

## CWAC HIGH END COMMITTEE MINUTES

**DATE:** December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**TIME:** 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Web-Ex

**Phone:** 312-535-8110, Code: 1331048852

### Minutes

#### Welcome and Introductions

- Approval of October Minutes: Minutes were approved as written

#### High End 2022

- New Co – Chair Introduction: Mitchell Sandy from Thresholds was introduced as the new POS Co-chair. Chris Cox will be replacing Zack as the POS head of CWAC
- Vision / Agenda: Chris and Keith met with director Smith to discuss the vision of CWAC moving forward. They agreed to meet in person monthly in 2022. Chris acknowledged that CWAC needs to enhance organizational efforts to bridge committees work so that they don't operate in silos.

#### Department Updates

- Program Plans: The department is in the process of updating program plans for Congregate Care. This will consist of structural reforms; reducing/eliminating redundancy/wordiness; shrinking the plans and providing them in electronic version. No big update/changes are to be made to the plans. The department hopes to revise these plans by end of January FY22 and will disseminate it for public review/comments/feedback/input.
- Structure
  - Child & Clinical Services: Michelle Jackson will be taking over all resource development (residential, foster, community-based services) in addition she will oversee Placement Administration (formerly central matching). Alicia Ozier will oversee clinical services and Keith Polan will oversee all Clinical and Child Services (Keith and Michelle are switching).
  - Monitoring: Residential monitoring and APT will be move to operations under Tim Snowden. Residential monitoring and TRIPMI will be combined. A new monitoring model is being created and should be implemented in 2022.
  - Staff: Derek Hopkins, Julian harms, and George Vennikandam, will be retiring at the end of December all positions are being posted. Michelle will be the go-to for one-on- one approval's in the absence of Juliana harms. She will also be the contact for ILO

for the time being while the department sorts through the changes. Should anyone be confused on whom to contact feel free to reach out to Keith for assistance.

### **The Power Project Presentation**

- The presentation was canceled and will be part of the January meeting.

### **Calls for Proposal**

- DCFS issued a series of calls for proposal (Autism services, Shelter Care, Emergency Foster Care), and is looking for innovative solutions to system service/capacity issues. The informational meeting will take place on January 5<sup>th</sup> and the proposals deadline are due by COB on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Calls for proposal are not prescriptive and allow complete flexibility/creativity for providers to structure a program to meet department needs.
- The Capital Grants award notifications should go out by the end of December.

**Next Meeting January 26 2022 1:00 – 3:00pm**