dually-involved youth advocate will meet with the youth and administer a "Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths" assessment. The advocate will create a list of action items and significant issues based on the assessment. Additional issues may be added by professional team members in advance of the meeting upon presentation of tangible evidence that the additional issue is significant for the youth.

The court finds that information sharing is necessary for successful Youth and Family Team Meetings.

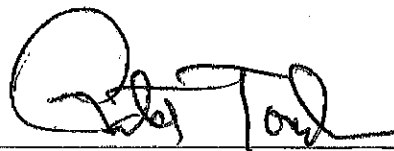
Based upon this finding, and good cause appearing, the court makes the following orders:

1. The Department of Family and Children's Services and the Probation Department are authorized to share with the facilitator of the meeting a summary of the presenting issues that brought the youth to the dual status process, a brief history of the youth's system contacts, information about family support people and resources, and information relevant to the action items identified for discussion.
2. The Department of Family and Children's Services and the Probation Department are authorized to share with the family, relatives, community partners and professionals attending the Family Team Meetings information about the youth and family that is specifically related to the action items and significant issues identified as topics for the Youth and Family Team Meeting.

So Ordered.

Date:

March 26th 2014



The Honorable Patrick Tondreau
Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court