

Child Welfare Partners Committee

Meeting Notes

Thursday, May 19th 2011

2- 4:00 p.m.

Hoover Building, 5 NE Side 1

Members in attendance: Doug Johnson, Wendy Rickman, Mindy Norwood, and Chris Secrist

Members by phone: Gary Lippe, Anne Gruenewald, Evan Klenk, Brian Fox, Marc Baty, and Carol Gutchewsky

Members not in attendance: Jan Clausen, Janice Lane, Julie Allison, Cheryl Goodwin, and Nola Aalberts

Observers by phone: Representative Mary Mascher

Purpose of the Meeting:

The purpose of the meeting was to provide general updates.

Summary of Meeting:

Wendy has a call scheduled with Jennifer Sharma on May 20th for follow up from the March 16th meeting regarding Technical Assistance (TA).

Anne Gruenewald and Marc Baty's membership terms end June 30, 2011. Wendy Rickman will appoint a new representative to replace Marc and the Coalition Board will appoint a new representative to replace Anne for the July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014 term. A discussion regarding the transition process will occur over the next several meetings on how to orient the new members into the committee as well as how to keep the outgoing members actively involved as much as possible.

The CFSR PIP was submitted on March 21, 2011 for approval. There is a face to face meeting scheduled for June 3rd with the federal partners to provide any additional clarification required.

The next supervisory seminar topic is now tentatively scheduled for July 12, 2011 around PIP Planning.

There was discussion around the Blueprint for Forever Families and what role this committee plays with how to pull information into practice and all contracts. This discussion will continue at the next scheduled meeting in June.

Work Group Updates: (The following updates were provided by each of the co-chairs in attendance)

As of this meeting date, the active workgroups are as follows:

Performance Based Contracting – Refer to Summary of Meeting section above.

Family Interaction/Family Team Meeting – The monthly meetings continue to occur the 2nd Friday of every month with the primary focus around the CFSR PIP action steps. A meeting is scheduled for May 31st with Chris Secrist, Mindy Norwood, and Pat Anderson to identify next steps on moving forward with subcommittee membership.

Training – The next meeting of this workgroup is scheduled for June 20, 2011. As we move forward with new contracts and new/different private organizations being awarded contracts, the membership of this committee will continue to be reviewed and modified to ensure that there is membership across the entire state as well as all contracts. There have been discussions around Supervisory Training with the NRC for In Home Services with Lisa D’Aunno and Miriam Landsman.

All other workgroups have completed assigned duties identified in each respective charter.

Next steps:

1. The “Journey of Partnership” will be an ongoing agenda item for this committee. The point of contact will be the CWPC and anyone who wishes to contribute to the journey by adding comments or sharing a story, should submit their request to Mindy. The requests will then be provided to the CWPC for a decision. Amy Juhnke has agreed to continue in her role in this process.
2. Update membership to the training document regarding the following committees: DHS, Provider, and CWPC Joint) – **in process**.
3. Mindy will review the T/TA application process regarding NRCOI on site since no longer offering the Strategic Planning session - **in process**.
4. Mindy will provide the CWPC website link to Mary Mascher for her to access all posted information.
 - a. Wendy and Doug will schedule a follow up call with Mary to answer any additional questions she might have.

The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28th from 2-4:00 p.m.

Our Vision:

The combined experience and perspective of public and private agencies provide the best opportunity to reach our mutual goals: child safety, permanency, and well-being for Iowa’s children and families. Collaboration and shared accountability will keep the focus on child welfare outcomes.