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**Child Welfare Advisory Committee**  
**100 W. Randolph 16<sup>th</sup> floor Room 504 and 406 E. Monroe Springfield**  
**November 8, 2018 1PM-3PM**  
**888-494-4032; Access code: 1819480398#**

**Attendees:** Director Walker, Margaret Berglind, Beverly Jones, Kimberly Mann, Margaret Vimont, Kevin Walsh, Melissa Ludington, Ruth Jajko, Kathy Grzelak, Judy Griffeth, Jason Keeler, Mary Nam, Anika Todd, Neil Skene, Trish Fox, Zach Schrantz, Sajad Husain, Sylvia Fonseca, Royce Kirkpatrick, Dan Kotowski, Patricia Ege, Mary Ann Berg, Chris Cox, Nancy Dorfman-Schwartz, Tierney Stutz, Rich Bobby, John Egan, Andrea Durbin, Deb McCarrel, Raul Garza, Jennifer Marett, Juliana Harms, Debra Dyer Webster, Jill Tichenor, Monaco Whittington Eskridge, Christine Rivera

**Springfield:** Debra Kennedy, Mary Savage

**Phone:** Norma Machay, Brian Finley, Ann Pearcy, Jason House, Bill Franklin, Nancy Hughes, Stephen Budde, Malia Arnett, Cynthia Richter Jackson

**I. Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)**

- **CWAC Membership Renewal**
  - i. Applications to join or reapply for CWAC are due end of November
    1. 9 terms are expiring; all 9 were notified to reapply
    2. Please inform anyone interested in joining CWAC
    3. Nominating committee will send recommendations to the Director after January 1st
- **Approval of June Minutes & August Minutes**
  - i. Motion to approve June and August Minutes - accepted
- **Clinical Update – Julianna Harms**
  - i. Julianna announced Gaylon Alcaraz joined the team as the LGBTQI Specialist
    1. Internal advocate to challenge the status quo
  - ii. Director Walker announced DCFS is working with the Human Rights Campaign for LGBTQ competency certification

**II. Director's Update (45 minutes)**

- **Permanency Enhancement- Director Walker**
  - i. Debriefing with the federal team on the IL CFSR report Nov. 14, 15
  - ii. Department is considering the relationship between PRO and case assignments; IT is working on changing PRO system to deliver monthly instead of every 6 months
  - iii. Director Walker assigned Deborah Kennedy to organize a task force to assist in accomplishing permanencies

1. Team: Deborah Kennedy, Erica Cabrera, Treva Hamilton
    - a. Task force is currently reaching out to permanency specialists, retirees (will be setting up 75 contracts)
  2. Someone asked if the task force is successful, and overall number of kids in care is reduced, can the savings be reinvested back into foster care contracts on the front end; The Director stated the department is looking into this
- **Family First Update – Sajad Husain & Neil Skene**
    - i. 8 Committees formed; 32 sub committees; 316 people involved
    - ii. Insuring our work is trauma informed and evidence based
    - iii. Goal is to have major concepts hashed out by February 2019
    - iv. Our intent is to start October 1, 2019
      1. IV-E waiver ends on Sept. 30, 2019
        - a. deficit between 26-30 million
    - v. We need to find out which evidence based models are available to us and determine which meets our needs
    - vi. We need to function as a family support business
    - vii. Robin LaSota is assisting us to determine which evidence based models are available and applicable
    - viii. Jen Marett shared her coordination of all co-chair subcommittees around EBP to avoid duplication of work and ensure the committees are moving in the same direction
    - ix. If interested in joining the QRTP subcommittee please contact Tiffany Johnson
    - x. Chris Cox stated the evidence based trauma models typically require extended periods of time to implement. As an example, the Cornell University’s CARE model requires a 4-year period before you can demonstrate compliance to the model and to be certified. Chris asked will the Feds take this into consideration for agencies that are building capacity in best practice model areas for residential care.
      1. The department will advocate for that and look into it
    - xi. Per Neil: We might be able to claim IV-E administrative funds to evaluate promising purposes towards evaluation of new models
  - **B-3 & Summit reminder -Tierney Stutz**
    - i. Presentation provided in handout
      1. 4 Disciplines of Execution used and found effective in planning process
  - **Managed Care rollout – Anika Todd**
    - i. Tentative start date is April 1, 2018
    - ii. Addendum was signed, still waiting for the addendum to be finalized/processed
    - iii. In process:
      1. Working on toll free number
      2. Liaisons in every region
      3. Technical Assistance with ICOY
      4. Portal system (HFS and Illini Care website)
      5. Trainings
      6. Medicaid Advisory Workgroup
    - iv. For foster parent’s that don’t understand the system and will not be able to attend Illinicare training the department will send packets to the youth containing information about the new system for foster parents to review; the training of front end workers will also serve as a tool to inform and assist foster parents with the new system
    - v. Email any questions to the Managed Care mailbox located in DCFS’s external website: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dcf/brighterfutures/healthy/Medicaid/Pages/HealthPlan.aspx>
    - vi. Pilot test with Aunt Martha and Luries

vii. Director agreed to schedule a special meeting with CWAC, Illini Care and HFS

- **Foster Care Dashboards- Mary Nam**

- i. The APT dashboard will continue to run but for information only
- ii. In terms of the new dashboard, Mary is working with a workgroup under CWAC Foster Care and they agreed our indicators should be tied to the CFSR measures
- iii. While we establish system wide targets for the outcomes APT monitors are expected to have agency specific conversations about performance on lead measures
- iv. Our goal is to implement dashboards by January 2019

### **III. CWAC Committee reports -Progress, recommendations, and what do you need?**

- i. System of Care
  1. Meeting next Tuesday 11/13/2018
- ii. Finance and Administration
  1. Will be meeting to discuss:
    - a. Continued review of the applicability of the Consolidated Financial Report (CFR) used by rate setting agencies and the Consolidated Year-End Financial Report (CYEFR) required by GATA. DCFS recently met with GATU and had a good discussion which will be shared at the next meeting.
    - b. DCFS is looking at a funding proposal for non-Medicaid counseling rates and FAS members will be providing feedback prior to implementation.
    - c. Agenda will include a look at prior expenditure data and current spending trends.
- iii. Residential /Transitional & Independence
  1. Discussed MCO updates Rule 132 and Rule 140
  2. Discussing possibly discontinuing CANS 1.0 and 2.0 because of the new IM+CANS
- iv. Front-End/Intact (Tabled)
- v. Well-Being (Tabled)
- vi. Foster care (Tabled)
- vii. Immersion Site (Tabled)
- viii. Workforce
  1. subcommittee will send written update
- ix. Emerging Adults
  1. subcommittee will send written update

### **IV. Topic areas for review**

- CWAC membership renewal (Discussed during Welcome and Introductions)

### **V. Adjournment**

- **3:08 pm**

**Next meeting:**

**February 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 1-3PM**