

## Missouri State Foster Care & Adoption Board

Governor's Office Building  
Room 460  
Jefferson City, Missouri

June 9, 2015  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Member in Attendance:** Karen Anderson, Dean Aye, Kelly Floyd, Michelle Martin, Lori Ross, Janet Richardson, Nikki Steinhoff, Linda Hosman, Kate Watson, Kelly Schultz, Kim Pate

**Children's Division Support Staff:** Amy Martin, Elizabeth Tattershall, Tim Decker, Sarah Bashore and Rebecca Rademan

**Absent:** Susie Forbis, Derek Williams, Julie Lester

**Guests:** Dana Lopez, Andy Flynn, Ben Balk, Shauna Balk

### **Introductions: Dean Aye**

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m., Dean Aye welcomed the attendees and introductions were made. Dean Aye thanked everyone for their time and dedication.

### **Policy updates: Elizabeth Tattershall**

The following policy updates were provided by Elizabeth Tattershall:

- CD15-18 In-Services Training Certificates
- CD18-22 Supreme Court Decision, State of Missouri Vs. the Honorable Frederick Tucker
- CD15-25 Reimbursement to Parent/Resource Parent
- CD15-27 ReMoved and National Foster Care Month
  - Lori Ross Suggested the board members watch the film Short Term 12. The movie is about residential treatment.
- CD15-28 Services Worker Policy Revision
- CD15-30 Transition and Exit Planning
- CD15-33 Notification of Resource Home Adverse Action, CS-20a

### **Workgroup updates: Amy Martin and Elizabeth Tattershall**

The following workgroup updates were provided by Amy Martin and Elizabeth Tattershall:

CareGiver Court Report – The project is with legal counsel at Office of States Courts

Large Family Resource Home – Drafted policy is being reviewed by Julie Lester and DLS supervisors and managers for feedback.

How are people notified of the new policies? Information is shared with workers and the information will be posted online with the Director's approval of the policy.

Families who are interested in approval as a LFRH should contact their resource development worker.

Family Support Team/Adoption Committee decision review update – Background was provided on the FST/AD decision review. Policy is waiting on a “memo policy call”. Elizabeth Tattershall and Amy Martin explained that a “memo policy call” is utilized for introducing new policy.

Dana Lopez asked if contracted agencies are affected by the decision review policy changes. Contracted agencies have their own grievances procedures.

### **From The Desk of the Director: Tim Decker**

Tim Decker went over the following information:

- LS-1 numbers continue to grow and the legislature provided some additional funding to cover the extra growth of the youth in custody
- 318 cases will be contracted to FCCM providers
- The Foster Care Case Management RFP has been released for rebid
- Staff support initiative and the mobility projects are fully moving forward.
- Contract for secondary trauma for staff was been awarded to Cornerstones of Care. Implementation plan will be forth coming in the next two months.
- The partnership with National Child Welfare Workforce Institute (NCWWI) helps to train students for eight weeks then rotate to another field location. The first graduate from the program has chosen to work for the Children’s Division
- MO State students spend a summer serving as interns with the Children’s Division before being accepted in to the NCWWI program.
- NCWWI - Work Force Excellence Training- Leadership Academy for Middle Managers (LAMM) is having three day training at the end of June.
- Four Workforce Excellence sites are implementing the Leadership Academy for Supervisors (LAS) Training the beginning July 21st 2015. The training is a nine month program.
- White House Conference HR4890 (Human Trafficking and Normalization of Foster Children) Reasonable and Prudent Parenting standard. New federal guidance for states indicating foster children should be able to have a normal childhood with opportunities as any other youth have. (Examples: join clubs, play sports, spend the night at friends)
- *Age of Opportunity* by Lawrence Steinberg was a book that was suggested to the board to read. Discussion was held about the information of the book.

### **Five Domains of Well-being: Carla Gilzow**

Carla Gilzow provided an overview of the history of the Five Domains of Well-being. A handout was provided.

During the Community Conversation meetings the screening of the movie *Rich Hill* was provided and discussed.

Tim Decker asked how the board would like to be involved in leading the state discussion regarding the Five Domains of Well-being. Discussion was held about the involvement in the process.

### **FST scheduling: Dana Lopez**

The Board had a discussion on the issues with Family Support Team (FST) meeting scheduling and the solutions available to solve these issues. The Children's Division will be looking into the FST issues and will be working towards a solution. More information will be forthcoming. Amy Martin informed the board that she will meet with the Legal Aspects trainer about the situation and will add information to the training.

### **Sibling Placements: Dana Lopez**

The Board had a discussion on the sibling placement law and the situations that have come up with the law. Kelly Schultz provided explanation of the sibling placement law.

### **Legislative Updates: Kelly Schultz**

Kelly Schultz informed the board about the legislative updates:

Passed

- HB501
- SB341

Continued

- HB 45
- HB 217
- HB475
- HB 556
- HB 734
- SB 425
- HB 300/SB 213
- HB 708/SB 320
- Juvenile Office
- Amendment on HB556 (Placement Preference)

Dean Aye suggested a special meeting before session.

Lori Ross motioned to have a special meeting to review and discuss policy and laws to come up in the next session. Michelle Martin seconded the motion. Lori Ross withdrew first motion and modified motion to ask for a special session adjacent to the September 8, 2015 meeting to discuss FY17 budget and request a second special meeting to discuss legislative bills. Kelly Floyd seconded the motion. After discussion, Lori Ross rescinded modified motion Lori Ross motioned to have a special meeting to review and discuss policy and law proposals on November 10, 2015. Kelly Floyd seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor of the special meeting.

## **Annual Report: Michelle Martin**

Michelle Martin circulated the annual report draft to the board members. Any suggestions from members should be sent to Michelle Martin as soon as possible.

## **Open Forum: All Members**

Open Forum: Lori Ross asked for a clarification on the procedures of OHI. Lori Ross also requested that the board be included when the Signs of Safety is being implemented. Amy Martin will provide materials for Signs of Safety. Sarah Bashore and Amy Martin discussed successor guardianship and the forthcoming changes.

Dean Aye brought the meeting to a close. Kelly Schultz motion to adjourn, Kelly Floyd seconded.

Meeting Adjourn at 3:08 pm.

**Next Meeting:** September 8, 2015  
10am to 3pm  
GOB # 460  
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**Special Meeting:** November 10, 2015  
10am to 3pm  
GOB # 470  
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