

## **SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS/INVESTIGATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**July 2018 through September 2018**

### **Definitions of acronyms:**

1. **SPSW-** Supervising Pathway Social Worker
2. **PSW-** Pathway Social Worker
3. **LPA-** Licensing Program Analyst
4. **ILS-** Intern Licensing Standards
5. **CCL-** Community Care Licensing

### **July**

#### **INCIDENT-ER-Santa Maria**

On 07/04/2018 the resource mother called to inform the PSW that the foster child's (Female, 15) ear was swollen and she had to take the child to the emergency room. The foster child was diagnosed with an ear infection and received ear drops as well Tylenol for discomfort. The resource mother will monitor the child's ear infection. No further actions are required by Pathway.

#### **INCIDENT-Suicidal Gestures- Santa Maria**

On 07/06/2018 resource dad reported to SPSW that the foster child (Female, 14) was making superficial cuts and stating she did not desire to be placed in this home, she would rather be placed in a group home. Resource dad had already locked up any sharp object prior to this incident. SPSW requested an emergency CFT meeting as well as therapeutic services. The resource dad will continue to monitor the foster child to ensure safety. No further actions are required by Pathway at this time.

#### **INCIDENT-ER-Santa Maria**

On 07/09/2018 the on-call PSW received a call from the resource mom stating the foster child (Female, 15) was taken to the emergency room for abdominal pain. The doctor gave the child pain medication and she was discharged. The resource mother was instructed to seek medical attention if the symptoms increased. No further actions are required by Pathway.

#### **INCIDENT-Physical Abuse Allegation-Bakersfield**

On 07/09/2018 PSW made an unannounced visit with the foster child (Male, 5). During the visit the foster child disclosed his resource parents "are always mad." The foster child also disclosed he gets hit with a shoe or a toy. The PSW informed her supervisor and will be monitoring the child closely. No further actions are required by Pathway at this time.

### **INCIDENT-Scabies-Santa Maria**

On 07/12/2018 the resource mom called the PSW to inform her the foster child (Female, 14) was diagnosed with scabies. The foster child was prescribed Permethin cream as well as Benadryl. The scabies is believed to have come from clothing and blankets given to the foster child by Bio mom. The resource mom disinfected all infected clothing and had checked all the children discreetly. No further actions are required by Pathway at this time.

### **INCIDENT-ER-Santa Maria**

On 07/13/2018 the on-call PSW was notified by the resource mom that the foster child (Female, 2) was taken to the emergency room due to a fever and skin rash. The foster child was diagnosed with chicken pox. In the morning the foster child was taken to her primary care provider who stated the foster child was misdiagnosed. The foster child was prescribed medication and instructed the resource mom to keep the child away from other children. PSW called later to check on the child and the resource mom said she was progressing and fever was gone. No further actions are required by Pathway.

### **INCIDENT-ER –Santa Maria**

On 07/13/2018 the resource dad called the on-call PSW to report that the foster child (Female, 4) fell and hit her head. The foster child did not start crying, she began to seize and become stiff. The foster child was transported to the emergency room via ambulance. The child was given a CAT scan which came back normal. After being monitored for a few hours the child was discharged. The child attended a follow up appointment and everything was normal. No further actions required by Pathway at this time.

### **INVESTIGATION-Bakersfield**

On 07/17/2018 LPA delivered findings for an allegation. The foster child (Female 14) alleged the resource parents are forcing her to attend religious services. After investigating and interviews the allegations were UNSUBSTANTIATED. No further actions are required by Pathway.

### **INCIDENT-SELF-HARM-Bakersfield**

On 07/18/2018 resource mom informed PSW that the foster child (Female, 14) had another incident of cutting. Resource mom immediately informed the PSW and the therapist. The foster child's therapist will continue to work with her once a week and receive therapeutic behavioral services twice a week. Resource mom will ensure the foster child has no access to any sharp objects. No further actions are required by Pathway.

### **INVESTIGATION-Santa Maria**

On 07/24/2018 LPA investigated the allegations that the foster children (Female, 16) (Female, 8) (Female, 6) were yelled at, being hit, and not allowed to attend school. After conducting interviews and reviewing files the LPA did not obtain preponderance evidence, the complaint was closed as UNSUBSTANTIATED. No further actions are required by Pathway.

### **INVESTIGATION-Bakersfield**

On 07/25/2018 The LPA delivered findings of the complaint that the resource mom sent the foster children (Male, 9) (Male, 8) (Female, 6) to school in dirty clothes. After interviewing the resource mom, the foster children, and other involved parties all the statements corroborated that the foster children attend the school where the resource mom is employed and they play before school starts and that is how they get dirty. The complaint is closed as UNSUBSTANTIATED. No further actions are required by Pathway.

### **INVESTIGATION-Bakersfield**

On 07/26/2018 the LPA delivered findings of the complaint stating that the resource parents were yelling at the foster child (Male, 17). After interviewing the foster child he denied all the allegations. Other parties interviewed did not corroborate the allegation. There was not enough evidence to substantiate the allegation therefore, the allegation is UNSUBSTANTIATED. No further actions are required by Pathway.

### **INVESTIGATION-Bakersfield**

On 07/27/2018 the LPA delivered findings of the complaint stating that the resource parent inappropriately disciplined the foster children (Male, 9) (Male, 5) (Male, 4). After interviewing and reviewing records the information did not corroborate with the allegation, therefore it was determined the allegation to be UNSUBSTANTIATED. No further actions required by Pathway.

### **INVESTIGATION-Bakersfield**

On 07/27/2018 the LPA delivered findings of the complaint stating that the foster child (Male, 3) sustained unexplained bruising. After interviewing the foster child, resource parents, PSW, and the Pathway Deputy Director the information did not corroborate. The allegation was determined UNSUBSTANTIATED. No further actions required by Pathway.

### **INCIDENT-Santa Maria**

On 07/30/2018 after hours the foster child's (Female, 15) county social worker contacted the SPSW to report that the foster child told her attorney that the resource dad "yells excessively" at her. The SPSW had not heard of any complaints from other placements or that foster child directly. The PSW conducted a wellness check and reviewed with the parents the discipline policy as well as explored forms of discipline. No further actions are required by Pathway at this time.

### **August**

### **INCIDENT-Physical Abuse- Santa Maria**

On 08/01/2018 the PSW conducted a wellness check and was informed the foster child (Female, 17) accused the resource mom of hitting her. The resource mom states the foster child became noncompliant about doing chores then yelled "you hit me!" Pathway has been requesting intensive therapeutic services for this child for the past year with no word of approval. PSW went over forms of discipline with the resource mom and no concerns were observed with resource mom's feedback. PSW instructed resource mom to disengage with foster child for a short period when she becomes upset. No further actions are required by Pathway at this time

### **INVESTIGATION-Bakersfield**

On 08/02/2018 LPA delivered findings of the complaint stating that the foster child (Male, 3) sustained unexplained injuries. During the interviews the resource parents denied the allegation and stated they never hit the foster child that he is very active and plays a lot. Others interviewed stated having no concerns with the certified family. There was not a preponderance of evidence; therefore the allegation was determined UNSUBSTANTIATED. No further actions are required by Pathway.

### **INCIDENT-ER Visit- Santa Maria**

On 08/05/2018 the on-call PSW received a call from the resource mom stating the foster child (Female, 15) had fallen while skating. The resource mom took the foster child to the emergency room. The doctor discharged the foster child stating there were no concerns and prescribed the foster child with over the counter Tylenol. The PSW instructed the resource mom to monitor the child for any changes and follow the instructions on the discharge paperwork. Resource parents made a follow-up appointment for 08/21/18 and the results were normal. No further actions are required by Pathway.

### **INCIDENT-Missing Person-Bakersfield**

On 08/06/2018 the resource mom contacted her PSW to inform her that the foster child (Male, 16) was not in his room when she went to wake him up. The resource mom filed a missing person report. The PSW notified the county social worker and also notified the counselor. The PSW discussed the dangers of sneaking out to the foster child. No further actions are required by Pathway at this time.

### **INCIDENT-Allegation of Physical Abuse- Santa Maria**

On 08/06/2018 PSW and SPSW received a call from the county social worker stating that the foster child (Male, 5) made an allegation that the resource mom hit him. SPSW informed the county social worker they had documented pervious concerns of the foster child blurting out allegations in front of other adults. CCL was notified and informed SPSW to document if it happens again; however the foster child was discharged from emergency shelter before another situation occurred. The documentation was provided. No further actions are required by Pathway at this time.

### **INCIDENT-Runaway-Santa Maria**

On 08/11/2018 the resource mom called the PSW stating the foster child (Male, 17) had been gone for over two hours. The PSW instructed the resource mom to file a missing person report. The foster child expressed he would be 18 in a number of days and no longer wanted to be in foster care. The foster child is no longer with Pathway. No further actions are required by Pathway

### **INCIDENT-Drug Use- Bakersfield**

On 08/11/2018 the resource mom called the on-call PSW to report that the foster child (Male, 17) was being verbally aggressive and that she suspected he had been using drugs due to his erratic behavior. The foster child packed his belongings and threatened to run away if someone did not pick him up to go to Jamison. The foster child was taking to Jamison in efforts to keep him from running away. The foster child is no longer with Pathway. No further actions are required by Pathway.

### **INVESTIGATION-Bakersfield**

On 08/14/2018 the LPA delivered finding of the complaint stating the resource parents failed to provide the foster child (Male, 9) with prescribed medications as well as failed to take the foster child to medical appointments. After investigating all pertinent individuals and reviewing records the information obtained did not corroborate the allegations; therefore the allegations were determined UNSUBSTANTIATED. No further actions are required by Pathway.

### **INCIDENT-Car Accident-Bakersfield**

On 08/14/2018 the resource mom contacted the PSW stating on the way to taking the foster child (Male, 8) to his scheduled visit another vehicle side swiped her car. The resource mom took the child to urgent care as a precautionary measure. The doctor released the foster child and stated there were no concerns. No further actions are required by Pathway.

### **INCIDENT-ER Visit-Santa Maria**

On 08/23/2018 the resource mom called the on-call PSW to report that the foster child (Female, 15) fell while playing volleyball and her knee was swollen. The resource mom took the foster child to the emergency room where she was diagnosed with a knee strain. The foster child was provided with a knee immobilizer, crutches, and Ibuprofen. The resource mom received after care instructions as well as scheduled a follow-up appointment. No further actions are required by Pathway at this time.

### **INCIDENT-Illness-Hemet**

On 08/30/2018 the resource parents contacted the PSW to inform her they were taking the foster child (Female, 4mos) to the emergency room because she kept throwing up and could not keep the milk down. The foster child was hospitalized overnight to determine the reason she continued to throw up. After the child was discharged, the resource parents received a treatment plan. No further actions are required by Pathway.

## **September**

### **INCIDENT-ER Visit- Santa Maria**

On 09/04/2018 the PSW received a call from the resource mom stating she took the foster child (Female, 10) to the emergency room due to a skin infection. The doctor diagnosed the foster child with skin abscesses and cleaned the abscesses. The doctor prescribed Tylenol every six hours for pain relief. The foster child's symptoms decreased. No further actions are required by Pathway at this time.

### **INCIDENT-Cutting-Bakersfield**

On 09/05/2018 the resource mom called the PSW to inform her the foster child (Female, 13) cut her arms and thighs. The foster child stated she was upset about a recent breakup that is why she cut herself. The therapist was informed of the incident and the child will continue to go once a week. The resource mom will check the foster child's arms and legs to ensure no future cuts happen as well as ensure the foster child has no access to sharp objects. No further actions are required by Pathway at this time.

#### **INCIDENT-Suicide Threat- Bakersfield**

On 09/05/2018 the PSW received a call from the resource dad stating the foster child (Female, 14) started screaming she wanted to kill herself and that she did not want to go to her placement all while at school. The police transported the foster child to a local mental hospital. The foster child was released and transported to Jamison Center. The foster child is no longer with Pathway. No further actions are required by Pathway.

#### **INCIDENT-Physical Abuse-Bakersfield**

On 09/07/2018 the resource mom informed the PSW that the foster child (Male, 9) disclosed to her that his previous resource mom use to slap him that is why he flinched. The resource mom reassured the foster child she would never hit him. The PSW reported the incident to the SPSW and the county social worker. No further actions are required by Pathway at this time.

#### **INCIDENT-ER Visit- Santa Maria**

On 09/24/2018 the resource mom called the on-call PSW and informed him that the foster child (Female, 17) had been throwing up and having stomach issues. The foster child disclosed to the resource mom she had been using heroin. The resource mom took the foster child to the emergency room, after test and blood work the doctor prescribed the foster child with diphenhydramine. The foster child left Pathway to go to shelter. No further actions are required by Pathway.

#### **INCIDENT-ER Visit- Santa Maria**

On 09/24/2018 the resource mom called the on-call PSW to inform him that the foster child (Female, 2) was taken to the emergency room due to an allergic reaction. The foster child was prescribed with Loratadine to help with the rash and swelling. No further actions are required by Pathway.

#### **INCIDENT-ER Visit- Santa Maria**

On 09/25/2018 the resource mom called the PSW to inform him the foster child (Female, 1) was taken to the emergency room due to throwing up. The doctor diagnosed the foster child with the flu and instructed the resource mom to continue to provide the foster child with liquids. The resource mom was provided with discharge instructions. No further actions are required by Pathway.

### **INCIDENT-Runaway- Santa Maria**

On 09/25/2018 the resource mom called the PSW to inform him that the foster child (Female, 15) left the home and did not return. The PSW instructed her to call the police and file a missing person report. The police officer found the child and returned her to the resource home. The PSW showed up to the home and the foster child stated she wanted to be placed in respite care while she processed her options. The resource parents were educated on how to reinforce rules but still allow the foster child to process her own thoughts. The foster child agreed to communicate better and to work on following rules. No further actions are required by Pathway.

### **INCIDENT-Suspected Child Abuse Report**

On 09/26/2018 the county social worker for the foster children (Female, 13) (Female, 7) (Female, 7) contacted the PSW to request that the children be placed with respite care. The county social worker stated she could not discuss the reasons or details. The PSW transported the foster children to the respite home. On 09/27/2018 the county social worker called the PSW and informed her that a suspected child abuse report was filed. No further actions are required by Pathway at this time

### **INVESTIGATION-Bakersfield**

On 09/27/2018 LPA delivered findings of the complaint allegation that the resource dad inappropriately touched the foster child (Female, 17). After investigation and interviewing all relevant parties the preponderance of evidence was not met; therefore the allegation was determined UNSUBSTANTIATED. No further actions are required by Pathway.