

Committee: CWAC High End Comprehensive Services Subcommittee	
Chairperson: Michael C Jones & Ann Pearcy	Meeting date/location: August 13, 2015/100 N Western
<p>Members Present: Alan Morris, Ann Pearcy, Theresa Matthews, Chuck Redeker, Dora Maya, Evelyn Smith, Judy Griffeth, Mitchell S., Michelle Jackson, Maggie Gould, Angela Hassell, Michael C. Jones, Mary Ann Berg, Kate Buchanan, Sarah Pope, Margarita Cordon, Keith Polan, Bruce Thomas, Elizabeth Wagner, Denise Briglio, Gabriela Del Cid, Becky Newcomer, Beth Horwitz, Heather Baranowski and Dr. Larry Small</p> <p>Members Absent: Vickie Tello, Tracey (Childrens Home), Cindy Bauman, Kristine Herman, Reina Reyes, Cindy Bellman, and Dennis Willey.</p>	
<p>Summary of Discussion Items:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Director’s CWAC High End Summary</p> <p>Michael C. Jones reported to the committee that Director Sheldon asked for a summary from subcommittee and their focus for the present and the future. The attached document was given to the director which shows the focus of the subcommittee. Chair invited the committee to review the document. Director Sheldon also asked for schedules of all meetings. The Director is reviewing what each group is focusing on to determine how the committee’s focus will align with his vision. Director Sheldon has made no indication of any changes to be made for this committee and its goals. Judith Griffeth noted that not much was mentioned in regards to the services for older youth. Director Sheldon is looking and working with Feds in regards to funding for older youth at this time. There were voiced concerns from the committee to whether information regarding services and funding for the older youth would be shared with this committee.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Changes to DCFS Organizational structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a restructuring or realignment happening in Regulations and Monitoring. • Michelle Jackson is the new Deputy for Monitoring. • The Division of Quality Assurance has a new Deputy, Cynthia Richard Jackson. • Denice Murray will continue as the Deputy over Regulations/Licensing. • There is a New Deputy for the Division of Child Protection. • Derek Hobson is now the Chief Accountability Officer, which involves Grants. • Lori Gray replaces Derek Hobson as Regional Administrator. • Lise Spacapan is the new General Counsel for DCFS • Dr. Cynthia Tate is the Senior Deputy for Division of Program, Practice, & Research • Nora P. Harms is the Deputy of Child Protection • Carolyn Ross is the Senior Deputy for Administration • Andre Flach is the Senior Deputy of Communications and the Chief of Staff. • Mike Ruppe is the Deputy of Operations. • Angela Hassell is the new Downstate Regional Manager. • The Director should be announcing the new organization chart for the next CWAC Meeting. <p>Michelle Jackson reported to the workgroup that there will be changes made to monitoring. It is not known yet but Director Sheldon is looking at how all departments will be monitored. This responsibility will ultimately fall under Michelle Jackson. The changes will be developed by an external agency that will assist the Department. Michelle asked this workgroup for assistance about the changes and its thoughts on what is working and what is not. An RFP s being developed for the outside agency.</p>	

Michelle stated that she will attend the providers meeting scheduled for September 11, 2015.

CWAC Rules of Procedure

An attachment was provided to the committee members for review. Chair Michael C Jones went over the requirements for the committee and the Open Meeting Act. Points raised for discussion were:

- who is the identified membership
- who should/should not be invited to the meetings
- Identify representatives, whose voices will be heard with regards to decision making.

Clinical Reviews of youth in Residential

Dr. Small reported that months ago when Director Sheldon started with DCFS, he commissioned a group to review the children who have been in residential for months. At that time there was 500 youth. The reviews were conducted in the residential facilities. The Director questioned, whether these were the right children in residential and what were the barriers to removing these youth. The 566 review looked at youth and family involvement. They explored what other alternative family members were available for placement. The question of concern was: Is there a heightened risk for a child to be in residential for long periods of time? The data collected, reports and findings will be shared at a later time.

Dr. Small stated that he came to this workgroup to request assistance. Dr. Small posed the question of How do we go forward to review the children who were not reviewed? Volunteers are needed. Sample data is needed. Input about the process is also needed. Dr. Small informed the workgroup that the clinical staff will help and join your treatment teams. Dr. Small reiterated that the review should cause minimum disruption as possible. A work group member stated that if there is a list of children in advance, then we can consolidate the children and make things easier. Dr. Small agreed.

Dr. Small will be reaching out to the agencies for the next step. More information will be presented to the larger group of providers.

The question was put forth about the role of Quality Assurance. Dr. Small will talk with Dr. Tate about the role of Quality Assurance during this process.

Medicaid Update

Kristine Herman reports that there will be an upgrade made to Medicaid and the impact will be the process of agencies being revalidated by December 2015. Medicaid workers will be moved under System of Care and the Medicaid Billing system should be updated by Friday.

Data Test - Updates

Judy Griffeth presented. Length of stay – key focus

New monitoring system developed, will look at specific data relating to the focus of who are these kids.

A small group will be developed to review this and a meeting is scheduled for next week. Goals for next year are to look at characteristics with regards to discharges and focus on career kids-kids bouncing from institution to institution. The group has also started last year reviewing and will continue to look at group home step downs. Group home should be used for step down versus step ups.

ILO/TLP Workgroup Update

A July meeting was scheduled and the focus was to look at how data will be used. September 11th a final plan should be ready. Bruce Thomas is the contact for reports due on the 15th of the month and this information is located on the shared drive. The data collected was misconstrued due to the children's saving. Agencies should remove money information from data collection. There is also a challenge with moving youth from residential to TLP. Youth are experiencing a difficult transition from restrictive to less restrictive settings.

High Performance Monitoring - Updates

What is the data showing for high performance? Monitoring – color code tier levels and providers must track. Length of Stay– very important so much data collection has been done in the past by both groups high performance and data test. Department agreed that it is a joint responsibility in reducing length of

stay.
 Fy16 official monitoring levels will be established and rolled out. The fourth quarter report should be out in two weeks.

Suggestion box in facilities-Children are placing hotline issues in suggestion box vs. issues that are occurring in the facilities. Theresa Matthews requested agencies to talk to children or mark the suggestion box so that the children would not place abuse and neglect issues in the box.

A tracking system is being developed to see what issues the children are placing from the suggestion box. Information from the suggestion box is being feed back to the agency.

High performance data test would look into and discuss the use survey monkey.

Workgroup Updates – SBP/Conduct Disorder

SBP

- CANS module completed
- Looking forward to piloting model soon.
- Searching for workers to implement model.
- SBP Training module done but still needs work.

Conduct Disorder

- A customized report will be provided for the next meeting.

Agenda from floor

Discussion arose about problems receiving DCFS Guardian approval for physical restraints. It was suggested that agencies should call back and clarify request and also ask for a supervisor.

Required Action:	Person Responsible:	Due Date:
<p>Michelle Jackson reported to the workgroup that there will be changes made to monitoring. The changes will be developed by an external agency that will assist the Department. Michelle asked this workgroup for assistance about the changes and its thoughts on what is working and what is not.</p>	Michelle Jackson	TBD
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<p>do we go forward to review the children who were not reviewed? Volunteers are needed. Sample data is needed. Dr. Small will be reaching out to the agencies for the next step. More information will be presented to the larger group of providers. What will be the role of Quality Assurance?</p> <p>High Performance Monitoring - Updates Suggestion box in facilities-Children are placing hotline issues in suggestion box vs. issues that are occurring in the facilities. A tracking system is being developed to see what issues the children are placing from the suggestion box. Information from the suggestion box is being feed back to the agency. High performance data test would look into and discuss the use survey monkey.</p>	<p>Theresa Mathews</p>	<p>TBD</p>
<p>Adjourn Time: Meeting ended without incident at 3:00pm</p>		
<p>Next Meeting Date/Location: Oct. 8, 2015/100 N Western</p>		
<p>Date Minutes Submitted: 09/09/2015</p>		