

Illinois Children and Family Services Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2015

Attendees: Chair Tim Egan, DCFS Interim Director Cynthia Tate, Dr. Robert Bloom, Marge Bergland, Senator Mattie Hunter, Co-chair Dr. Jill Glick, Senator Julie Morrison, Joe Piezecki, Andrea Durbin, Cathy McCoy, Erin Moran, Billie Larkin, Michelle Jackson DCFS General Counsel. DCFS Liaison: Erika LaCerde Erika.LaCerde@Illinois.gov

I. Call to Order/ Introduction

Chair Egan called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Chair Egan welcomed Interim Director Dr. Tate.

Ms. Bergland moved to approve the November 2014 minutes, Ms. Durbin seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Glick moved to approve the December 11, 2014 Emergency meeting minutes, Ms. Bergland seconded and the motion carried.

II. DCFS Residential Centers Action Plan Follow-up

Director Tate Presented follow-up to action plan presented at the Emergency meeting

- DCFS leadership team et 2x daily, reduced to 3x a week
- Monitoring is addressing procedural revisions, monthly UIR reviews
- Performance outcomes for Residential Centers
- 3 RTCs on hold, 8 sites were reviewed
- Procedures for missing youth and policy guide revisions implemented in 12/14
- DCFS still seeking independent expert review
- Meetings conducted with Executive Directors of Shelters regarding elopement and physical restraint
- Enhanced oversight RTC's delivering monthly reports
- Integrated clinical monitoring approach and analysis for youth placed in RTCs >12 months
- Human trafficking training rolled-out to be completed by 3/31/15

Discussion points were raised on the following areas:

- Reports on Residential Treatment Centers, factors contributing to site visits, intake holds, and coming off hold criteria
- UIR data and its effectiveness as a tool to identify RTC issues
- More analysis and communication necessary with partner providers
- Recruitment for Specialized fostercare
- Utilization of RTC in an appropriate manner
- Secured placements

III. Defining the Role of CFS Advisory Council

Discussion points raised:

- Clearly define boundaries, responsibilities and role for CFS Advisory Council
- Advise does not mean Supervise
- Where does the Department need assistance, investigations? Permanency?
- Work with Director to delineate needs, utilize Chapin Hall data analysis
- Move areas of DCFS to another agency
- Precision focus on best use for this advisory council
- Statutory Charge Public Act 91-239
- Involvement and interaction with Youth Advisory Board
- Responsibility to fix RTC until satisfied that it is under control

Recommendations

- Designate a liaison from the CFSAC to the Youth Advisory Board
- Director stay in front of the youth group, quarterly meetings
- Prepare documents to communicate with the Governor's office, introduction
- Clarify aims as group, vote on highest priorities
- Upcoming topic meeting, electronic medical records

Chairman Egan made a motion to draft documents to share with Governor's office and to meet on a monthly basis. Ms. Larkin seconded, motion carried.

Chairman Egan adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.