

Public Private Partnership Meeting

April 7, 2017

Attendees

- **PPP members:** Zophelia Conley (Youth Representative), Judge F. Scott McCown (UT Law CRC), Jean Shaw (CCL Associate Commissioner), Christine Gendron (TNOYS), Camille Gilliam (CPS Director of Permanency), Kristene Blackstone, (CPS Associate Commissioner/Co-Chair), Scott Lundy (Arrow), Tina Amberboy (SCCC), Hank Whitman (DFPS Commissioner), Wayne Carson (ACH Child & Family Services), Trevor Woodruff (DFPS Deputy Commissioner), Katie Olse (TX Alliance), Michael Redden (New Horizons/Co-Chair), Judge DeGerolami (CPC of South Central TX), Andy Homer (TX CASA), Glenn Scruggs (Giocosa), Tim Brown (Methodist Children's Home), Jenifer Jarriel (DePelchin), Judge Rob Hofman, Robert Ellis (Pegasus), Dr. Kurt Senske (Upbring)
- **Other Attendees:** Gretchen Fehrm (CPS), Cyndi Reed (CPS), Ellen Letts (CPS), Linda Garcia (OCOK), Keri Cooper (A World for Children), Kris Naylor (OCOK), Audrey Carmical (CPS), Wendy Bagwell (CPS)
- **PPP Members Not in Attendance:** Luanne Southern (Casey Family Programs), Adrian Gaspar (Youth Representative), Roy Block (Texas Foster Family Association), Sharayah Stiggers (Parent Advocate),

Welcome & Introductions

Updates:

- Legislative (Rand Harris)
 - o 527 bills being tracked by DFPS
 - o Budget update
 - Senate and House presented different budgets for FTE's and Foster Care Rates
 - Inter-operability not supported by House, but the Senate has requested some funding for it; more interest in funding the Provider Placement Portal
 - No movement on SB 11 in the House; House is focused on HB 6 – unknown which bill will be passed by Legislature
- Region 2 Procurement (Kristene Blackstone)
 - o On hold
 - o Not allowed to discuss the procurement in public
- Integrated Care Coordination (Kristene Blackstone)
 - o RFA/Procurement released
 - o Case management rate identified in procurement
 - o Working on roll-out plans and schedules – aiming for December 1st contract award & next May for roll-out
 - o Stephens Group is helping with work plans for ICC & FBSS pilots
 - Two concerns raised by member of PPP:
 - Not a good practice to hire a consultant to “tell you what to do” and then “help you implement”
 - Is there a conflict of interest with using this consulting group? Did DFPS look for conflicts of interest with other clients working with this consulting group in other states, can any of their other clients bid on procurements in Texas?
 - o Member recommends having a 60 day turnaround on a contract like this
- Babysitter Collaboration (Camille Gilliam)

- Short-term childcare initiative in Region 7
- Foster parents, like all parents, need an occasional break from taking care of little ones for a night out with a spouse, or to run errands for the household without the kids. But foster families have limited child care options because agencies only allow the families to use babysitters and child care providers who are certified with that family's respective agency.
- Fostering Hope Austin and the Heart Gallery of Central Texas in Central Texas reached out to child placement agencies and asked each agency to submit their babysitting requirements.
- A joint application and training curriculum was then developed that satisfied all of the agencies' safety concerns. The first training is scheduled for May 6 and includes CPR, first aid, trauma informed care training and TB testing.
- Upon completion, participants receive a certification that is recognized by all of the child placement agencies in the collaboration.
- Foster parents can get a sitter in one of two ways:
 - Ideally they already have a person in mind because it is their friend or neighbor
 - The foster parent calls their respective placement agency and the agency will have a list of all of the certified sitters
- The result is that foster parents feel supported and have more ready access to babysitters which should help with retention.
- Is an on-line training module available?
- Are there different trainings depending on the level of the child? May have a shorter training for basic/moderate kids vs specialized/intense kids?
- If PPP is interested, we can have licensing staff come to next meeting to give more details on the collaborative

Needs Assessment (Wendy Bagwell):

- Report provided & is available on-line
- Will be updated yearly
- Power point presented
- What methodology and assumptions were used to determine forecasts?
- Any thoughts about rates being higher in areas where there is critical need for placement?
- RTC Capacity:
 - How many RTC's are needed across the state?
 - Maybe the state can request funding next legislative session to build RTC's & lease back to providers? Many areas of need have economic drivers.
 - One of the reasons that RTC's don't expand their capacity due to financial risks
 - Some providers are interested in expanding RTC capacity in collaboration with other providers
 - May want to look at closed facilities (state owned or not) that may need to be renovated to open new RTC's
 - DFPS willing to put together a workgroup for this work
 - Building up foster care for high needs kids may be a way to reduce the need for RTC's
- May want to assess SIL placement needs
- Why do we still need YFT under FCR? SSCC must have an independent review of the children who the SSCC is serving.
- May want to assess where placements referrals being sent
- Look at transition planning for child from RTC to less restrictive placement; little transition planning is done and so kids are cycling in and out of placements
- Could SIL be used for older teens (i.e. 16, 17 year olds)

FCR Performance Data FY 2016 and Quarter 1 FY 2017 (Kaysie Taccetta):

- Power point presentation provided
- Could the state ID/driver's license measure be tracked separately?

Region 3b Update (Wayne Carson & Gretchen Fehrm):

- Power point presentation provided
- How are kids who runaway past 14 days & come back to same placement measured? Does the runaway count as a move? No. Does the return to the same placement count as a move if runaway after 14 days? If so, don't believe this scenario should be counted as a placement move.

Community Based Care:

- Reviewed bill proposals to include case management services serving children in paid and kinship care placement settings
- Discussion regarding staged implementation approach (HB 6) vs all case management move to SSCC at one time (SB 11)?
 - o May lose momentum with slow roll-out
 - o Staged implementation is more prudent and offers more flexibility
 - o Staged implementation may work in some areas, may not work in others
 - o Discussion should non-state PPP members put forth a consensus letter to the Legislature about PPP's position related to roll-out?
 - ❖ No consensus reached
- If there is a major disagreement within the PPP, who has ultimate authority to make decisions? If going to plan workgroups with PPP members, want to make sure decision making is done through consensus
 - o If department is ultimate decision maker, then how does the PPP really serve in an "advisory" capacity?
 - o If workgroups will be developed, members need to know that they will be doing a lot of work and making recommendations, but the department will make the ultimate decision
 - o Workgroups can include SME from the state, provider staff, PPP members, any others that can contribute
- Depending on Legislative Direction:
 - o We proceed with expansion of Foster Care Redesign
 - o Stage II implementation in 3b proceeds
 - o Need to include IT in future planning structure
 - o Is a Round Table needed? If possible, to hear concerns from different points of view.
 - o PPP will continue to provide recommendations to DFPS Commissioner on CBC model, implementation and modification processes
 - o State, regional and local stakeholders will be involved throughout the planning and implementation process
 - o Need to include IT in future planning structure
 - o 7 targeted areas of focus:
 - Governance structure and implementation team
 - Model development
 - Systems readiness
 - Policy, rule, and process
 - Procurement and contract development
 - Oversight, quality assurance and contract monitoring
 - Evaluation
 - Effects on sub-contractors
 - What processes will remain centralized at DFPS?
 - o Workgroups:

- DFPS will send out email out asking for chairs of workgroups & suggestions for participants on workgroups
- May want to schedule the next PPP meeting in the afternoon, so workgroups can meet in the morning.
- Roles/Responsibilities (transition of cases, court processes, etc)
 - Paid foster care
 - Kinship care
- SSCC Coordination (SSCC – SSCC communication, IT structures, effects/needs of sub-contractors)
 - Christene Gendron would like to chair this workgroup
- Financial Model
- Liability
- Capacity (catchment areas relying on neighboring catchments for placement capacity)
- Performance Measures
- IT/Data Transfer
- Strategic Issues & Best Practices for SSCC's

Suggestions for Next Meeting:

- Legislative update
- Workgroups update

Wrap Up and Adjourn

- Next PPP Meeting:
 - Date – July 14, 2017
 - Time - 9:00 am
 - Location – Winters Building, Public Hearing Room, 701 West 51st Street, Austin, TX