

Public Private Partnership Meeting

July 8, 2016

Welcome and Introductions -

- **PPP Member Attendees:** Tina Amberboy (SCCC), Andy Homer (TX CASA), Al Velarde (CCC El Paso), Zophelia Conley (CPS Youth Representative), Scott McCown (UT Law CRC), Marni Morgan (A World for Children), Shawn Wilson (CK Family Services), Scott Lundy (Arrow), Jean Shaw (CPS RCCL), Michael Redden (New Horizons), Wayne Carson (ACH Child & Family Services), Kristene Blackstone (CPS Assistant Commissioner), Nancy Holman (TX Alliance), Tami Brown (Methodist Children's Home), Camille Gilliam (CPS Director of Permanency)
- **Other Attendees:** Cyndi Reed (CPS), Gretchen Fehrm (CPS), Tiffany Roper (CPS), Denise Brady (CPS Legal), Ellen Letts (CPS), Audrey Carmical (CPS Legal), Sarah Webster (CPS), Kaysie Reinhardt (CPS), Linda Garcia (Our Community Our Kids), Claire Hall (CPS), Leonard Krugel (CPS), Judy Pavone (CPS)

New Member Suggestions -

- Children Shelter rep in San Antonio
- Azleway rep in Tyler
- High Sky representative
- Parent representative
- Judge representative
- New Regional Director
- Youth who is not employed by the agency

Performance Based Contract Demonstration Project Update –

- 36 active providers involved
- 4 segments of enhancements –
 - Remedies
 - Incentives to providers
 - Starting a sub-committee in August 2016 to work on developing incentives;
 - Goal is to have new incentives drafted in December 2016 in preparation for legislative session
 - Predictive analytics
 - Identifying high risk children (via child characteristics, records review, interviews with legal parties) & contract monitoring providers to ensure children are getting the services needed to achieve safety, well-being, permanency
 - Performance measures (IMPACT data, self reported data, setting targets)
 - 12 Providers involved in sub-committee to set targets (7/19/16 first meeting)
 - By 9/1/16, goal is to have new performance measures drafted

- Make sure terms are defined within performance measures
- Scorecard by end of FY 17, full implementation in FY 18

PPP Advisory Committee Status & Update –

- Reviewed Sunset Advisory Commission Staff Report
- Agency now has 6 active advisory committees
- Rules were adopted for all 6 advisory committees
 - 24 member limit, excluding DFPS staff
 - Section I of rules requires PPP to adopt bylaws
 - PPP bylaws were drafted in 2014 but never adopted
 - Need to edit drafted bylaws (whole group will participate in editing bylaws)
 - Goal is to have bylaws adopted at next quarterly PPP meeting

Family First Prevention Services Act –

- Congress proposed federal legislation to sharply reducing the use of congregate care (including Emergency Shelter, Basic GRO's, RTC's) to 2 weeks only; anything over 2 weeks states can no longer receive Title IVE funding for payment of placement
- Exception includes children placed in a Qualified Residential Treatment Program (defined in statute)
- Will likely be voted on by July 15th before Congress breaks
- DFPS is looking at the impact on the current children in congregate care & possible practice changes if act passes into law – PPP would like to review data/analysis of the impact
- Regardless if the act passes, need to see the act as how congress will be looking at foster care differently
- 5 states are actively voicing opposition to the act, TX is one of them, mainly related to lack of infrastructure
- Handouts presented will be sent to PPP members
- Encouraged DFPS to reach out to national organizations for their take

Foster Care Redesign Region 3b Update –

- July 13th release of ACH/OCOK's Progress Report on FCR in region 3b
- Highlighted recent CANS results which are promising, lessons learned, future needs
- George Cannata is the new RD in Region 3
- Day to day wins connect to front line staff

Region 2 RFP Status –

- Approved for release by HHSC Commissioner
- Release should occur at end of this month
- Typical RFP release takes approximately 5 months

Foster Care Redesign (FCR)- Education and Communication Campaign –

- Need to develop messaging to the media/communities across the state in a more positive, planned approach as to what FCR is about, successes of FCR

- Possibly plan a quorum at the Capital and in a rural area about foster care redesign, include a panel of key partners who can speak to their experience with foster care redesign
- Would like to have a larger commitment & plan to rolling out FCR at a much faster pace across the state
- FCR Implementation Plan required by Sunset is complete and is being routed for approval
- 7 members of PPP will form a sub-committee to develop a communication campaign

Capacity Building Initiatives Update –

- DFPS needs increased capacity everywhere in the state for children of all ages
- Treatment Foster Care RFI released in May; received 15 responses; RFP will be posted in early fall 2016
- Integrated Case Management RFI released & only received 1 response to date – specific to population of children with the highest needs (i.e. children in psychiatric hospital)
- Sub-acute care enrollment is still open, but no one has enrolled yet – hearing that there is no incentive for providers to enroll; Red River has expressed interest in enrolling
- Reaching out to other providers in neighboring states to assist with placement; also talking to providers that currently don't contract with DFPS
- DFPS is holding “call to action” meetings in each region across the state to discuss capacity needs in specific areas

Occupancy Analysis –

- Power point presented
- First look at occupancy data broken out by FCR catchment area (17 areas total)
- Short term analysis
- Using this data in “call to action” meetings in each region across the state
- Recommendations on keeping children closer to home:
 - Utilizing some sort of matching software like eCAP (OCOK uses this)
 - Minimize placement disruptions; look at trends in disruptions in particular homes & address issues that may be happening in certain homes
 - Looking at internal placement processes
 - Intentional efforts to reach out to foster parents to determine & address capacity issues from their point of view

Suggestions for future meeting topics –

- Members may email Kristene and Michael if have any items to add to future PPP meeting agenda

Wrap up and Adjourn –

- Next meeting is 10/14/16 in DFPS Public Hearing Room