



# CWAC Front End

**Thursday, May 5, 2022**  
**Webex**  
**9:30 am to 11:00 am**

Lori Welcher and Desiree Silva Co-Chairs

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## **AGENDA ITEMS**

Welcome and please put your name and agency in the chat.

1. Contract Capacity / FY23 IFS/CWS Final Rates – Jason House and Rosie Arnette

- CWS capacity -fixed rate contract
- IFS capacity – caseloads remain flat – no major changes. Kari Rogers will be reaching out to those agencies with significant changes on an individual basis. Emails will be sent out within the next few days to set up a time for conversations.
- CWS Referral Program rate – 80% funded
  - ✓ CWS case carrying role is \$47,827 (salary no fringe)
  - ✓ Supervisor is \$66,778 (salary no fringe)
  - ✓ Funding added for laptops (3 year life span)
  - ✓ New flat case rate will be \$638
  - ✓ FEW rates are all inclusive (rate includes salary plus overhead)
  - ✓ Flex fund amounts remain the same (\$2000 per month per worker)
- IFS FY23 Contracts
  - ✓ CWS case carrying role is \$59,784

- ✓ Supervisor role is \$83,472
- ✓ 1 FEW per team (75% time per team-30 hours per week). This position requires a high school equivalent at minimum wage.
- ✓ Question: If an agency has enough staff to justify 3 FEW's, can one of those be full time verses 3 part time? Jason will have to research that answer.
- ✓ Intensive rate will be over \$1600 per month (previously 1400 per month)
- ✓ The minimum rate table is based on the position not the person.
- ✓ The IFS rate already includes equipment funding.
- ✓ Members asked that the 2 slides be sent out to membership

## 2. Family First – Jennifer Marett

- EBI intervention providers have served over 1242 youth
- 94% of the referrals come from the intact program
- To date, 620 staff trained for family first
- The provider portal is coming on line. When a worker completes the CANS in Sacwis, it contains a built-in functionality to determine when a child is eligible for family first services—an alert is triggered. This will eventually lead to creating a child specific prevention plan and go to the provider portal.
- 439 referrals subitted in the provider portal. 263 of those have successfully reached the EBI providers.
- Still working to resolve the issues with the provider portal
- Each region has an implementation support specialist. These four staff are in constant contact with the EBI providers and are trained to trouble shoot problems.
- We know that most staff have been trained. Due to the problems early on with the portal, some staff haven't tried to access the portal recently to see if they can get in. There are still some EBI providers who have not had any referrals in their module. We believe that implementation has turned a corner and progress is being made.

## 3. IFS Contracts – Rosie Arnette

- ✓ Thank you to IFS providers for submitting their bills on time. The last period ends 8/31/22. Continue to send your bills timely and make sure they are received prior to the 8/31/22 deadline.
- ✓ Rate increases for FY23 and program plan changes included the FEW.
- ✓ Flex funds for CWS are different than IFS. Most requests are approved without question due to no open case and other resources not available.
- ✓ IFS flex fund requests are different because these are open family service cases and these cases have other resources available. Workers requesting flex funds must complete the section that details other resources explored (DHS or Norman). Receipts must be attached to the flex fund requests.
- ✓ Flex funds were designed to keep families safe and together.
- ✓ If you have received a rejection for reimbursement, please reach out to Rosie to discuss. The intensive rate includes \$97.48 per client for counseling.
- ✓ If you have questions, reach out to Rosie or her account techs.
- ✓ Desi suggested a sub group get together to discuss issues with flex fund payment rejections.

## 4. IFS Data – Shaun Lane/Richard Foltz

- Chapin Hall is aware that case opening data is being requested for Intact. We will be working with DCFS to try to get this data.

- Chapin Hall has also reviewed the wish list provided by the CWAC FE. We are checking to see if any of the requested data is already available.
- The data wish list needs to be updated and prioritized.
- Agencies are also interested in getting more specific information for case opening reasons to better determine the service needs. We need more specific case opening reasons such as DV or substance abuse based geographically.
- Data discussion will be continued at the next scheduled CWAC FE meeting.

#### 5. Q & A – Desi Silva

No questions for discussion

#### Action Items

- Add your name to the chat if you are interested in being part of the discussion related to flex fund approvals/denials.
  - ✓ Laura Rios, Catholic Charities
  - ✓ Brian Berg, Catholic Charities
  - ✓ Kayla Orr, CYFS
  - ✓ Emeri Shearrill, Kaleidoscope
  - ✓ Kacy Anderson, ICOY
  - ✓ Megan Brand, Arden Shore
  - ✓ Hilary Condon, Bethany for Children and Families
- Data wish list needs to be updated. Desi will generate the list and start the discussion. After the list is updated, we can discuss with DCFS and Chapin Hall.
- Remaining CWAC FE dates
  - ✓ June 2, 2022
  - ✓ August 4, 2022
  - ✓ October 6, 2022
  - ✓ December 1, 2022
- If you have ideas you would like to discuss, send it to Desi Silva, Lori Welcher or Kathy Grzelak.

Attendees: Megan Brand – Arden Shore; Kristen Leiva, Iris Williams, Mia Collins – Aunt Marthas; Bill Steinhauser, Hilary Condon – Bethany for Children and Families; Laura Rios, Brian Berg – Catholic Charities; Sarah Allen – CHASI; Becky Cochran, Jodi Schwindenhammer – CHAIL; Desi Silva, Kayla Orr, Greg Miller, Tricia Fox – CYFS; Elena Johnson, Margaret Spoelhof – Evangelical Child; Kacy Anderson – ICOY; Emeri Shearrill, Kathy Grzelak – Kaleidoscope; Jere Murry – LSSI; Dennis Delgado, Rhonda Laye – OHU; Anne Gold, OMNI; Kari Rogers, Chris Kelly, Lori Welcher – DCFS. Theresa Ile, Scribe.

Guests: Jennifer Marett - Office of Evidence-based Interventions; Jason House, Budget and Finance; Rosie Arnette, Contracts; Shaun Lane, Richard Foltz – Chapin Hall.