

Missouri State Foster Care and Adoptive Board

Meeting

December 11, 2012

Members in Attendance: Derek Williams, Suzie Forbis, Dean Aye, Melinda Nicholson, Eric Pilson, Janet Richardson, Kelly Floyd, Nickie Steinhoff and Lori Ross

Children's Division Staff: Marta Halter, Elizabeth Tattershall, Candy Shively and Donna Sybouts

Absent: Kelly Schultz

Guest: Halley Richardson

Minutes

- Dean Aye opened the meeting and introductions were made.
- Candy Shively, Director of Children's Division gave an update on the Children's Division.
 - The 2014 budget has been submitted to the Governor's Office for consideration.
 - The Children's Division request includes 7.1 million to be tied to Foster Care growth
 - Psychotropic Medication Second Opinion Program
 - The Children's Division, Department of Mental Health and MO HealthNet Division are partnering in a second opinion program for Foster Youth prescribed psychotropic/antipsychotics.
 - A Board Certified Child Psychiatrist, Dr. Young-Walker will review psychotropic medication prescribed to children in Foster Care.
 - A draft informing the Stakeholder community was shared with the board.
 - Crossover Youth
 - A Missouri team comprised of Division of Youth Services, Department of Mental Health, Juvenile Court, Missouri Supreme Court, Office of State Court Administrators, and Children's Division attended certification training on a Crossover Youth Practice Model.
 - From 2002-2009 there were 80 thousand kids in the delinquency system, 17% had some level of child welfare assistance or dual standing.
 - This population is at a higher risk for trauma or they have been diagnosed with emotional issues.
- Elizabeth Tattershall updated the board on the memos which were sent out by the Children's Division.
 - CD-12-93 – Revision of Relative and Kinship Home Introduction Letter
 - CD12-96 – Older Youth Non-owner Insurance Policy
 - CD12-98 – NYTD – National Youth in Transition Data

- CD12-102 – Legislative Decision Items
 - Elizabeth Tattershall went over the memo in depth
 - CD12-106 – Memo regarding the upcoming re-accreditation process
 - CD-12-109 - Revision - Adoption Information Registry Brochure
 - New Memo going out on 12/11/12 – CD12 – Level B – Foster Home – (Insurance)
 - Discussion followed regarding Foster Parent Insurance Elizabeth Tattershall will check numbers of those who signed up for the new insurance plan and bring back the information to the March Board Meeting.
- Marta Halter – Deputy Director for Children’s Division gave an update on the Children’s Division
 - Linda Miller – Unit Manager for QI- Unit will be leaving in December
 - Several key positions have opened up and interviews will begin soon
 - Currently conversations are taking place regarding Central Office structure and the balancing of job assignments
 - St. Louis is also experiencing some changes over the next several months
 - Reaccreditation is also coming up and Central Office will be the first to start the process, and the rest of the state will follow.
 - SACWIS our computer system will be reviewed in September
 - The Children’s Division is looking at becoming better informed regarding Trauma. This is one of our top priorities. Current work is focused on:
 - Including stakeholders and partners in our efforts
 - Completing an inventory of what we already have
 - Deciding on what the focus and priorities should be
 - Children’s Division Racial Equity Workgroup met last month with a facilitator from Casey Family Programs to develop a work plan and select priorities,
 - Continuation of statewide training
 - Infuse policy with equity and cultural competence
 - Incorporate racial equity topics in Supervisor learning labs.
 - The Recruitment and Retention group continues to meet.
 - One of the priorities is expanding the Team Decision Making process practiced in St. Louis. We are considering expanding TDM (Team Decision Making) to other areas of the state.
- In the discussion regarding the insurance, a question was addressed about the Board’s Legislative Agenda. Dean Aye suggested a subcommittee meet regarding the agenda. Lori Ross made a motion to have the Sub-Committee meet, seconded by Eric Pilson and the motioned carried.
- Melinda Nicholson updated the board on the upcoming Older Youth Conference – stating this year the conference will be alongside the Resource Family Conference. The committee was

currently working on a location and date. She went on to inform the board the Older Youth who were planning their conference was very talented. The conference will be sometime in July.

- Eric Pilson brought before the board a concern regarding the wording on HB-1323. Mr. Pilson was concerned about how well Foster Parents/Adoptive parents perceived this bill. Discussion followed and it was explained the memo could have used different wording.
 - Discussion continued and it was suggested that the Legislative Subcommittee can review the bill and make a response. Until then, the board needs to come up with a response, for Foster Parents if they are hot lined, letting them know how to respond. It was suggested a letter from the board in the newsletter giving them information on how they can respond.

- Marta Halter had requested Roll-over training credits be added to the agenda to discuss.
 - Roll-over challenges –policy states 15 hours, there is no way for FACES to track the hours if they carry over from licensing period to licensing period.
 - The requirement is 30 hours in a 2 year period. It does not have to be 15 per year.
 - Elizabeth Tattershall provided a draft revision of “Children’s Division Resource Family In-Service Training” policy and form.
 - Discussion followed.

- Melinda Nicholson – spoke about Southwest Support, Resource, and Training Center and shared a proposal she had about a clearinghouse for materials and resources related to what children may need. The center will open January 1 – proposed for Bolivar and Mt. Grove. Melinda also shared the information with the Joint Commission about the money it would save.
 - Also spoke about a Social Alliance Card that would follow the youth, it would be for vouchers for clothes or other items the child would need.

- Dean brought to the board about the time line for the annual report, it was reported the board had approved in previous meetings the annual report would be due the end of July after the Annual Board meeting which is the June board meeting.
 - Lori Ross stated she did some research on annual reports, discovered there really are not any reports out there; we will need to develop our own. Lori stated she can start working on content ideas.

- Dean brought attention to the membership status of the board. Dean stated we have several spots still open on the board. Challenged the members to have people who are interested to fill out the forms and submit it to the Governor’s Office.

- Dean brought before the board a request from CMFCAA’s DeAnna Alonso regarding a seat on the board. Discussion followed – the decision was tabled and then Eric Pilson called for the question. Nicki Steinhoff made the motion that the board would not accept any new agencies to the board at this time. Lori Ross seconded the motion and the motion carried.

- Janet Richardson brought to the board a question regarding child advocates and how effective are they. Discussion followed.
- With no further information to come before the board, Dean Aye made a motion to adjourn, the motioned was seconded by Derek Williams and the motioned carried.

Chairman of the Board

Date

Recording Secretary

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