

**SWFCAC Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES
May 6, 2015 ~ 9am – 10am
Northfield Inn & Suites, 3280 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL**

SWFCAC Members Present	SWFCAC Members Absent
Pauline Barlow	Lee Coffman
Gladys Boyd	Edith Cruz
Allison Cugier	Charlene Burris
Kelly Fargher	Judi Enix
Laura Hart	Irma Dixon
Stephanie Jones	Doreen Henry
Kurt Kalas	Darrin Holt
Cathy McCoy	Mark McDaniel
Kellye Norris	Carol Sheley
Sarah Olson	Michael Simpson
Pamela Webb	
	DCFS Staff
	Renee Mays
Guests	Gwenn Eyer
Donna Gregory	Michelle Grove
Robyn Harvey	Terry McGlothlin
	Sharva Hampton-Campbell

Welcome & Introductions – Sarah Olson, SWFCAC Chair

Final SWFCAC Reports to Director – Sarah Olson

There were no final reports to the Director. The monthly report to the Director from the SWFCAC Chair was emailed to SWFCAC members.

Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2015 Meeting

Gladys Boyd made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2015 SWFCAC meeting. Kurt Kalas seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS

Status of Agency Reviews - Gwenn Eyer

Gwenn reported that all agency reviews have been conducted and assessments have been completed. All of the reviews received an “Acceptable” rating.

MOTION: Gladys made the motion to accept the ratings on the reviews. Kellye seconded and the motion carried.

Summit Procedure

Terry explained the agenda for the day, providing details about the schedule for the SWFCAC and their participation in the upcoming Parent Café.

PRIDE Training Update - Sharva Hampton-Campbell

Sharva reported that they had hoped to pilot PRIDE in April, May and June, but that didn't work out. The staff at GSU is now finishing their work on a live taping of the panel piece for session nine as this will no longer be a live panel. They plan to roll-out PRIDE July 1st, in classroom and in hybrid formats. She noted that the Central Region has many foster parents eagerly waiting for online PRIDE training. Training is looking at offering more "on demand" training. Five supplemental classes have been added for PRIDE pre-service and these "on demand" classes are available to veteran foster parents as well. They are in discussion with Deputy Director Larry Small re: getting trauma training to all foster parents. Michelle discussed Vicarious Trauma Training that is going to be offered for staff and the potential to tailor it for foster parents too. Gwenn referenced the Foster Parent Law and the need to train foster parents and staff together. Michelle said that they would consider it and Sharva stated that the Sexual Health training was open to staff and foster parents to be trained together.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports

Adolescent Issues – Mike Simpson

No Report.

Legislative/Policy – Darrin Holt/Cathy McCoy

Cathy reported that the Policy Committee has a monthly conference call. They've worked on a couple of issues that have gone up to the Director. The next few calls will be focused on the implementation plan and agency review process.

Foster Parent Support Specialists - Edith Cruz

No report

Respite - Gladys Boyd - No report

Reports from Other Councils/Committees/Workgroups:

CWAC – Allison Cugier

No CWAC meeting since our last call.

IFAPA - Gladys Boyd

No report.

PII Workgroup - Sarah Olson

The call was rescheduled to May 7th.

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Laura said that subgroups are working on their sections.

Regional Reports

Northern Region – Judi Enix, Cathy McCoy – Cathy introduced Donna Gregory. Donna's application is in process for appointment to this council. Donna reported that they will be participating in a radio show to promote the foster parent program.

Southern Region – Mark McDaniels, Michael Simpson, Sarah Olson

No report. Terry said that she's been notified that they're planning to resume regional meetings in June.

Central Region – Carol Sheley, Lee Coffman, Stephanie Jones

Stephanie reported that they recently had a regional conference call reporting what different parts of the region are doing to recognize foster parents this month. She noted that there are a lot of activities planned.

Cook North - Edith Cruz, Irma Dixon

No report.

Cook South - Kellye Norris, Pamela Webb

They have not had a meeting since reporting last.

Cook Central - Doreen Henry and Charlene Burris

No report.

It was noted that Vanessa is compiling a list of support groups for the next newsletter.

They are at about 400 on completed adoptions for the 1200 goal, per Robyn.

This year is the 20th anniversary year of the signing of the Foster Parent Law. It will be covered in the newsletter. A planning Committee was formed with Laura, Cathy, Robyn, and Gwenn volunteering.

Policy Committee Work

Review the Interview Questions, 3 sets

Implementation plans

Electronic

Clean plan, score all

Clean plan, score identified changed narratives

Ask SWFCAC for areas to be addressed, i.e. special program changes like 18+

Gwenn will send out sample Tips and Tools

Adjourn

Next Meeting:

June 19, 2015 – Hilton Indian Lakes Resort, 250 W. Schick Road, Bloomingdale