

Sub Committee: System of Care		
POS Co-Chair: Arlene Happach	Meeting date/location: July 21, 2016 Children’s Home and Aid, 125 S. Wacker, Suite 1400 Chicago, IL and by phone at 888-494-4032; 857 323 8421#	
DCFS Co-Chair: Kristine Herman	Start Time: 11:00am	
Members: Herman, Kristine-DCFS, Margaret Berglind-CCA, Arlene Happach-CHA, Hope Carbonaro-Caritas, Debbie Reed-Chaddock, Patricia Ege-Cunningham, Amy Dennison-CHAIL, Cindy Hoffman-CHAIL, Marc Fagan, Psy.D-Thresholds, Stephanie Barisch-CYFS, Elizabeth Kepler-IPI/DCFS		Present 13
Additional Guests: Jody Grutza-DCFS, Pete Digre-DCFS		
Summary of Discussion Items:	Required Action:	Person Responsible:
Welcome & Introductions		
<p>Agenda Item 1: Immersion Site Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by: Jody Grutza, Pete Digre • Provide brief description/overview of what is presented: <u>Overview of Immersion Site plans and goals:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Goal: Getting kids to permanency in a shorter time - Opportunity to instill person-centered trauma informed practice framework - Statewide implementation involves both public and private agency workers - Collaborative process – bringing together and listening to DCFS operations, POS, parents of all kinds, judges, GAL, others. - Will be built into foundation training, and have refresher for existing staff. - Training (2 days), coaching, Quality Service Review (QSR) process, building robust wraparound system. - Paul Vincent coming to talk about the QSR process on the 10th and 11th – suggested that one or two of this group attend, suggest changes if needed, and bring information back to CWAC SOC. - Will also be looking at inefficient or ineffective practices to focus on the things that will result in the outcomes we want. <p><u>Discussion</u></p>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerns expressed over conflicts with or duplication of effort for private agencies who have fully implemented EBPs with congruous goals and features. Asked to consider “opt out” for some or all implementation elements based on EBP implementation. <i>Response: Model should fit well alongside existing EBPs. Statewide implementation of the same practice model is one of the key features, so opt out is not preferred but can be discussed further. We can also be tuned in to this when we are completing our QA process to establish the system baselines.</i> - Want to look ahead to whether implementation of this model will qualify IV-E as part of coming Family First legislation. - Concerned about already overwhelmed caseloads as we look for ways to enhance and invest in Child and Family Team functioning. - Need to address court issues to affect permanency rates. - Strongly suggested parallel training process, measures, and outcome goals for older youth since permanency is very different for this population. - Requested more detailed information on time expectations for agencies as they engage in the immersion site process – how many hours a month will need to be dedicated to this? <i>Response: The department is asking the help of this group and other stakeholder groups to define this. This requires all our best thinking and partnership.</i> • Written documents distributed: <i>Immersion Sites FAQ</i> • Recommendations made by CWAC Sub Committee: CWAC SOC recommends that immersion site implementation planning consider concerns noted above regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conflicts or duplication of effort for providers with fully implemented EBPs - IV-E eligibility for implementation of the practice model - Capacity concerns with current workforce - Court issues affecting permanency rates, and - Need for parallel track for older youth. 		
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<p>Agenda Item 2: Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by: Kristine Herman • Provide brief description/overview of what is presented: New Draft of Strategic Plan distributed to group, have been incorporating feedback as it comes in. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concern about transition age youth not being adequately represented in service mix and plans. - Requested written feedback on newest revision of Strategic Plan by August 31. • Written documents distributed: <i>DRAFT DCFS Strategic Plan 0716 Updates</i> • Recommendations made by CWAC Sub Committee: None at this time – CWAC SOC members will provide written feedback to the Department by August 31 as indicated. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review revised strategic plan draft and provide written feedback by August 31. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open to all CWAC SOC members
<p>Agenda Item 3: Home-Based Care Pilot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by: Amy Dennison • Provide brief description/overview of what is presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Began work on HBC pilot two years ago, then put on hold for the last year or so. Now want to start work again with department support. - Model seeks to remove the foster care leveling system (Spec vs Traditional/HMR) and instead serve clients with a more wrap-around style of services to support them wherever they are placed. - Care coordination provided by the lead service agency would work with the youth and family to design services and supports (Medicaid and non-Medicaid) to stabilize youth in placement. Internal care coordination model is similar to what is done in Wrap Milwaukee (vs. 3rd party care coordination model). - Had discussed using CANS to talk about tiers of service for Foster Parent reimbursement, incentives for attending IEPs, C&FT meetings, etc. - Some discussion of implementing with immersion sites, but both pilot agencies (UCAN and CHAIL) not in initial immersion site areas. 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to look at staff resources to keep this moving – Jason House or Roger Thompson for the financial piece, maybe Jen Marett since the model uses SOC concepts. - Want to sit down with Pete Digre, Kristine Herman, Jen Marett and talk about opportunities with this pilot. • Written documents distributed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Home-Based Care Project: Briefing for Bobbie Gregg and Child Welfare Advisory Committee Leadership July 22, 2014</i> - <i>Home Based Care Pilot-Financing/Payment Solution Checklist</i> • Recommendations made by CWAC Sub Committee: CWAC SOC recommends proceeding with further design and implementation of the HBC pilot, including allocation of department staff/resources as needed to push the pilot forward. 		
<p>Agenda Item 4: Therapeutic Foster Care Pilot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by: Pete Digre • Provide brief description/overview of what is presented: Pete Digre provided an overview of the TFC Pilot. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CHA, JCFS, and LSSI all awarded TFC Pilot contracts. - Each agency has a variation on the model and what EBPs and practice models they will be using. Program Plans and rates will reflect those different models rather than applying a one-size-fits-all model. Rates being worked out now. - Models used include TCI Families, ARC, Trauma Focused CBT, Collaborative Problem Solving, TFC Oregon. - None of the pilot sites overlap with the initial immersion site roll out. - Client placement not likely to begin until December. • Written documents distributed: None • Recommendations made by CWAC Sub Committee: None 		

<p>Agenda Item 5: Specialized Foster Care Pilot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by: Amy Dennison • Provide brief description/overview of what is presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Six agencies have been selected for the pilot, based on strength of historical Medicaid implementation. All six have been invited to participate in CWAC: Medicaid to plan the pilot proposal elements. - There is now a dis-incentive to bill Medicaid in SFC since implementation of Medicaid takes resources and effort and there is no additional reimbursement tied to billing. - Pilot seeks to carve out some portion of the per diem rate to assign to Medicaid MH services – currently drafting up numbers for a carve-out set at half the provider’s historical billing level with overage sharing with the Department once the base billing target is met. - Hoping to start Jan 1 and run for one year to inform recommendations for broader carve-out implementation across all Medicaid SFC contracts. - Want to have proposal out to CWAC SOC and CWAC full by September. - It was noted that UMCH may not be accurate representative of southern region due to size and history with professional foster care program. Acknowledged that pilot group is relatively “standard” set of contracts, and will need to take variables into account for any broader implementation processes (ex: travel). - Also aware of mounting pressures to move more quickly into maximizing Medicaid claiming as part of transformation plans. • Written documents distributed: None • Recommendations made by CWAC Sub Committee: No recommendations at this time. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Share aggregate rate data with SOC for next meeting 2. Seek information about how pilot fits with broader HHS transformation goals. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lizzie Kepler 2. Kristine Herman, Marge Berglind
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<p>Agenda Item 6: Update on Managed Care for Wards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by: Kristine Herman • Provide brief description/overview of what is presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spoke with WI managed care program (thanks Arlene for the contact info). WI model is heavy on the medical side, but has a lot of good food for thought. - Next week, meeting with DCFS, HFS, and Procurement – will need to be somewhat cautious in discussing this process until we know what can be shared outside the procurement process. Hope to have more to share within a few weeks. - Clarified that the intent is to have a fully integrated medical and behavioral/mh model. - Kristine needs direction from Procurement to better understand how to solicit needed feedback from stakeholders while not violating procurement rules. Plans would need to include both DCFS kids and community kids with complex needs, so feedback this group and others will be critical. - Confirmed that the Department is now on a path to get all wards into a managed care system for integrated care. - Much is still not known, including timeline for implementation, and whether will be seeking a new MCE or building on existing managed care base. - This group has already made recommendations, and want those to be solidified to be part of the procurement language, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Requiring child welfare knowledge/experience o Knowledge of Court Orders o Attention to relationship of MCE to existing behavioral health service providers in case of conflict - If we are able to talk about the process in more detail in a few weeks, we can address these issues together. If not, we can start the list of items for Procurement to keep in mind and forward to the Department for reference. • Written documents distributed: None 		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations made by CWAC Sub Committee: None at this time, pending further information from Procurement. 		
<p>Agenda Item 7: Choices Questions/Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by: Kristine Herman/Pat Ege • Provide brief description/overview of what is presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questions about recent changes to the Choices scope of work, and concerns over measurability of program success against baseline. - Kristine confirmed that Choices is a provider of Mobile Crisis Response services now, and that they are looking at a combined contract with HFS and DCFS – but that on the ground Choices should not be looking any different. - DCFS is aware that evaluation has not been as robust as hoped for, however is hopeful that working with a new evaluation partner and implementation of Mind Share dashboards will increase data availability re/sustainability, cost of care, outcomes vs baseline, and other evaluation issues. - Kristine will follow up with Pat Ege to address specific concerns. • Written documents distributed: None • Recommendations made by CWAC Sub Committee: No recommendations at this time. 		
<p>Formal Recommendations:</p>	<p>Response Received:</p>	
<p>Recommendation 1: CWAC SOC recommends that immersion site implementation planning consider concerns noted above regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conflicts or duplication of effort for providers with fully implemented EBPs - IV-E eligibility for implementation of the practice model - Capacity concerns with current workforce - Court issues affecting permanency rates, and - Need for parallel track for older youth. 		

Recommendation 2:	
Adjourn Time: 1:00 pm	
Next Meeting Date/location: September 15, 2016, 11am-1pm, The Infant-Parent Institute, 2 nd Floor Conference Room, 328 N Neil Street, Champaign, IL	
Date Minutes Submitted: August 31, 2016	