

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
Institutional Review Board Meeting
Minutes
July 26, 2022

ON PHONE

Janet Ahern
Robin LaSota
Christina Chojnacki
Tami Fuller
Jennifer Eblen-Manning
Brooke Taylor

EXCUSED

Dr. Margaret Scotellaro
Wendi Ingersoll

CALL TO ORDER

Janet Ahern called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Robin LaSota made a motion to approve the minutes June 28, 2022.

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

NEW PROPOSALS

Ellen Chadwick. *Surveillance Monitoring for ART Toxicities Study in HIV–uninfected Children Born to HIV-infected Women” (SMARTT) – Version 4.0 – Annual Update.*

Just a new IRB of record.

MOTION: Tami Fuller motioned to approve the proposal.

Jennifer Eblen-Manning seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

Ka Ho Brian Chor. *Implementation of DCFs Therapeutic Foster Care PILOT – Amendment.*

Requesting focus group follow up. They can come back and ask questions. Follow up survey. Optional follow up survey. Some focus group people couldn't come, so some non-focus people too. Just a focus group to validate.

Same procedures as previous proposal. Using RedCap to secure. Think this is a great idea.

MOTION: Christina Chojnacki motioned to approve the proposal.

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

Ka Ho Brian Chor. *DCFS Immersion Sites Evaluation – Amendment.*

Talk to workers instead of families. Might have had a hard time getting in touch with families. Immersion site wave 1 survey was in 2017 and they want to follow up with that worker survey from years ago. Originally they had all these other components about talking to foster caregivers, birth parents and youth and those were all discontinued. Just the survey for caseworkers, investigators and supervisors statewide – not just in the immersion sites. Pretty rigorous process and they got it down to fewer questions than the original wave one (which was about 150 questions) and now it is not as long.

MOTION: Robin LaSota motioned to approve the proposal.

Jennifer Eblen-Manning seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

Amy Dworsky. *Postsecondary Educational Outcomes of Youth in Foster Care.*

Find out whether youth in care enrolled in college and/or graduated from college. Looks like this is a variant on another research proposal sent for IRB review in April 2020 from Judith Havlicek and Amy Dworsky.

MOTION: Robin LaSota motioned to approve the proposal.

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

Neil Jordan. *Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights (TPR): How Decisions to Sever a Parent's Legal Relationship Relate to Foster Child Well-Being.*

Needs Northwestern IRB.

Already have access to the CYCIS data and NW has the CANS data. Secondary data analysis that they already have access to. Asking to utilize it.

Groups that he's going to collect data on: 4 groups – keeps referring to the children under the supervision of DCFS (does he mean those under the legal guardianship of DCFS – answer is yes). Is there a control group for this?

How do you prove which is worse or better?

Graduate student proposal and that the researcher is the faculty advisor.

MOTION: Tami Fuller motioned to approve the proposal.

Christina Chojnacki seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

Robin LaSota. *Understanding Challenges and Strategies to Assist Foster Care Providers in Meeting the Needs of African-American Children involved in the Child Welfare System – Caregiver and Birth Parent Interviews.*

Interesting proposal.

Interested in learning about support for trans-racial foster caregivers. \$75,000 grant – interview foster caregivers (both white and black) about supports for black children – black children have disproportionately worse supports. In Illinois about 25% of the placements are trans-racial, not all are black children with white foster caregivers.

Race affirming strategies, integration of black children so that they have representation and can connect with someone so that they can have some sense of culture and community. Asking black birth parents what their thoughts are on having their children in trans-racial caregiver situations. Doing 10 birth parent interviews, 10 white foster caregivers & 10 black foster caregivers.

Mapping trans-racial placements across the state. Talking with the MEPA Coordinator around developing/designing and distributing training materials around the state.

Hair care should be added to the topics in the future. Lots of racism/discrimination around black hair.

Not received UIUC approval yet – but is forthcoming.

MOTION: Christina Chojnacki motioned to approve the proposal.

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

OTHER

Chapin Hall Report. No comments.

LifeSet Report. No comments.

Next meeting scheduled for August 23, 2022, at 2 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.