

Sub Committee: System of Care		
POS Co-Chair: Arlene Happach	Meeting date/location: May 19, 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: Arlene Happach, Theresa Hughes, Marc Fagan, Cindy Hoffman, Amy Dennison, Rick Velasquez, Margaret Berglind, Kristine Herman, Hope Carbonaro, Twana Cosey, Debbie Reed, Liz Kepler, Deb McCarrel, Matt Ober, Pat Ege, Stephanie Barish, Mike Chavers		Present 17
Additional Guests: None		
Summary of Discussion Items:	Required Action:	Person Responsible:
Welcome & Introductions		
<p>Agenda Item 2: Report on CWAC strategic planning meeting and DCFS strategic plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by: Kristine Herman • Provide brief description/overview of what is presented: Background – described meeting with department and all committee chairs to review strategic plan and give feedback. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of process issues for CWAC groups – reporting, invitations, charters, etc, all now formalized, standardized, and will be posted with written recommendations that require a Yes/No loop so items don’t get lost. ▪ Discussed going back to having a CWAC steering committee so that full CWAC can be used for more meaningful discussion and less reporting out of different groups. Ideally, steering committee can determine when issues need to go to full CWAC. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clarification of need to move to detailed implementation planning for all identified goals (strategic plan focus is on vision/goals) ▪ Noted that there has been some confusion about immersion sites, with people thinking immersion sites <i>are</i> the strategic plan rather than part of it ▪ Discussed a number of areas that did not 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Send DCFS Strategic Plan email address to the SFC permanency small group, CCing Trish and Zach 2. Review the revised strategic plan and provide feedback if areas of concern are still not adequately addressed 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hope Carbonaro 2. All CWAC SOC members

<p>seem to be explicitly addressed in the strategic plan (see recommendations below). Kristine asked the group to review the revised plan closely to see if any of the areas discussed have been added since the last draft.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written documents distributed: Second Draft of Strategic Plan • Recommendations made by CWAC Sub Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recommend more explicit language concerning permanency, child protection, birth parents/front end preventive services, substance abuse, transition age youth services ▪ Recommend CWAC SOC remain closely involved as more detailed action/implementation plans are developed 		
<p>Agenda Item 3: Update on TFC pilots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by: Twana Cosy • Provide brief description/overview of what is presented: Background <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Senate Bill 1763 stated need to develop a 5-year TFC Pilot for three populations (trauma, step down, and deflection). BH says will serve 40 youth and 60% will be 12 y.o. and up. ▪ Working with evaluation committee at Chapin Hall, looking at eligibility criteria and pathways for entry. ▪ LSSI, JCFS, & CHA were awarded TFC grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LSSI will provide TFC in Aurora, Cook, and Rockford, serving 21 youth 6-11 y.o., and 9 or 10 youth 12-14 y.o. with trauma hx. ○ CHA will serve 10 12-18 y.o. step-down cases in Cook, half in the 1st year ○ JCFS will serve 10 youth 12 and up in Cook County (deflection and step-down) <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arlene Happach (CHA) raised concern about department definition of TFC vs. professional foster parent program. Her 	<p>None</p>	

<p>experience has been than professional foster parent programs work against permanency because the foster parents' livelihood depends on the youth remaining in the foster home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Also discussed that not being able to use relative homes is a concern. Explained that using relative homes in this program does not build capacity, and that not every step down youth will be the right match for TFC. If a relative resource is available, the youth may not be a match, and would need to be served with a different set of services. ▪ These issues will be addressed at steering committee next Wednesday for the director's consideration. ▪ Agreed that education around what EBPs are offered in the existing SFC program is needed – many don't know there are EBPs in SFC programs. ▪ Chapin Hall is working on defining the distinctions between all levels of foster care. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written documents distributed: None • Recommendations made by CWAC Sub Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue to work to define definition of TFC vs. other types of foster care. ▪ Seek to mitigate concerns about professional foster parenting presenting a potential barrier to permanency as implementation plans take shape. 		
<p>Agenda Item 4: Review of SFC document that outlines contractual boundaries with Choices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by: Hope Carbonaro • Provide brief description/overview of what is presented: Extraordinary Cost Identification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft document shared with group, developed by carve-out sub-group in an attempt to concretize service expectations in Spec Foster Care, in light of "all-inclusive" contract language and Choices care coordination service requests. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarify distinction between Choices concerns and broader system issues 2. Distribute revised document to Choices-involved SFC providers for 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SFC Service carve-out subgroup membership 2. Kristine Herman

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft identified as still very rough – just a first attempt to categorize services ▪ Key categories identified as Therapy, Respite, Day Care/Recreation, Mentoring/Tutoring/Life Skills, Parenting Coaching/Behaviorist, Foster Parent, Milestones, and Biological Family. Particular concern is with # of visits required, specialization of therapy, and amount of respite. ▪ Kristine asked that the document be revised to more clearly identify Choices concerns vs. more general Spec Foster Care system issues. ▪ Carve-out sub-group also challenged by non-standardization of foster care rates – difficult to generalize about “typical” expected service array in that context. ▪ Concern was raised that the document does not represent all the providers currently working with Choices – Kristine will send out draft document to the Choices-involved SFC providers in advance of the next quarterly provider meeting to see if there is general consensus on typical/expected service levels. <p>Spec Foster Care Carve-Out Pilot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Briefly described SFC Pilot project, selection of pilot providers, and upcoming CWAC Medicaid meeting to drill down further into pilot details. ▪ Pilot will include examination of mental health service levels as part of carving out the Medicaid piece of the rate, so there may be an opportunity to design a more standard set of services across programs – in addition to incentivizing mental health service provision and billing. ▪ CWAC SOC Approval not needed to pursue SFC carve-out pilot since already approved last year and only delayed in implementation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written documents distributed: <i>“Extraordinary Costs: Spec Foster Care Unit will establish basic</i> 	<p>discussion at next quarterly provider meeting</p>	
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<p><i>guidelines”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations made by CWAC Sub Committee: Continue to work toward shared understanding of expected service levels in Spec Foster Care as related to contract language, Choices care coordination efforts, the SFC Carve-Out Pilot, and potential rate standardization conversations down the road. 		
<p>Agenda Item 5: Discussion/legislation of managed care for DCFS wards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by: Kristine Herman • Provide brief description/overview of what is presented: Where is Illinois in the process of bringing DCFS wards into managed care? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Still in exploration phase, learning about models other states have used (FL, TX, NJ). ▪ Milwaukee also has a good one worth learning more about – not the small wraparound carve-out, but the full service managed care model that includes medical and behavioral care (all out of home care, serves five counties around Milwaukee, Children’s Hospital is the CME) ▪ Asked that if any members have contacts in the noted states, to request feedback from them about how the models are working and what improvements might be needed. ▪ Discussed network capacity concerns, especially in light of lack of Illinois budget. ▪ Need to consider bridging to other systems – maintaining continuity of services as child moves out of child welfare system. ▪ CWAC SOC wants to help form the threshold issues – concerns about getting provider feedback and input only after having determined what model to use. • Written documents distributed: None • Recommendations made by CWAC Sub Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Additional information should be gathered 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact Milwaukee resource to learn more about full service CME 2. Recommend to Full CWAC that a small provider group be invited to participate with state departments early in the process. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kristine Herman/Arlene Happach 2. Arlene Happach

<p>from contacts in FL, NJ, TX, and Milwaukee to inform decision-making on care coordination models for DCFS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A small group of informed providers should be engaged to participate in managed care discussions with the state departments early in the process, to assist in development of the system. 		
<p>Agenda Item 6: Revised Committee Charter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by: Arlene Happach • Provide brief description/overview of what is presented: The CWAC SOC Charter was updated to reflect new membership and the goals for the new year. All members should review the charter and communicate any questions or concerns to Arlene Happach. • Written documents distributed: <i>CWAC SOC Charter</i> • Recommendations made by CWAC Sub Committee: None 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the revised charter and communicate any questions or concerns to Arlene Happach 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All CWAC SOC members
<p>Agenda Item 7: Other business - Immersion Sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by: Arlene Happach & Kristine Herman • Provide brief description/overview of what is presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CWAC SOC has been asked by Full CWAC to take on support and guidance tasks around immersion sites. Next time we meet, Jody Grutza will attend to talk the group through immersion sites and discuss how the group can help. ▪ Members requested background info on immersion sites. Kristine noted that an FAQ had just been completed, so will send it to group members. • Written documents distributed: None • Recommendations made by CWAC Sub Committee: None 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Distribute Immersion Site FAQ to CWAC SOC membership 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kristine Herman

<p>Agenda Item 8: Other business - Home Based Care Pilot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by: Arlene Happach • Provide brief description/overview of what is presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CWAC Full is asking CWAC SOC to revitalize the Home-Based Care pilot, and form a smaller workgroup to head up the effort. ▪ In short, Home-Based Care is a capitated rate model where a private agency adopts an internal care coordination process to wrap youth and families with needed services. ▪ UCAN and CHA are the two identified pilot agencies. ▪ This is not initially tied to immersion site process, but could be complementary in terms access to a broader service array. • Written documents distributed: None • Recommendations made by CWAC Sub Committee: None 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gather known background information 2. Set up a call with Arlene H, Elizabeth K. UCAN, and CHASI to summarize status 3. Create one-page summary of HBC pilot status and goals 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.a. Elizabeth Kepler, Arlene Happach 2. Arlene Happach 3. Elizabeth Kepler and Arlene Happach
<p>Formal Recommendations: CWAC SOC recommends that a small provider group be invited to participate with state departments in managed care design process.</p>	<p>Response Received:</p>	
<p>Recommendation 1:</p>		
<p>Recommendation 2:</p>		
<p>Adjourn Time: 1:00 pm</p>		
<p>Next Meeting Date/location: July 21, 2016, 11am-1pm, Children’s Home and Aid, 125 S. Wacker, Suite 1400, Chicago</p>		
<p>Date Minutes Submitted: June 23, 2016</p>		