

<b>Committee:</b> Child Well-Being/Outcomes Committee	
<b>Chairperson:</b> Larry Small and Margaret Vimont	<b>Meeting date/location:</b> July 25, 2015, JRTC, 6 <sup>th</sup> fl, RM 215
<b>Members Present:</b> Margaret Vimont, Jennifer Prior, Jen Axelrod, Steve Budde, John Schnier, Jennifer O’Brien, Neil Jordan, Marc Smith, Marge Berglind, Beth Horwitz	
<b>Members Absent:</b> Larry Small, Michael Jones, Kristine Herman, Theresa Matthews, Toleda Hart, Dennis Wiley	
<b>Summary of Discussion Items:</b>  Committee discussed various other “measuring” efforts that are in process throughout the system and how they might intersect or affect this work on an overall Wellbeing measure.  Reviewed the Draft Matrix. Consensus agreement on content at this point on the items for each domain. Committee then discussed several items:  Looking at the Early Childhood measures, question raised about whether the ASQ and other measures should be used to inform the CANS rating or if their date should also be added to the Wellbeing measure. Andrea Goss will be consulted.  Ansell Casey as added measure for Adolescents and which parts of it might be best used. Contact will be made with DCFS expert on this (Holly Bitner) and one of the authors of the instrument Chris Downs for input.  CANS discussion: major obstacle at this juncture is the lack of perceived usefulness of the CANS as it is not used in discussions about youth in any wide spread context that the committee is aware of. Education is needed on not only the <u>how</u> to fill it out, but on the <u>WHY</u> to fill it out—use in supervision and in evaluating how kids are progressing will help with this moving forward. There is no ongoing training or consequence for failing to complete in many parts of the system. These are all things to keep in minds as we think about the CANS as the anchor for Wellness. There are some pockets where the data is used and where feedback is given then it is not completed or where it is completed but not accurately. These kinds of feedback loops will be critical if we move forward with this Wellness measurement plan.  There is concern about the ongoing burden of reporting. John will look into whether the Redundancy Committee is still at work and what progress it might have made.  Creating thorough talking points will be important as we move our work out to other stakeholders. Items to add to the list of these from todays meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Principles used in creating the matrix: use current data, do not add on to the current “response fatigue” by adding data collection instruments to the system</li><li>• The measures are not perfect but do meaningfully measure the four domains in a way that is practical, clinical and judicious. While there are limitations, we believe they are effective in creating an overall Wellbeing picture in our current context.</li></ul>	

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For more results of the committee work, please see the updated Matrix with comments.		
<b>Required Action</b> Contact Holly Bitner and Chris Downs for input on Casey for wellness	<b>Person Responsible</b> Jennifer O'brian and Beth Horwitz	<b>Due Date</b> August 20
<b>Adjourn Time:</b> 4:30		
<b>Next Meeting Date/Location:</b> Thursday, August 20, 3-4:30 at Thompson Center room 215		
<b>Date Minutes Submitted:</b> July 31, by Margaret Vimont of Jewish Child and Family Services, provider		