

<b>POS Co-Chairs:</b> Zack Schrantz, Trish Fox	<b>Meeting date/time/location:</b> February 24, 2016	
<b>DCFS Co-Chair:</b> Director George Sheldon	<b>Start Time:</b> 1:04pm	
<b>Attach attendance list:</b> See Attached.		
<b>Summary of Discussion Items:</b>	<b>Required Action:</b>	<b>Person Responsible:</b>
<p><b><u>Welcome &amp; Introductions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tricia Fox and Zack Schrantz introduced as new Chairs of CWAC</li> <li>• Melissa Riddle introduced as new Chair of Finance and Administration Committee</li> <li>• Kathy Grzelak as new Chair of Front End/Intact Sub Committee</li> <li>• Hope Carbonaro as new Chair of Foster Care Sub Committee</li> <li>• Bev Jones as new Chair of the Workforce Development Ad Hoc Sub Committee.</li> </ul>		
<p><b><u>Director’s Report</u></b></p> <p>Director Sheldon shared that moving forward CWAC members will have tenures of three years so that there is continual change and new members. He also shared that the Governor is committed to DCFS and the transformation as demonstrated in the budget presentation Mr. Grady will give.</p> <p><b>a. Presentation on DCFS Transformation</b></p> <p>Director Sheldon shared that he has never seen this collaboration and specifically with Corrections at the table. Two weeks ago, the leadership teams from all these agencies came together to meet one another and finally meet those who have been emailing for years. Example is joint application for new opportunities to support specialized youth. Governor announced Children’s Cabinet that he will be chairing as well.</p> <p><b>b. DCFS Leadership Updates</b></p> <p>Director Sheldon stated that there were a few DCFS leadership changes he wanted to share: Carolyn Ross as Chief Deputy to coordinate within the agency and allow the Director to spend more time out in the community. Thank you to Michael C. Jones and welcome to Pete Digre who ran LA for a decade. Royce Kirkpatrick new deputy of contracts, he will be great at that.</p> <p>When I was at the strategic planning session, I really saw our group come together and we have the right folks in place for our leadership team.</p> <p><b>c. Federal Legislative Update</b></p> <p>Director Sheldon stated that there was a lot going on which I saw when I was in DC last. A bipartisan approach to child welfare issues. Federal government has</p>		

<p>issued 26 waivers for child welfare finance. IL has the 0-3 waiver. The Feds have made it clear no new waivers but the Hatch/Wyden draft is getting traction in both house and senate. Would help to drive de-emphasis on congregate care. It would cap residential at 12 months for the length of time to receive federal funding. Would fund front-end prevention services.</p> <p>In Illinois, no child under the age of six will go to shelter. This is where we really have to work with the private sector to work with providers to make this transition. I have asked our leadership to form a network of emergency foster homes. We will work with providers to provide temporary placements via shelter as partnership with DHS and housing needs. Saving on facilities will allow us to reinvest with other community placements.</p> <p><b>d. 2017 Proposed Budget Overview</b></p> <p>Matt Grady stated: We pay \$490 a day in Shelter; we would save \$370 a day for community placements. We don't want to save for the sake of saving money but to reinvest in high fidelity wraparound services. Res: \$318, can save \$197 if step down into spec foster care.</p> <p>Two operative words: flexibility and thoughtful planning.</p> <p>Next chart is FY2016 proposed budget, which we realize, was never passed. The Governor continues to negotiate. He took the FY15 budget and adjusted it for the Enterprise Program (new financial system). It provides a general ledger at the state that we have not previously had. We will also upgrade with a new human resource system. Funding in budget for those three items. That is what makes up FY16 number.</p> <p>FY17 was \$1B change in slide. We have 23,400 subsidized guardianship cases. Because youth are aging out, we are able to save \$11.6M.</p> <p>Foster Care and IGH \$19.6M increase – Going to take time to staff up for initiatives we are undertaking. Foster Care: Example, if we are not able to achieve the reduction, GOMB has agreed that they can move some funding from line item to line item. We will now touch 945 additional youth.</p> <p>IGH: decrease of \$28M. Shift 52 youth from IGH to community care as well as reduction in excess shelter capacity. Reducing by 50 transitioning from TLP to ILO.</p> <p>Question: Older youth incentive model. Reducing 236 youth out of budget. Do we know what kinds of discussions we will have with these kids? If kids are still non-compliant and won't get jobs and go to school, that's where funding is coming from.</p> <p>Director: we need to move with those youth and the providers on this. If we let kids age out at 18 without skills that is our fault and we are not serving these kids well. We need to use the YABs, etc. to discuss this as we will get feedback that this isn't fare. This is one of the only states that keep guardianship to 21 so we are moving in that direction. I recommend a CWAC Ad Hoc Group on this.</p> <p>Question: ICOY spent two years planning because of the homeless youth group and the determination was to keep it more fluid. With the current reality of the</p>		
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<p>IL safety net with the lack of budget this means that we would be sending kids out into a world that has nothing so phasing out is important. This would include opt in, opt out and opt back in. This has to be done in the reality of not having a budget.</p> <p>Question: – a lot would have to change to support this.</p> <p>Director suggests an ad hoc CWAC committee.</p> <p>Matt Grady: University contracts reduced by 3%</p> <p>Institutional and Group Home: Reduction \$23.8M</p> <p>Grants increase by \$237K</p> <p>General Services: Decrease by retiring staff but not layoffs.</p> <p>SACWIS: \$4.4M increase</p> <p>Federal funds increase from DHS for fingerprinting services</p> <p>Question: A lot is changing quickly. The 10% reduction will be hard to meet if kids are not ready to go or do not have the placements to go to. Clear communication about intent is important so providers can plan.</p> <p><b>e. Update on Residential Procedures and comments</b></p> <p>Michael C. Jones: We are still working through the comments. Received 30 comments back from various sources. Slight pause to make sure it is aligning with the P315 procedures. There is a large portion of kids in residential have been in care for 5+ years and so the application to permanency is huge. This has set us back but the procedures need to be well thought out. We do not currently have a time period but we are meeting weekly.</p> <p>Question: When will there be a step to coordinate with finance given paying for values and outcomes versus ‘widgets’?”</p> <p>Michael C. Jones: We have also talked internally about meeting with providers to continue to inform us. There is some technology process, etc.</p> <p><b>f. Update on Monitoring</b></p> <p>Michelle Jackson: New monitoring system in place by July 2016. UIC and NW are collaborating and Chapin Hall will be evaluating. They will be sending out a survey to determine a baseline and then it will be reissued after implementation of the new model to have a true evaluation of the changes in residential monitoring. The survey is not about what you are doing or your performance and it will not be used that way. It is just a baseline measure for res monitoring to support the evaluation.</p> <p>Interim Monitoring: Partnering with UIC. Heightened level of scrutiny for res programs we monitor. Going to providers to determine how well they present. By way of TA, assist us in recognizing which providers are really doing well and can mentor other providers and assist providers that are struggling. Info shared and utilized with other DCFS divisions to all work together for better outcomes for youth and no longer just compliance indicators.</p>	<p>Jody Grutza</p>	<p>CWAC Ad Hoc on Older Youth</p>
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**g. Update on Strategic Planning Process**

Jody Grutza: Private provider strategic planning forum will be scheduled. Connecting this with the CWAC committees on this. Regional Town Halls will be set up so that is another forum to get information too.

**Co-Chairs Report**

**Presented by:** Trish Fox and Zack Schrantz

- Updated CWAC Org Chart and New Committee Chairs – Shared with CWAC and review changes.
- Announce and Execute Committee Chair Changes and Tenure Classes: Same as above.
- Workforce Development Committee – Ad Hoc Committee created to work on these issues. Calls/meetings have already begun.
- Tracking and Reporting of Recommendations: Working on this with DCFS staff and will have update at next meeting.

**Committee Reports**

**a. System of Care**

Kristine Herman and Arlene Happach: Presentation from Choices on data today and committee has asked for some benchmark data to anchor to the rest of the system and cost data. Provider concerns about expectation son spec foster care and the CFT and contracts have asked spec workgroup to take a look and that is on the agenda for their next meeting, Presentation from Statewide Provider Database was effective and is recommended for full CWAC meeting.

Rec that Department look at spec foster care pilot. Two agencies were identified and the agencies are ready to pilot.

CCBYS – budgets shrinking and programs closing.

Get info on psych lockouts and hospitals. Committee wants to get out in front of managed care and will spend time at next meeting discussing this.

**b. Foster Care**

Joyce Bryan: New training still needs to be reviewed with CWAC. There is a need for a committee to focus on this particularly.

Hope Carbonaro: At the March meeting, Nora Harms discuss changes to investigations and then recommendations from the committee will come to DCFS. Pete Digre will also join the next meeting to discuss with this committee.

Teddy: Are we changing all or just monitoring? Just residential monitoring for now.

**c. High End/Residential**

Michael C. Jones: The committee has discussed two major topics

1. What monitoring will look like long term and the interim steps.
2. UIRs: Alan Yang from NW researched UIR completion rates,

<p>timeframes and need. He found that 70-75% is timely within 6 days. There was discussion about those not timely and why. The committee will be addressing this in future meetings.</p> <p><b>d. Front End – Vision of Front End work</b></p> <p>Tasked by Director back in May to come up with a redesign of the front end if money was no object. The recommendations have been formally submitted and also reported out at the meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All front end post investigative services should be privatized.</li> <li>2. Worker levels for DCP staff be lowered to be responsive to investigations</li> <li>3. Robust training for services for DCP and private providers without in person training to do electronic training versus in person. New curriculum was being developed for Intact and curriculum has not been distributed for review.</li> <li>4. Worker to supervisor ratio be reduced to 4:1 versus current 7:1 for intact.</li> <li>5. Eligibility criteria for post-investigative services should be adjusted so not require a finding in order to go to intact.</li> <li>6. Elimination of the financially driven time an open case for 6 months to 12 months.</li> <li>7. More flexibility in financial resources or access to community service providers so that families can access resources such as domestic violence, mental health, etc. Would like to see roll out of model with evidence based model so that workers start to do true assessments and work with the families. Substance abuse cases are the ones that really need longer-term services and then need to make sure that kids are staying safe at home.</li> <li>8. SACWIS and technology does not give us the information we need to make decisions for the family.</li> <li>9. Systems to better manage programs with monitoring and technology and are able to provide better data.</li> <li>10. How do we bridge access with budget cuts and lack of services?</li> </ol> <p>Director Sheldon: Further flesh out these last two pieces with Nora’s help as a follow up process.</p> <p><b>e. Well-being</b></p> <p>Larry Small: A meeting is being set up with Mark Courtney and Strategic Planning and Implementation to determine next steps based on DCFS BH Implementation Plan.</p> <p><b>f. Finance and Administration</b></p> <p>See budget presentation above.</p>	<p><b>DCFS to formally respond to Front End Recommendations</b></p>	<p><b>Jody Grutza</b></p>
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<p><b>Open Agenda</b></p> <p><b>h. Pay for Success Update</b></p> <p>Teddy Savas: Six organizations came together to create the Conscious Community Network. This model will serve 475 new youth that become part of child welfare and juvenile justice each year. We have seen increasing kids remanded to DCFS from juvenile justice.</p> <p>The program is based on the Georgetown model on crossover youth, system change and behavioral change at the child and family level. Wraparound services are utilized.</p> <p>Currently the program is in month 3 of 6 of the ramp up phase. CCN intends to work with 800 young people over the course of 5 years with 1.5 years of post-tracking in 17 Illinois Counties. Also looking at TFCO model to support these kids.</p> <p>Partners in this project include the Governor’s office, DCFS, juvenile courts, Georgetown advisors and the Harvard SIB lab. The University of Michigan is leading the evaluation of the program.</p>	<p><b>Jody Grutza</b></p>	<p><b>Send copies of Pay for Success Presentation</b></p>
<p><b>Note Any Formal Written Recommendations that have been made to Full CWAC:</b></p>	<p><b>Status Update. New/Pending/Response from DCFS Received:</b></p>	
<p><b>Recommendation 1:</b> Distribute summary out to CWAC committee on FY17 Governors budget</p>		
<p><b>Recommendation 2:</b> Start 18-21 Ad Hoc group</p>		
<p><b>Recommendation 3:</b> DCFS to formally respond to Front End recommendations.</p>		
<p><b>Adjourn Time:</b> 4:05pm</p>		
<p><b>Next Meeting Date/location:</b> May 12, 2016</p>		
<p><b>Date Minutes Submitted:</b> August 1, 2016</p>		