

# Missouri CFSR Advisory Committee Meeting

## Minutes

April 24, 2024

Attendance: Scott Montgomery (CD), Katie Igo (CD), JoDene Bogart (CD), Nancy Capps (OSCA), Janet Braker (MACF), Kyle Kendrick (CD), Casey Figgins (OSCA), Jennifer McKenzie (St. Louis Partners), Tony Scott (Children's Bureau), Heather Hendley (Capacity Building Center for States), Julie Starr (CD), Claire Terrebonne (Jackson County CASA)

### Co-Lead Discussion:

- Someone outside of CD that might be interested in co-leading. Working with JoDene on agenda development and make sure that topics are relevant to the charter.
- Judge Anthony may have retired-need suggestions for a new judicial representative for our group.

### Legislative Updates

- HB1751
- HB1803
- HB2016
- HB2287
- HB2634-might impact MO Healthnet public funding used at various facilities.
- None of these directly impact child welfare.
- Handful keeping an eye on
  - HB 1715 (anti-bullying requirements for school districts) might result in further hotline calls being made. 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree harassment.
    - School violence hotline now provided by the Dept. of Public Safety
    - Mandated reporting would occur but would give option to call Dept. of Public Safety or CD
  - HB 1706 (protection of children and vulnerable persons-committee on sex and human trafficking training-8 members)
    - Dissolve on 12/31/29
    - Statewide council established to replace one that expired in December 2023
    - Meet quarterly and in office of Attorney General

- Certain membership requirements
  - Creation of anti-trafficking fund-pay for position of executive director
  - DHSS-first responder training requirement-1 hour of training yearly
- SB 811 (modifies provisions related to child protection-joint committee on child abuse/neglect)
  - More information available on the Senate website
- SB862 & HB2227-modifies provisions about money held for children by CD (this would require CD to work with Dept. of Revenue and take money that comes in and assign a payee to set up an “able account” for them to have the money available to use for unmet needs (gives a list of options) would reduce the risk of having money taken back from the Federal Government.
- SB 801- CASA/GAL
- HB 2631-Uniform unregulated child transfer act
- SB 897-Judicial proceedings

## Group Share: Updates & Innovative Practices

- Claire Terrebonne-
  - 1. Safe Babies Court-able to get collaborative funding through a children’s services fund. Five different partners collaborating with family court to bring Safe Babies court. Another type of treatment court. Launch with open dockets next month. Work that might be able to be replicated throughout the state and different dockets. Parent mentors and dedicated foster care engagement.
  - 2. Contract to draw down IV-E dollars for parent representation. Scheduling training for recruited attorneys. Pilot program in 2019 that gave good data. Cases closing sooner despite outcome if parents are represented from the get-go.
- Nancy Capps-
  - 1. Working on the CIP strategic plan. Working with the National Council for Family court Judges. Training for judges for youth involvement. Partner with four judges in four different circuits. Pre and Post test will be taken. Looking for 70 participants for training.
  - 2. Upstream Initiative- have had two trainings in MO, several more coming soon.

## Program Improvement Plan Update

- In the midst of the approval process. Initial draft January 2024. Revision submitted end of March 2024. In person meeting with CB partners next Wednesday. Talk about questions and comments remaining.

## Jackson County Process Mapping

- Permanency within 12 months. Jackson selected for size and due to highest percentage of kids exiting care within that indicator. Understand bottlenecks and reasons behind

why we might not be hitting benchmarks. Should be 35% and statewide is 22%. Have had several prep meetings. 108 cases looking at that exited between 8-16 months. Do hearing or FSTs have anything to do with it. Look at factors and crunch numbers and then set down with stakeholders to map out next week. CD and consultants, parents' attorneys, children's attorneys, judicial officers.

- Goal of two-day event is for the Jackson County team to leave with things to implement and measure to see if outcomes improve.
- Court aspect-interesting choices and how they might be impacting data.
- Hope is for process to be mirrored in other areas to look at lower achieving circuits. What is learned can be compared to other areas to see if it is a problem there as well and if not, what is the issue in that area.

### APSR/CFSP (Annual Progress and Service Report/Child and Family Services Plan)

- What are they?
  - CFSP-plan developed every five years. Time wise it is working well because we are working on PIP strategies and will include them in the plan. It is due June 30, 2024, to CB. Back and forth is like the PIP process. Will be finalized by September 30, 2024.
  - In conjunction with plan a document has been put together for the last five-year plan. Documents are submitted on the same timeframe. Will go to the Dept. for approval at the end of May 2024 to be submitted by the end of June 2024.
  - Documents are posted on the Department website.
- Approach
  - PIP vs. Strategic Plan

### Quarterly Case Review Data

- How is program improvement plan measured?
  - Safety Outcome 1-Case review data. Two statewide indicators are safety related. MO performs better than the national average. Don't have to address in the PIP.
  - Safety Outcome 2-Case review data.
  - Permanency Outcome 1-Only measured by statewide data indicators. MO better than or equal to national average on 3 so those won't be measured. There are two we don't meet. Timely permanency and placement stability are the two that will be addressed.
  - Permanency Outcome 2-Measured through PIP strategy implementation.
  - Well-Being Outcome 1-case review data.

- Well- Being Outcome 2 and 3-PIP strategy implementation.
- All Systemic factors that are not passed will be addressed in the PIP.
- PIP Measurement Plan Draft-hope for it to be approved by July 2024. July will set the baseline. Goals will be established from this.
- HB1414-requires case reviews as well. Part of the case review process will include 12 cases randomly sampled from across the state. Hope for some to come from measurement sights. If not, we will be doing 12 additional case reviews to satisfy this requirement.
- Measurement sites
  - KC
  - St. Louis
  - NE-Circuits 13 and 20
  - SW-Circuits 29 and 31
  - SE-Circuits 24, 25 and 36
- Each Item must have 33 applicable cases before submission. (8 Items total)
- Information from July 2023 review will be compared to interim reviews that have occurred from August and October 2023 and January 2024.
- Results were shared with the group.

### Statewide Data Profile

- February 2024
  - Maltreatment in care and recurrence of maltreatment-below national performance
  - Permanency outcomes-two in blue means MO is better than national performance. Gray is close to national performance. Two we are not meeting-permanency within 12 months-26.7% MO 35.2%. National performance. PIP goal is 31.5%-in the middle of where we are and national performance. Last two reporting periods we have moved in the wrong direction. Placement stability-captures moves so lower number is better. 6.23 is MO rate. Goal is 5.87 which is in between performance and national average. This is impacted from every child in foster care not just implementation sites.

Next meeting is July 24, 2024.