

CWAC HIGH END COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: May 25th, 2022

TIME: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Web-Ex

Phone: 312-535-8110, Code: 1331048852

MINUTES

1:00 PM - Begin

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Marc Fagan started a new position as the YouthCare Plan Product Vice President
 - Approval of March Minutes

1:10 PM – Northwestern Red Cap - Jennifer

- Side note: There is an overlapping meeting/training happening simultaneously to this one, which is more important. Second training can happen, if necessary. If invite was not received, please reach out to monitor or Kashama Nambidi
- Review and Overview
 - Forms and reports will be built into REDCap with a rollout to Monitors in June, and Providers in July. There will be a two-week testing phase prior to rollout (in terms of access and content) for Provider input from 5/25/22 to 6/8/22. Testers will enter data in a duplicate manner (old RTOS system and with new test link) to ensure that information is received accurately. Verbal feedback will be given on 6/8/22 and will double as a training session for any issues missed the first time around.
 - Primary contacts for questions regarding the rollout should be directed to:
 - Jennifer Prior: Jennifer.conat@northwestern.edu
 - Allen Yang: allen.yang@illinois.gov
 - Secondary contact for questions:
 - Anthony Yaghmour: Anthony.yaghmour@northwestern.edu
- Next Steps:
 - 5/25/22: Jennifer will send the REDCap presentation
 - 5/26/22: Kashama will send feedback expectations and link

1:40 PM – Department Updates

- Org Chart (DCFS) – Keith
 - Keith Polan was confirmed as Chief Deputy of Child & Clinical Services on 5/23/22. Jacqui Dortch has taken the role of Deputy Director of Child Services. Alicia Ozier has resigned as the Deputy Director of Clinical



- Background Check Update – Licensing
 - Conditional background checks are continuing until further notice. A committee with private agencies is being put together to streamline the process; Jassen Strokosch requested agencies provide names of individuals to be a part of the committee. A letter will be distributed to agencies (date to be determined by Shante Blankenship) regarding the use of conditional background checks.
 - Next Steps
 - 5/25/22: Gwendolyn Payton will touch base with Shante regarding letter progress
 - 5/27/22: Ashley will send categorized questions (from Providers) regarding conditional background checks and process
- FY23 Contracts – Keith
 - Family First language will be added to contracts shortly
 - Edited Matching Checklist – Keith and Linda Karfs are working on this. The updated checklist will also align with the work in Jacqui’s division, to quickly identify placements and not make inappropriate matches
- Child Services – Jacqui Dortch
 - 4 Clinical Placement Managers started throughout the state; 1 per region
 - Kimberly Newsome: Southern region
 - Karen Austin-Antoine: Cook region
 - Omesha Redding: Central region
 - Mary Ford: Northern region
 - Expansions are happening across the division: Juvenile Justice and Human Trafficking are expanding programming; Resource & Recruitment is expanding their resources; Residential Recruiters are bringing new providers on board
 - TLP Project – Initiative targeting 68 youth needing TLP placements. 25 youth have been confirmed for stepdown. Initiative began February 2022 and is projected to end 6/30/22, to accommodate youth that are waiting to finish school. The process includes: Ryan Goodwin sending packets to providers and following up with phone calls (multiple times if necessary). A provider meeting was also held to answer questions. The focus has been on revealing and utilizing existing capacity while streamlining the process

Other Items

Next Meeting July 27th, 2022 1:00 – 3:00pm

3:00 p.m. Adjourn