

Illinois Adoption Advisory Council
February 5, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 10:23 a.m.
CONFERENCE CALL
APPROVED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF
Banks, Clemmie	Blake, Karla	Eyer, Gwenn
Bush, Kathleen	Bloom-Ellis, Brice	Kerrick, Rachael
Desroches, Tiffany	Dillard, Laura	King, Kelly
Faber, Karen	Lepse, Ashley	Remolina, Rod
Feltman, Heather (Debbie Saucedo for Heather)	Loy, Holly	
Green, Kelly	Price, Michelle	
Grimes, Laura	Tolliver, Danny T. Jr.	
Kurth, Jeanette	Yelverton, Julie	
Richmond, Elizabeth		
Saphir, Dawn		
Kunstman-Stern, Kristie		
Wardlaw, Karen		
Werner, Mark		

Welcome and Introductions

Elizabeth opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and did roll call.

Approval of November 13, 2015 Minutes

Kristie Stern made a motion to accept the November 13, 2015 minutes as written. Jeanette Kurth seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

QIC-AG Study - Rachael Kerrick

Rachael reported that we've made a lot of headway. We are getting ready to move into the intervention phase. We've selected sites and are working on developing the implementation plan. We're looking at one area in Cook and one downstate in Central Region. They are meeting with the implementation team on Monday to work toward establishing the actual sites. Their next quarterly on-site meeting will be February 18th in Chicago. Stakeholders from this council will participate and the project team will meet the next day. Rachael stated that we should be finalizing the plan at that time and be ready to begin the work. The Target Intervention will be adapted for use with post-adoption. We're using a selective model of intervention, working to identify families that will be part of the project before an intensive service is needed. It's a less invasive intervention process, preferred by our families, based on feedback. There will be a phase looking at the level of intervention and the type of intervention. They will use selective intervals for preparation and intervention. Elizabeth stated that there's evidence of a good use of input from the focus groups. Rachael indicated that there should be a pretty concrete plan in place by the council's April meeting.

Update from Statewide Adoptions - Kelly King

- We're finally getting someone to cover Kankakee area, working on developing a budget for JCFS.
- They are updating the Adoption Book, with some minor changes.
- They're planning to hold a conference for post-adoption workers and adoption preservation agencies. It will be a one-day conference around April 20th. They're still identifying the speaker. Elizabeth asked that the council be notified so that we can send someone to the conference.

- They're trying to figure out if we can get the Call Center up and running again. Legislation mandates that we track certain information. Adoption Preservation agencies are currently tracking, but we're checking to see if we need the Call Center again to meet this need.

Update from Training - Sharva Hamilton
NO REPORT – Sharva wasn't on the call.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Mark Werner

Mark recommended Krista Teckenbrock for a Southern Region adoptive parent position. He noted that Krista had been recommended by Karla. Mark noted that Krista has excellent experience as a foster/adoptive parent, a former teacher in special education, and as a Foster/Adopt PRIDE trainer. Terry will forward her recommendation to the Director. Elizabeth noted that Sarah Phillips has resigned her position with IFAPA so Danny Tolliver will assume her role on the AAC. Other vacancies include two vacancies in Cook Central.

Adoption Celebration - Jeanette Kurth

Jeanette stated that we will have to start making plans. She noted that there are some events planned in Peoria, Rockford, etc., so we'll have to start thinking about what we want to do this year. Elizabeth asked council members to plan to share ideas at the next meeting and we can start moving forward with a plan.

Advocacy Office

Elizabeth recognized Rod Remolina, and asked if he had anything specific to contribute. He stated that he was just sitting in to get an idea about how the Advocacy Office can get involved with the AAC. Elizabeth said that she'd had many calls re: the payment unit not answering calls. She noted that there was a lot of concern with the December subsidy payment, especially with regard to the Illinois state budget. Rod indicated that the Advocacy Office responds quickly to these calls. Elizabeth requested that he plan to participate in the April meeting, and he accepted.

Mark Werner made the motion to adjourn. Karen Wardlaw seconded. The call/ meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Next Meeting – Friday, April 1, 2016 – Northfield Center, Springfield

Agenda Items:

Rod Remolina from the Advocacy Office

Someone to talk about the BH implementation plan (Debra Dyer-Webster)

QIC-AG: Rachael Kerrick

Post Adoption trends, funding, budget, etc. (Pam or Kelly)

Strategic Planning update

New 402's - update

Legislative update

Training update, Adoption Curriculum

Celebration plans during working lunch