

**Illinois Children and Family Services Advisory Council**

September 12, 2019 from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

Chicago: 100 W. Randolph 16th Floor Room 504

Springfield: 406 Monroe Springfield IL

Conference Call #: 1.888.494.4032; Access Code: 1819480398#

**Minutes**

**Members:** Robert Bloom, Jill Glick, Brittani Kindle, Tim Egan

**Public:** Marge Berglind, Andrea Durbin, Anita Weinberg, Alicen Mcgowan, Nate Pietrini, Patricia Griffeth, Claudia Kasten, Seth Harkin, Ooi Senz, Laverne Smith (YAB), Charlese (YAB), Alana (YAB)

**Public by Phone:** Jennifer Hansen, Jill Tichenor, Tierney Stutz

**Chicago DCFS:** Jassen Stokosch, Stefanie Polacheck, Najma Adams

**Springfield DCFS:** Luke Hinds, Sara Tucker

**Absent Excused:** Mattie Hunter, Patricia Martin

**I. Welcome and Introduction**

**II. Approval of Minutes from March 2019**

- a. Tim Egan Motioned, Jill Glick Seconded, edit to minutes noted, passed unanimously

**III. Directors Remarks- Tabled**

- a. Council noted a desire to have the Director attend and address this council and that they may submit a letter to that effect.

**IV. Status update on re-appointments & appointments**

- a. Appointments/re-appointments have not been processed. The new administration has asked the Department to initiate additional steps prior to approval / re-approval. Stefanie Polacheck will be following up with candidates.

**V. Discussion Item: By Laws**

**Discussion:** By laws motioned my Jill Glick, seconded by Robert Bloom, passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about the 2019 OMA training (slide 23 or 91), and a request to DCFS to get clarity from the Attorney General's Office as to if this council was required to establish a Quorum in person or not. There difference is if the AG, determines this council makes substantive decisions or not.

DCFS will follow up with the AG for an official response, in the past their position has been that this council needed to comply with OMA and establish an in-person quorum in order to meet.

Council also asked for a small working group to establish and propose potential focus areas for the next calendar year. That group would be comprised of: Anita Weinberg, Andrea Durbin, Alicen McGowan, Jill Glick, Jennifer Hansen and Representatives from the Youth Advisory Board (YAB)

Decisions:

Stefanie Polacheck will be in touch with AG  
Jill Glick would schedule the working group call

Point Person(s):

Robert Bloom

**VI. Chair Discussion Item: Juvenile Sex Offender Registry**

Discussion:

Chair has identified a potential legislator who may support increasing the opportunity for youth to petition to get off the registry.

Discussion amongst council identified that this was not part of the recommended course of action in the 2019. Those focused on reducing and or eliminating the sex offender registry all together. Members of the DCFS Youth Advisory Boards, supported limiting and or eliminating the registry.

Chair reviewed that in the past DCFS has not been able to support or introduce legislation to eliminate the registry.

This topic would be part of the discussion for priority during the working group.

Decisions:

Point Person(s):

Robert Bloom

**VII. Chair Discussion Item: DCFS Personnel and Headcount**

Discussion: This discussion item was not reached in substance due to lengthy discussion of the bylaws and Child sex offender registration.

Decisions:

DCFS liaison requested specific questions or concerns about hiring patterns, headcount, and other personnel issues be more specifically defined to allow subject matter experts the opportunity to address them.

Point Person(s):

Robert Bloom

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Next Meeting: December 12, 2019**