

Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) Advisory Committee Minutes

Wednesday, May 26, 2021, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

WebEx Conference Call

➤ Welcome and Roll-Call

- Katie Igo, CD, JoDene Bogart, CD, Kate Watson, CD, Patrick Pruitt, KC Indian Center, Jeni Sommerfeld, Children's Trust Fund, Crystal Wenger, CD, Sara Smith, CD, Nickie Steinhoff, Foster and Adopt Coalition, Kim Abbott, Office of State Courts Administrator, Sheila Rancatore, Cornerstones of Care, Teresa Hayner, Good Shepard Children and Family Services, Janet Braker, Missouri Alliance, Elizabeth Satterfield, CD, Jennifer Dochler, MO Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Jill Richardson, DMH, Leanne Reese, Missouri CASA, Clark Peters, University of Missouri Social Work, Kara Wilcox, CD, Sally Gaines, CD, Jan Leal, Cardinal Glennon, Julie Starr, CD, Jeff Watson, Children's Bureau, Tony Scott, Children's Bureau.

➤ Legislative/Budget Updates to include: – Sara Smith

- HB577
 - Passed and agreed upon this session. It has an emergency clause to go into effect immediately. Working in three different areas/requirements. 1. Allows CD to petition court to present a child for an assessment-specific to residential facilities. Working on writing policy regarding the legislation. 2. Background checks for residential and child placing agencies. Working with the Highway Patrol. BSIU operated for several years since early 2000's. The new legislation will close BSIU and those checks will go through the new process or go to the Family Care Safety Registry. As of July 1st BSIU will be unable to be used due to new process coming up. FCSR has the ability to offer the services.
- HB1414
 - Updates-TAPA-TDM within 10 days and open a FCS case. Increased communication with JO. Emergency implementation. Looking at August 2nd for implementation.
 - OSCA-safety assessment tool. CD to use. Started work in fall of 2020. Evidenced based tool. Worked through Evidence Change. Workgroups working on customizing this to MO. Language can be easily articulated over to the court. Session in March and April 2021. Working on inter-rater reliability testing. The tool will be done by the end of June 2021. Implemented into FACES by the end of December 2021. Meeting with court partners. The group is coming together

with OSCA in June 2021 for more discussion. Feedback has been that it is a good tool that will help with making decisions to keep kids safe.

- BSIU
 - As of July 1, 2021 BSIU will be closed.

➤ TAPAs – Kara Wilcox

- HB 1414 introduced new statute (RsMO 210.123). Focuses on diversions with relatives. When there is a relative diversion (includes kinship) CD is required to enter into the TAPA within three days of the placement. Three clear parties (parent, placement, and CD) if any three don't agree we can't enter into the TAPA and referral to JO has to be made within 3 days. Implementing on August 2, 2021.
- Safety assessment is done and if we can't come up with a plan then looking at requesting custody as usual. If the child is unsafe but there is a parent-safety plan to keep child safe. Could go with the non-residential parent. Traditional safety planning process with some enhancements.
- Revised the immediate safety intervention plan. Bringing back framework for safety language. Focuses on identifying safety threat, vulnerabilities and protective capacities.
- TAPA requires a few additional things. Walkthrough of the safety resource home-specific form developed. Hope is to capture documentation better. CAN checks required (including out of state CAN checks), check case.net, relative placement-check FCSR and sex offender registry. List of crimes created which will exclude placement as an option. FCSR not done on parents.
- TAPA has a residency requirement. Will likely be an issue for metro/border counties. Requires relative safety resource to be a resident of MO. Statute will require referral to JO in these cases because legislation prevents it if the relative resides out of the state.
- Still have to notify the JO by form within 3 days of a TAPA being entered into.
- Statute gives relative the ability to make educational and medical decisions for the child. A form will be given for them to provide.
- Requires CD to open an FCS case within 10 days of a TAPA being entered into and remain open for the duration of the TAPA.
- CD will have personal contact with the child 2 times a month one being in the home of the relative.

- Working with the “offending parent” will require 1 home visit per month.
 - Visitation will not be supervised by CD for these cases. No additional staff or funding was given with the implementation of this. Have to address visitation on the TAPA.
 - Duration is 90 days and if the child is still not safe have to refer to the JO. In referral we can recommend another TAPA. Have to consider if it is in the best interest of the child to continue. These should be special circumstances and rare. Can extend short term for a good reason.
 - Submit a report to the JO when the TAPA will terminate. Have to notify the JO within 10 days of the TAPA ending. Recommend no further pursuit by the JO.
 - TDM is required within 10 days of the TAPA. Would like to be prior to the TAPA. TDM can be held to help finalize the TAPA. Outlined who is to be invited and other process changes for TAPA.
 - Question: How long does CD monitor? FCS case is opened to monitor the TAPA. The FCS case can continue after the TAPA ends.
- Alternative Care Social Service Plan pilot – Crystal Wenger/Kate Watson
- Discussion of how the plan change came about. Wanted to look at good assessment of the family. Initial Family Assessment document was developed to be completed within the first 4 weeks. This information will be used to develop the Social Service Plan. SOS use got away from form use during visits with families, kids, and resource providers. A Home Visit form will allow workers to document all contacts on a family for the month. Hope to improve documentation.
 - Process started in late 2019. Opportunity to reflect on several things. Focus was on quality documentation. Wanted to streamline and simplify processes. Looked at processes and forms that were currently being utilized. Looked at reviews, COA requirements, and policy. Pulled in information to guide the process. Wanted to look at where things were going well and where CD was missing the mark. Over the past several years model changes allowed us to see what good came out of our processes and where CD needed to see improvement. What was created is a “hybrid” model of Framework for Safety and Signs of Safety. CD wanted to streamline across program lines. The process should allow to pick up at any time in the life of the case. Old process included assessment for FCS and AC using between 18-24 documents. Pulled these together into 3 primary documents. Took the most useful information from each and created the Social Service Plan (SSP), Initial Family Assessment (IFA), and Home Visit Form.
 - SSP-case plan tracking, development of goals, needs of children and parents. In the first phase now. Going live with the document this summer in FACES. Will continue

additional phases that build in several more components. This will help with documentation and conversations with stakeholders. Ultimate goal is to have a legally sufficient document that is useful in all areas of practice but especially in court. Ensure family's understanding of the process and the case. Assist in decisions regarding safety and permanency for the children. Realized starting in the middle and stepped back to assessment piece.

- Initial Family Assessment (IFA) Tool was developed and is being piloted. Capturing voices of everyone involved in the case. This leads into the building of the SSP.
- Took a step back even further and realized that documentation was being documented differently across the state. Wanted to streamline that process. A monthly contact form was developed-Home Visit Form. This is the groundwork for collection of information.
- There will eventually be several more components added to the SSP including visitation plans and reasonable efforts and if they were successful. Want to see everything in one document.
- This is being built in FACES. Testing is starting soon. Pilot has been going since February 2021 to practice the forms and process. Pilot participants have been providing feedback throughout the pilot. Now training is being created around the new model. Leading into the final rollout. Feedback has been positive from the field and partners.
- Training will be provided to multidisciplinary team members as well.
- Pilot ends in a few days and case reviews will be conducted in early June 2021. Target launch for full implementation will be early Fall 2021.

➤ CFSR Case Review Updates – JoDene Bogart

- Completed most recent quarter at the end of March. There are still 4 items that have not passed from the PIP.
 - Item 1-4% increase
 - Item 2-1% increase; 7% away from goal
 - Item 4-4% increase
 - Item 5 remained consistent from previous quarter-52%; still a long way to go.
- Current quarter is about halfway done. Will have results mid to late June 2021.

- Non overlapping year ends April 30, 2022. Have about 10 months to reach the goals before Missouri has fiscal impacts.
 - TAPA forms will help with item 2 by having specific language built in. Intentional work to add that language to create clear documentation.
 - Any work being done around placement stability?
 - Item 4 is difficult. Big item to address. Systemic issue for Missouri and that has really been highlighted. Pilot programs around services and supports to relative families are being done. Hope around those and feedback has been positive. DMH discussions to expand those programs to other areas of the state.
 - Kate Watson offered information on a new contract to increase our ability to use therapeutic foster homes developed outside of the residential contract. Amy Martin has worked on this and could provide more information.
 - What are the fiscal impacts?
 - 3 outcomes represented in our 4 items that have not been passed and penalties are per outcome. For each outcome it will be around \$560,000. The penalties increase each year until the state passes the outcome in the next review.
 - Have we had penalties in years past?
 - No.
 - This is the first round that penalties have been incurred.
 - Jeff Watson reports JoDene is accurate. There have been administration changes. Several states are through the process and have penalties. Waiting to find out what will be done. The states that have penalties will go first in round 4. Penalties have not been assessed previously. Should have answers soon. The first states will go in 2023 and Missouri will probably be a couple years after that.
- Updates, Announcements and successes – Committee Members
- FFPSA update-plan has been submitted and CD is working on revisions.
 - Kate Watson is working on this in her unit. Pilot has been going in Greene County with the independent assessor. They are doing the assessments and the court process in the pilot. The family court committee has approved the language around the independent

assessor. The form has been deployed to the courts to use. Working on the training process and materials to share with the court system.

- Team from CD went to the MJJA conference and presented. Working on training CD and contracted staff in late July.
 - The assessment agencies and entities are still being finalized. Erica Signar? Could give an update in August. QRTP designation work.
- Meeting Wrap-up / plan for August meeting (8/18)
- Feedback requested on preferences for meetings in the future.
 - Jennifer Dochler-Like having a balance between in person and virtual. Consideration for social distancing, etc. is a need.
 - Nickie Steinhoff-Consider agenda due to travelling long distances for a short meeting.
 - Clark Peters-Prefer in person but realize convenience of virtual. Potential for breakout sessions for more in depth topics.
 - Kim Abbott-Same type of discussions with court meetings as well.