DCFS Child Welfare Advisory Committee
CWAC Sub-Committee Organization

George Sheldon
Director

Zack Schrantz
Trish Fox
CWAC Chairs

Well-Being/ Outcomes
Margaret Vimont
Larry Small - DCFS

Oversight and analysis of data needs and system performance outcomes for indicators of youth well-being across levels of care/ treatment to include but not limited to: specific developmentally sensitive indicators for 0-3 early childhood pre-school/school readiness, elementary age, middle school age, high-school age and young adult/youths in transition; Indicators for outcomes for these developmental/age groups should follow the ACYF* well-being framework for outcome domains.

System of Care
Arlene Happach
Kristine Herman - DCFS

Monitors performance and makes recommendations regarding pilot programs and new methods of service delivery. Identifies and addresses inter-agency service delivery gaps and duplications in order to ensure the best care for children, youth and families in child welfare.
Oversees Medicaid Workgroup.

Finance & Administration
Melissa Riddle
Matt Grady - DCFS

Provides input, oversight, and monitoring that supports overall improvements in efficiency and accountability across broad functional areas:
-- DCFS budget review and recommendations
-- Reasonable rates and reimbursement
-- IT/SACWIS* planning and priorities
-- Diversity and inclusion (including Transformation Teams)

Front-End/Intact
Kathy Grzelak
Nora Harms-Pavelski - DCFS

Monitors, reports on and makes recommendations related to front-end/intact service delivery needs, initiatives and performance outcomes.
Works closely with DCP Leadership to identify Front-End system improvement opportunities.

Foster Care
Hope Carbonaro
Deborah Kennedy -DCFS

Monitors, reports on and makes recommendations related to foster care service delivery needs, initiatives, outcomes, rule, monitoring, and contracts. Makes recommendations related to Foster Parent recruitment, licensing, development and retention. Bridges with Residential and Front-End as needed to strengthen transition process and client outcomes.

Residential/ Transitional & Independent Living
Ann Pearcy
Michael C. Jones - DCFS

Monitors, reports on and makes recommendations related to service delivery needs, initiatives and performance outcomes in residential treatment, transitional and independent living programs/ opportunities. Reviews service needs/outcomes related to psychiatric hospitalization utilization. Considers implications related to possible development of PRTF* and locked facilities. Bridges with Foster-Care to strengthen transition process and client outcomes.
Identifies and makes recommendations for 18+ population service delivery reform and federal reimbursement opportunities.

Workforce Development /Training
Ad Hoc
Bev Jones
Pete Digre DCFS

* ACYF – Administration of Children, Youth & Families - US Department of Health & Human Services
* IT/SACWIS – Information Technology/Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System
* PRTF – Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities

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