

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services  
**Institutional Review Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**August 23, 2022**

**ON PHONE**

Janet Ahern  
Robin LaSota  
Christina Chojnacki  
Tami Fuller  
Dr. Margaret Scotellaro  
Brooke Taylor

**EXCUSED**

Jennifer Eblen-Manning  
Wendi Ingersoll

**CALL TO ORDER**

Janet Ahern called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Margaret Scotellaro made a motion to approve the minutes June 28, 2022.

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

**NEW PROPOSALS**

**Khalid Afzal.** *Comparing rates of Youth Suicidality 2020-2022: A Retrospective Review of Referrals to a Major Urban, Pediatric Emergency Department.*

Wants to set up a blanket consent in case any youth get enrolled. Not sure that they will have a lot of youth.

Doesn't need to be reviewed by DCFS IRB. Some kids may have been in care, there's going to be a study that has youth in care in the study. Unsure why this would be reviewed by the IRB.

No problems with the study. Not going to be able to identify the youth in care, but wants a blanket consent to acknowledge that any might exist.

Consider it general population. Not going to be seeking consent from other participants, only DCFS.

University IRB requirement to go through the DCFS IRB.

Ask to change from wards to 'youth in care'.

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

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

**Kristen Jacobsen**. *Evaluating the Impact of a Canine-Assisted Therapy Program among Youth Residing in a Residential Treatment Center.*

Youth in care from Lawrence Hall. Already doing the interventions, just looking to assess the effectiveness of the interventions. Initial group gets enrolled and added to the dog therapy program and the others get standard therapy and added to the wait list.

**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.

**Julia Pryce**. *Training of Members of the Mentoring System through Mentoring FA.*

Provided through the Erickson Institute. Working directly with Erickson. Trained through system of interacting with youth as a way of developing a mentorship-type relationship.

Out of Loyola and Erickson. Training is for the mentors and not the youth. Sounds similar to First Star Program.

All participants are over the age of 18 and so are mentors – so don't need DCFS consent. Assessing outcomes of the mentor training and not the outcomes of the youth. FAN is training for the mentors – mentorship tool. Not gathering youth data.

Training model – assessing whether it's effective or not. Are there other agencies involved or are they recruiting from other places other than Foster Progress.

Data is on qualtrics. Data security is okay.

Would like an updated/corrected submission form. Who is their target audience and what are they assessing – it's a bit confusing.

**MOTION:** Proposal tabled until board questions have been resolved.

## **OTHER**

**Uranbileg Enkhtuvshin Data Request.** Data sharing agreement is current, and renewal is forthcoming.

Next meeting scheduled for September 27, 2022, at 2 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 pm.