

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
Institutional Review Board Meeting
Minutes
January 26, 2021

ON PHONE

Janet Ahern
Dr. Margaret Scotellaro
Bret Angelos
Tami Fuller
Kim Mann
Arricka Newingham
Robin LaSota
Brooke Taylor

EXCUSED

Janet Chandler
Robin Albritton

CALL TO ORDER

Janet Ahern called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Dr. Margaret Scotellaro made a motion to approve the minutes December 22, 2020.

Kim Mann seconded the motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

NEW PROPOSALS

Brian Chor. *DCFS Regenerations PILOT Evaluation – Amendment.*

Been in existence for a very long time. Instead of use of historical group data for comparison, want to use a contemporary group data for comparison. Also dropping a couple of things that they were doing. Moving forward an analysis of administrative data.

Very hard to get family members to do surveys after meetings. Concurrent comparison group is better methodology than a historical one.

MOTION: Tami Fuller motioned to approve this proposal.

Arricka Newingham seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

Geri Donenberg. *PHAT Life: Preventing HIV AIDS Among Teens.*

Providing a program/educational service to Cook County Juvenile Probation to talk about the awareness of safety. Does not necessarily involve clients of DCFS, but certainly may involve clients of DCFS

Important information to be given to a vulnerable group.

Allowing in person data collection. Intervention is being delivered in person in groups. Little concerning considering the times – although social distancing measures are being implemented.

Is there a high rate of COVID in Cook County Juvenile facilities? They had previously done this and excluded DCFS youth. Want to include more people in the study.

Probation Department is working remotely. How are they going to be having these groups?

Everything seems to be properly documented, following proper research procedure. Doing a baseline survey that is two and a half hours long. Who will be looking through the pages and pages of answers from the youth? Seems like a lot to ask of youth and then to get screened for an STD.

This might be one of their conditions of probation. They might have to do this and not have a choice.

Assent form that the youth has to sign is over 8 pages long. Normally these are short.

Nothing unethical is being done or harmful to the subjects. High expectations of the attention span of the youth involved.

Consent needed from a DCFS authorized agent for each youth.

MOTION: Bret Angelos motioned to approve this proposal.

Dr. Margaret Scotellaro seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

Amy Dworsky. *Examining Pre-Family First Home Visiting Referrals and Enrollment .*

Expanding the work that was done previously to include parenting teens and intact families. Consent was modified to include information about data release to Chapin Hall. Families also signed consent to release information to the DCFS Early Childhood Program. Targeting two models, but not excluding those that are participating in other models. Target population includes TPSN.

We don't need to provide consent, as the parents provide consent. Guardian's office may be consenting to the mothers participating in this program (those in TPSN).

Merely to analyze the referral data – data that has already been collected (what types of individuals that are being referred, etc). No contact involved between the researcher and the participant.

MOTION: Arricka Newingham motioned to approve this proposal.

Bret Angelos seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

Justin Harty. *Fatherhood in Foster Care: Black Fathers Aging out of Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Care -- Amendment.*

Want to extend to UCAN so that they can get more numbers around the stats. Should be over the age of 18 (and aging out of the system), so Guardian's office probably won't be consenting to these youth. Expanding geography.

MOTION: Dr. Margaret Scotellaro motioned to approve the proposal.

Tami Fuller seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

OTHER:

Marjorie Fujara Data Sharing Agreement. Data sharing agreement sent to Dr. Fujara's team.

Brian Chor Work Product Review. No comments.

Melinda Reeter Email. Dr. Scotellaro and Janet will review.

Next meeting re-scheduled for February 23, 2021 at 2 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.