

CHILD WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE -FOSTER CARE RECRUITMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

November 16, 2021 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Attendees

Members: Anderson, Kacey; Brown, Dagene; Brandon, Mariah; Collins, Mary Kaye; Dorfman-Schwartz, Nancy; Friend, Katie; Hays, Victoria; Jones, Carly; Lid, Amanda; Rezek, Ray; Lopez, Jose

Welcome and Report

- **Member Roll Call**
- **Approval of Minutes-**
- **Collaboration Review** – Visit all agencies to do comparisons to better assist the families. Foster Parent that work well with our receptive agencies to serve families better. Guide parents to the “right” agency. Members suggested for an ongoing annual event in order to get a higher turnaround of attendees. Ray suggested updating the agencies contact information due to poor customer service and avoid losing an opportunity for a perspective Foster Parent.

Agenda Items

- Katie will resend a contacts profile for Dagene to send to everyone.
- Olivia will be the contact person for the annual collaboration event.
- Confirmed goals:
 1. Service our children in Illinois by increasing collaborative efforts among all agencies in DCFS.
 2. Improve customer service among agencies in the Licensing Department.
 3. Target recruitment efforts toward teens. Traditional homes may be able to take them by finding out their needs. Ask the traditional foster parent “What would it take for you in order to take the youth? “
- Dagene- DCFS main focus is keeping children at home, not bring them to the system. But will recommend to “Build strong recommendations and a thought process prior to sending them up to higher level.

The Work Groups were organized in the following Topics:

- Collaborative Efforts Committee. Leading by Olivia DelGiudice.
- Improve Customer Service. Leading by Ray Rezek with Mary K Collins, Mary Kaye Collins, and Nancy Dorfman-Schwartz.
- Increase Homes for Youth. Leading Carly Jones with Mariah Brandon and Victoria Hays.

New Business

- a. Reminder: Will meet quarterly, will send list prior to meeting, Work Groups Report, and minute available.

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Comments

Q: Jose Lopez has difficulty regarding Pride Training

A: Can Pride be asked to possibly join in

Q: Status on support Foster Parents to assist side private and public agencies?

A: Position being posted it as Contractual through DCFS.

Closing

Nancy thank everyone and Happy Holidays!

Next meeting: January 18th, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

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