

**Statewide Foster Care Advisory Council**  
**April 22, 2016**  
**Conference Call**  
**9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

SWFCAC Members Present	SWFCAC Members Absent	DCFS Staff Present	Guests Present
Hope Carbonaro	Pauline Barlow	Alissandra Calderon	Claudia Davis
Donna Gregory	Gladys Boyd	Debra Dyer-Webster	
Gordon Hannon	Charlene Burris	Gwenn Eyer	
Darrin Holt	Edith Cruz	Courtney Field	
Stephanie Jones	Irma Dixon	Shelley Glasgow	
Kurt Kalas	Cheryl Dreska	Theresa Hughes	
Cathy McCoy	Kelly Fargher	Vanessa James	
Mark McDaniel	Rachel Hoyt	Fae Jones	
Kellye Norris	Ken Keefe	Jennifer Kitzmiller	
Sarah Olson	Pamela Webb	Terry McGlothlin	
Carol Sheley		Susana Olivas	
Mike Simpson		Veronica Resa	
		Elizabeth Richmond	
		Bill Siverly	

**Welcome & Introductions** – Sarah Olson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Due to a scheduling mix-up, a second meeting was convened at 10:00 a.m. where additional council members and staff discussed the content of the first meeting.

**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 March 18, 2015 SWFCAC Meeting**

*Mike Simpson made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2015 SWFCAC meeting. Kellye Norris seconded. The minutes were approved as written.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Status of Agency Reviews - Gwenn Eyer**

The Agency Reviews have all been scheduled and a couple have been rescheduled, due to illness. Gwenn expressed her thanks to those who stepped up when it was hard to fill reviewer positions. She also thanked those who did the foster parent surveys. She requested that all completed materials be submitted as soon as possible.

Sarah noted that we will soon be looking for new members to fulfil expiring terms and we will be looking to council members for recommendations. She reminded the council that the job description includes scoring implementation plans, conducting agency reviews, etc.

**Annual Partnering With Parents Summit – May 6 - Terry McGlothlin**

The Council will meet at 9:00 a.m. to cover SWFCAC business prior to the Summit. Council members will then join the Summit at 10:00 for a keynote speaker and a café style presentation, with lunch to follow. After lunch we'll meet again as a council until 3pm. The Summit will be held at the Northfield Center on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Debra Dyer-Webster will represent the Director at the Summit.

### **PRIDE Training Update - Sharva Hampton-Campbell**

Sharva was not on the call due to illness. Terry asked her for a report and Sharva told her that they're still working on the PRIDE revisions, but there is no solid roll-out date. They're also working on training for the Emergency Foster Care program, to be piloted in late May/ early June. They are looking for 20 homes in Cook and 10 in each downstate region to become Emergency Foster Homes. Roll-out is anticipated for July 1. Jataun Rollins is the lead on this program. These are supposed to be short-term placements to give them time to better match children and families for longer term placements. The emergency foster parent will be salaried, with one vacation day awarded every two weeks. The current salary estimate is \$15,695/year. It needs to be a two-parent home as one must be a full-time parent. The daily rate will be \$54/day. There will be a maximum of two slots in the home, with no other foster care openings. Foster parents may not state a preference of boys or girls. There will be a No Decline policy. Foster parents may have birth and adopted children in the home, but no non-emergency foster care openings. The initial placement is for two weeks, and they may receive a waiver to extend seven days. A 2<sup>nd</sup> waiver to extend 7 days may be given, not to exceed 30 days. Hope referenced CWAC's work with regard to this program and private agencies, noting that they will utilize both DCFS and POS homes in this program.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **\*Adolescent Issues - Mike Simpson**

No report.

##### **\*Policy & Legislative - Cathy McCoy / Darrin Holt**

Darrin reported on legislation:

HB6233 – Criminal Bars to Licensure –the criminal bars to licensure should line up with criminal bars with placement.

HB4966 – Defines Quality of Care Concerns in a Foster Home – Committee will be taking a closer look at this one and reporting in May. You may go to [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov) to look up bills online.

Policy: Cathy reported that we submitted our comments and recommendations for 402. We have not yet gathered recommendations for 383, but will work on it next. Darren expressed his thanks to everyone who worked diligently last month to review and get the Council's changes to 402 submitted.

##### **\*FPSS - Edith Cruz**

No report.

##### **\*Respite - Gladys Boyd**

No Report

## **Reports from Other Councils/Committees/Workgroups**

### CWAC / CWAC Training - Cathy, Pauline, Darrin, Hope

Hope reported that CWAC Foster Care met on the 15<sup>th</sup> and spent much of the time speaking about Emergency Foster Care. She did not provide additional detail, since we'd already discussed it.

### IFAPA - Gladys Boyd

No report.

## **Regional Reports**

### Northern - Donna Gregory, Cheri Dreska

Donna reported that the officers met last month for a planning session. They set goals and planned their annual meeting calendar. Their next meeting will be the second Thursday in May in Aurora.

### Southern - Michael Simpson, Mark McDaniel

The next Foster Parent Advisory phone call will be at 6pm on Tuesday. They're working on getting a lot more cafés going along with other training opportunities in the Southern Region.

### Central - Carol Sheley, Stephanie Jones, Ken Keefe

Carol reported that they've been conducting a lot of cafés. The next council meeting will be May 10<sup>th</sup> in Jacksonville. They've elected officers and are putting together a more regular schedule. Throughout the region, councils have discussed the Prudent Parenting Standards, Lifebooks, Stewardship and Fictive Kin. Elizabeth reported that the various offices in Central Region have their own groups and meet together, providing training. Each group has a foster parent representative, typically a Support Specialist, which meets monthly with leadership.

### Cook North - Edith Cruz, Irma Dixon

No report.

### Cook South - Pamela Webb, Kellye Norris

No report.

### Cook Central - Charlene Burris, Gordon Hannon

No report.

**Quality Parenting Initiative** - The Southern Region group is meeting this morning. Hope stated that they've defined the mission and now are working to define their three objectives.

Vanessa reported on the Twitter Chat planned for Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. DCFS, Prevent Child Abuse-IL and the University of Chicago, School of Medicine will focus on child abuse, including a time for Q&A. #speakforkids

## **Adjourn**

*Mike Simpson made a motion to adjourn. Kellye Norris seconded and the meeting adjourned at 9:45a.m.*

## **Next Meetings**

May 6, 2016 – PWP Summit, Northfield Inn, Northfield Drive, Springfield

June 17, 2016 – Sheraton, 3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle