

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services  
**Institutional Review Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**July 27, 2021**

**ON PHONE**

Dr. Margaret Scotellaro  
Robin Albritton  
Bret Angelos  
Tami Fuller  
Kim Mann  
Robin LaSota  
Brooke Taylor

**EXCUSED:**

Janet Ahern  
Arricka Newingham

**CALL TO ORDER**

Brooke Taylor called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Dr. Margaret Scotellaro made a motion to approve the minutes June 22, 2021.

Robin LaSota seconded the motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

**FOLLOW UP**

**William Schneider.** *Income and Housing Support Experiments and Child Neglect.*

Waiting for researchers response to the questions posed by the board.

**MOTION:** Proposal tabled until responses to questions raised by the board have been responded to.

**NEW PROPOSALS**

**Amy Dworsky.** *CQI Activities for the Implementation of HFA and PAT under Family First.*

Home visiting work. Previously done work for the department on homevisiting. Lookint at a small group of families. A lot of cross work that has to be done. Lot of data sharing agreements.

Intact families that can consent to information. Information will be shared for the purposes of the evaluation. Consent process in place.

Questions regarding the request for waiver of consent. Request for administrative data, in general, waivers for consent are requested. Substantially lower number of those referred for the home visiting program.

How does the data regarding whether a family attended the home visit or not come in? This is not administrative data. There are a lot of fields around the home visiting experience that require data collection.

**MOTION:** Research proposal is being tabled pending clarification regarding the consent waiver request.

**Amy Dworsky.** *DCFS LifeSet Evaluation Phase I.*

Addition of interviews with administrators added to the research protocol. No major concerns noted.

**MOTION:** Tami Fuller motioned to approve the proposal.

Robin LaSota seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

**Amy Dworsky & Veena Ramaiah.** *Evaluating the MPEEC Program.*

This project recently brought into the group more organizations, including Rush Hospital (most of the hospitals in the Chicagoland area are involved). Trying to see whether the outcomes of the cases that involve MPEEC evaluation have better outcomes as far as the rapidity of getting the case closed – most likely to be held up on appeal, handled more efficiently, closing of cases. Looking at data for both cases that MPEEC is involved and cases where MPEEC is not involved. Lurie will be in the control group as they are not involved with MPEEC.

Sounds like an interesting study. No concerns or questions noted.

Benefit to Child Protection. Interesting comparison with the control group. Groups being studied will benefit from this analysis.

**MOTION:** Robin Albritton motioned to approve the proposal.

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

**Gina Fedock.** *Urban Surveillance: Exploring the Relationship of Place to Maternal Incarceration and Child Welfare System Involvement.*

Link Illinois Department of Corrections data which has names in it for five year period – run through Chapin Hall's data base and see how many of those women have child welfare investigations, had children removed or other child welfare outcomes. Similar to what she was asking for before.

Department of Corrections is giving names, Chapin Hall will be taking names and will be matching names and will be linking the two sets of data and giving it to Dr. Fedock with the names. Only de-identified information should be released. Information can be linked but de-identified. No need for names to be given. Becomes more of an administrative data analysis.

Need IRB approval from University of Chicago.

**MOTION:** Research proposal was tabled pending resolution of issue raised by the board.

**OTHER:**

**Hyunil Kim Paper.** Board reviewed the paper and provided two suggestions: change the phrase “foster youth” to “youth in care” and define AUC and provide the listing, or at least examples, of the predictors used in the model to understand age-specific predictors of aging out.

Next meeting re-scheduled for August 24, 2021 at 2 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 pm.