

July 13, 2018

PPP Meeting Notes

Attendance:

PPP Committee Members

Present	Name	Title	Organization
X	Glenn Scruggs	Director/Program Administrator	The Giocosa Foundation
X	Andy Homer	Director of Public Affairs	Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
X	Judge Rob Hofmann	Judge	452nd District Court
	Zophelia Mays	Youth Representative	Foster Care Alumni
X	Tina Amberboy	Executive Director	Supreme Court Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families
X	Kristene Blackstone	Associate Commissioner for CPS/PPP Co-Chair	Department of Family and Protective Services
X	Tim Brown	President and CEO	Methodist Children's Home
X	Wayne Carson	Executive Director	ACH Child and Family Services
	Robert Ellis	CEO	Pegasus Schools Inc.
	Christine Gendron	Executive Director	Texas Network of Youth Services
X	Kaysie Taccetta	CPS Director of Conservatorship Services	Department of Family and Protective Services
X	Jesse Booher in place of Katie Olse	Executive Director	Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services
	Jennifer Jarriel	President	DePelchin Children's Center
X	Scott Lundy	President and COO	Arrow Children and Family Ministries
X	Michael Redden	PPP Co-Chair/Executive Director	New Horizons Ranch and Center
X	LuAnne Southern (ex-officio)	Director of Texas Strategic Consulting	Casey Family Programs
X	Jean Shaw	Associate Commissioner for CCL	DFPS Child Care Licensing
X	Judge Melissa DeGerolami	Judge	Child Protection Court of South Central Texas
	Dr. Kurt Senske	CEO	Upbring
	Leslie Strauch	Supervising Attorney	Children's Rights Clinic at the University of Texas School of Law
	Denise Blakney	President	Building Future Families
X	Allicia Frye	CEO	Jonathan's Place

Updates/Changes to the PPP: Kristene Blackstone

- Three New Members have been added to the PPP Committee:
 - Leslie Strauch, Supervising Attorney at the Children's Rights Clinic at the University of Texas School of Law
 - Denise Blakney, President of Building Future Families
 - Alicia Frye, CEO of Jonathan's Place

Discussion

Michael Redden stepped down as Co-Chair of the PPP, due to the award of the Region 2 SSCC Contract to 2INGage (with whom he is involved), to ensure no Conflict of Interest. He will remain an active member of the PPP.

QIC-AG Project Overview

- Five-year project that will implement evidence-based interventions or develop and test promising practices which if proven effective can be replicated or adapted in other child welfare jurisdictions.
- Working with three major Universities:
 - The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 - The University of Texas at Austin
 - University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- Goal: Achieve long-term, stable permanence in adoptive and guardianship homes for children waiting for adoption as well as children and families after adoption or guardianship has been finalized.
- 2016 – September 2017
 - All PMC children in Region 7
 - All TPR
 - Partial or no TPR in care 2 or more years
- October 2017 – 2019
 - All PMC children in Region 7, includes All, Partial or No TPR
- **Pathways to Permanence 2: Parenting Children Who Have Experienced Trauma and Loss**
 - An intensive, seven session (21 hour) interactive educational series for caregivers of children who have been traumatized by early abuse and broken attachments in their lives.
 - **Use of experienced facilitators**
 - **Experiential delivery of material**
 - **Participant engagement**
 - **Opportunities to apply techniques**

Discussion

Question: Can specific data of outcomes be shared with the PPP? Not at this time due to federal guidelines. Once study concludes data will be available.

Question: Does this 21 hour training have to be done face-to-face? Yes, due to the nature of the project and the need to end isolation felt by some foster parents.

Question: What is the vision in rolling out to the rest of the state? Train the trainers will be held to aid with implementation. Churches, possibly be utilized for training site, provide childcare, and meal.

Community Based Care Update: Ellen Letts

- PPP Sub-workgroups
 - Performance and Outcomes/Quality Case Management
 - CBC Logic Model
 - CBC Quality Indicators
 - Proposed New Performance Measures (i.e. education, kinship)
 - Continuity of Care
 - CBC Model Components
 - Transition of Services, Cases, Court Processes
 - Contractor Readiness Tools/Processes (i.e. conflict of interest planning)
 - Cultural Change and Communication
 - Communication Plan Components
 - Additional Communication Considerations
 - IT Systems
 - Data Access and Standards Governance Council Created
 - First Meeting 7/12/18
 - Work Plan Drafted
 - Plan to meet quarterly
- Region 3B: ACH/OCOK
 - Negotiations continue to renew contract with inclusion of case management services
 - August 2018: Anticipated contract renewal
 - Wayne Carson discussed their new clinical model to help meet the need of 3B's growing population of high-needs children. This new model is called Professional Homebased Care and is designed to have one parent at home, only one foster child per family and \$277 daily rate. They have successfully placed a 12yo child with their first Professional Homebased Care provider last week. Encouraged by what services CBC is going to provide to their, as well as, other populations.
- Region 8a (Bexar County)
 - Anticipated contract to be awarded in July, 2018
 - Implementation to begin February 2019.
- Region 2: 2Ingage
 - Contract awarded in June 2018

- Protocol sessions begin July 2018
- Implementation to begin December 2018

Discussion

- Questions were asked about the new Education performance measure.
 - Ellen Letts specified that the measure would be looking at the “child’s school of origin” meaning the school the child was attending at the time of removal. This information will be entered by DFPS staff but will be accessible to providers for any corrections that may be needed (through Child Service Plan). Baselines will include special circumstances where it is in the child’s best interest not to remain in their school of origin.
 - Judge Rob Hofmann commented, from a legal perspective, it is in law that a child remain in their school of origin and that currently it is very rare, “less than 1%” of children removed whose best interest is not to remain in their own school. Judge Melissa DeGerolami stated she can only think of “two instances” where a child’s best interest was to change schools during her experience.
 - Michael Redden stated that when the recommendation was made at the last PPP meeting to add an Education Outcome, it was specifically stated that the PPP would discuss this recommendation and decide. He stated that he felt this had not been done and should be discussed by the PPP before adding it as a measurable outcome to SSCC’s. Other members concurred.
 - Kaysie Taccetta stated that this item will need follow-up and brought back next meeting.
- Questions about SSCC Resource Transfers were discussed due to the SSCC needing to “compete” - will the raises recently given by DFPS to their caseworkers be included in the SSCC Resource Transfers. Kristene Blackstone stated that this raise is part of the methodology. Wayne Carson stated that they were able to budget with the new raises without a problem.
- Question was brought up regarding capacity concerns with Region 9 relying on Region 2. Michael Redden stated that statistically Region 9 has a very small population placed in Region 2. Judge Hofmann stated that Region 9 children are typically being placed in other areas, sometimes much farther from Region 9.

Presentation from 2INGage

- Michael Redden introduced 2INGage and gave background on the partnership of New Horizons and Texas Family Initiatives (TFI). He spoke on the success of 2INGage would come from community outreach, providers, as well as DFPS staff. He broke down Region 2 to two distinct

communities: Texcoma and Big Country. He has been working with the CAG of Big Country and plans to use their town hall meetings to enlist help from those communities.

- Three leading guiding principles of 2INGage:
 - INgage Community
 - INform and Empower Providers
 - Inspire Outcome/Performance-Driven Systems
- Shirley Dwyer, CEO of TFI spoke of TFI's background in child welfare in working with other states, specifically Kansas. She stated that TFI and New Horizons would share workspace and supplies to stay connected and help with overhead costs.
- Michael Patrick, CEO TFI Family Services spoke last on the implementation process of Stage I. He stated that they would be using their technology to help streamline the process.
 - ECAP: Evidenced-based placement tool studied by University of Kansas
 - Tier System: Using a point system for foster parents
 - EMatch: Data base where providers can search de-identified foster children for possible placements.
- Michael Patrick also spoke on Region 2 transfer plan:
 - Within 30 days-DHS Foster Homes
 - Month 2- 30% of lower leveled children
 - Month 3- Remainder of lower leveled children 50%
 - Month 4- High level children 20%

Discussion

Questions were asked regarding current capacity of The Ranch. Michael Redden shared that Region 2 has only one RTC in the entire Region (Audrey Grace House in Abilene). The Ranch is just across the border into Region 7 and is the next closest resource to Region 2. New Horizons plans to utilize all of Audrey Grace House beds and 40 beds at the Ranch (initially) for Region 2 needs, leaving the remaining 30 beds at the Ranch for Region 3b, 7, 9 and 1. He explained that initially Region 3b needed increased capacity at the Ranch for ramp up. It is anticipated that Region 2 will do the same. As Region 2 needs decrease, the remaining Ranch beds can be utilized for other catchment areas coming on board at that time.

Closing/Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Ellen Letts

- Next Meeting Agenda Items:
 - A presentation of what was discussed/decided at the last CARP meeting
 - To go over the Family 1st Act- FFPSA
 - Discussion on Educational Performance Measures/Education added as a Guiding Principal
 - Briefing on the LAR for next session

Next Meeting: October 12, 2018

This could possibly be an all-day meeting due to the agenda.