

Illinois Children and Family Services Advisory Council

December 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, Anita Weinberg, Marge Berglind, Tim Egan, Jennifer Hansen

Public: Claudia Kasten, Laverne Smith (YAB)

Public by Phone: Andrea Durbin, Laverne Smith, Ashley Deckert, AD (YAB), HP (YAB), AP (YAB), DD (YAB)

Chicago DCFS: Jassen Strokosch, Stefanie Polacheck, Denice Murray, Alexa Koziol

Springfield DCFS:

Absent Excused: Mattie Hunter, Judge Patricia Martin

I. Welcome and Introduction

II. Approval of Minutes from September 2019

- a. Tim Egan Motioned, Marge Berglind Seconded, passed unanimously

III. Status update on re-appointments & appointments

- a. Stefanie Polacheck updated the council on re-appointments and appointments. Emphasized that this administration wants to make sure that councils adequately represent their constituencies.
- b. For the remaining spots that are open, if there are people in underrepresented groups that have a passion for this subject matter, please bring those folks forward, especially from downstate and the quad cities.

IV. Comments from Chief of Staff – Denice Murray

- a. Denice Murray asked that the advisory council look at 2 topics moving forward:
- i. Ideas to improve the quality of services for our youth that are coming out of residential facilities.
 - ii. Assistance in providing guidance for youth after care.
- b. There are other committees that focus on residential. The council suggested inviting those other committees so that they can share information they have been discussing.

V. Discussion Item: Nomination for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary & OMA Officer

Discussion: The members discussed the nomination for vice chair and the other open positions – Secretary and OMA Officer.

Decisions:

Point Person(s):

Vote will be in March.	Council
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VI. Discussion Item: Identify potential 3-month goals/recommendations

<p><u>Discussion:</u> Chair and members discussed setting up a strategic planning group to discuss Denice Murray’s topics and anything else the group believes should be the focus of the advisory council.</p> <p>Discussion amongst council identified that Anita Weinberg, Tim Egan, Marge Berglind, Jenni Hansen, Alicen McGowan (ad hoc member), and the youth advisory board members shall make up the membership of this strategic planning group.</p> <p>Anita Weinberg agreed to lead the strategic planning group.</p> <p>The strategic planning group will present their ideas to the advisor council.</p>	
<p><u>Decisions:</u> The strategic planning group will meet in January.</p>	<p><u>Point Person(s):</u> Anita Weinberg</p>

VII. Discussion Item: Establish next year’s focus and goals (March 2020-March 2021)

<p><u>Discussion:</u> This discussion item will be discussed at the strategic planning group meeting in January.</p>	
<p><u>Decisions:</u> Once the strategic planning group meets, the members will present their goals at the March 2020 Advisory Council meeting.</p>	<p><u>Point Person(s):</u> Anita Weinberg</p>

Meeting Adjourned

**Strategic Planning Group Meeting: January 2020
 Next Advisory Council Meeting: March 12, 2020**