

October 12, 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
	Kristene Blackstone	Associate Commissioner for CPS/PPP Co-Chair	Department of Family and Protective Services
X	Trevor Woodruff	Deputy Commissioner	Department of Family and Protective Services
	Tim Brown	President and CEO	Methodist Children's Home
	Wayne Carson	Executive Director	ACH Child and Family Services
	Robert Ellis	CEO	Pegasus Schools Inc.
X	Christine Gendron	Executive Director	Texas Network of Youth Services
	Kaysie Taccetta	CPS Director of Conservatorship Services	Department of Family and Protective Services
X	Katie Olse	Executive Director	Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services
X	Jenifer Jarriel	President/PPP Co-Chair	DePelchin Children's Center
	Scott Lundy	President and COO	Arrow Children and Family Ministries
X	Michael Redden	Executive Director	New Horizons
	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
X	Leslie Strauch	Supervising Attorney	Children's Rights Clinic at the University of Texas School of Law
X	Denise Blakney	President	Building Future Families
	Allicia Frye	CEO	Jonathan's Place

## Other Attendees

Present	Name	Organization
X	Brandon Logan	2INGage
X	Knox Kimberly	Upbring
X	Katherine Byers	Texas Network of Youth Services
X	Shirley Dwyer	2INGage
X	Jeremy Blackman	Houston Chronicle
X	Bryan Mares	Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
X	Sarah Crockett	Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
X	Jesse Booher	Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services
X	Marni Morgan	A World For Children
X	Francesca Nadalini	St. Edwards University
X	Kate Murphy	Texans Care For Children
X	Jill Peterson	DFPS
X	Jennifer Whalen	DFPS
X	Cheryl Gomez	DFPS
X	Leah A. Peterson	DFPS

## Updates/Changes to the PPP: Trevor Woodruff

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- Thank you to Michael Redden for 8 years of service as the PPP Co-Chair.
  - Mr. Redden will continue to serve as a PPP member.
- Welcome New PPP Co-Chair:
  - Jenifer Jarriel, President of DePelchin Children's Center
- Welcome New PPP Members:
  - Leslie Strauch, Supervising Attorney at the Children's Rights Clinic at the University of Texas School of Law
  - Allicia Frye, CEO of Jonathan's Place

## Implementation Updates: Ellen Letts

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- Region 3b: ACH/OCOK
  - Renewed contract with ACH/OCOK for 2 years through end of FY2020.
  - Contract includes:
    - Continuation of services provided under Stage I.
    - Requirements of Stage II and Stage III.

- Date has not yet been identified for OCOK to transition to Stage II. Will be shared via public announcement when identified.
- Region 8a (Bexar County): Family Tapestry
  - Contract awarded in August 2018
  - Stage I roll-out to begin February 2019
  - Readiness activities are underway
- Region 2: 2INGage
  - Contract awarded in June 2018
  - Stage I roll-out to begin December 2018
  - Readiness activities are underway
- Two new catchment areas announced August 2018
  - Region 1: Anticipated RFA release in Fall 2018
  - Region 8b: Anticipated RFA release in Spring 2019

## Discussion

- Updates from the SSCCs:
  - **Region 3b: ACH/OCOK:** (Summary Submitted By Wayne Carson)
    - Good outcomes reported in performance measures of safety and placement proximity.
    - Now have three children are placed in Professional Home Based Care with CK Family Services.
    - Continuing to develop therapeutic foster care with a goal of having 30 youth placed in these foster homes in 2020.
    - New clinic in Ft. Worth to provide medical services for youth/children in care.
  - **Region 2: 2INGage**
    - Brandon Logan hired as new Executive Director.
    - Randy Neff hired as the Director of Community Engagement.
    - Traci Phipps hired as the Director of Care Management.
    - Five committees have been developed as part of Fostering Connections.
    - Day care in Big Country has been identified as a service gap.
      - Slots are limited and hard to access.
      - 2INGage working with churches and after school programs to help with this service gap.
    - Fostering Big Country & Texoma Kids website
      - Provides information on how to be a foster parent.
      - Prospective foster parents can view agencies by county.
      - Prospective foster parents can pick an agency listed on the website, and individuals will get routed to that particular agency.
    - Billboards are being put up indicating the need for more foster families.
    - Community advisory council meeting scheduled to meet this upcoming week.
    - Completed protocol sessions.
    - Operations manual is being reviewed.
    - Training for CPS and SSCC staff to begin next month.
  - **Region 8a: Family Tapestry** (Summary Submitted by Annette Rodriguez)
    - Currently undergoing joint protocol sessions.

- Training for CPS and SSCC staff to begin in January.
  - CPS Job Fair held in September at the DFPS Pickwell Office.
  - External Job Fair scheduled for 10/20/2018.
  - Closed GRO-RTC in the area, and getting a new license to be used for CWOP.
- Questions regarding the new catchment areas and community involvement were discussed. Judges have requested to gather information surrounding CBC, and have expressed an interest to be involved in the process. Meeting attendees were provided with background information regarding the RFA process, and informed of the point in the process the community comes together to address the unique aspects of the community.
    - A request was made to issue another RFI to solicit input on CBC implementation.
  - Question: Is the new 3b SSCC contract available publicly? Yes, the new contract for 3b is available on the DFPS Community Based Care website.

## CBC Process Evaluation: Ellen Letts

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- September 2018: Executed a contract with Texas Tech University.
  - Five year contract based on appropriations.
  - Dr. Eugene Wang has been named the Lead Evaluator.
  - Focuses on the key successes and barriers to operations, implementation processes, and service delivery during Stages I and II.
  - Designed to help DFPS address operations, implementation, and service delivery issues and make adjustments prior to roll out of CBC in other catchment areas.

## CBC Blended Rate & Start-Up Analysis: Ellen Letts

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- September 2018: Amended contract with Chapin Hal to include 3 major deliverables:
  - Conduct a rate study to determine a methodology that can be used when calculating a Blended Rate under CBC.
  - Conduct an analysis on Stage II start-up funding.
  - Develop a system for continuous monitoring of vendor performance of providing foster care services under CBC.

## Discussion

Questions regarding timelines for deliverables were discussed. All three deliverables are to be completed by end of this calendar year in preparation for upcoming legislative session.

## CBC Implementation Plan: Ellen Letts

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- Implementation Plan is currently with DFPS Leadership for review.
- Annual document includes:

- Timelines
- Training needs
- Evaluation costs
- Performance
- Transition issues.

## CBC Legislative Appropriation Request: Ellen Letts

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- FY20-21 LAR request:
  - Expansion of CBC to 4 additional catchment areas.
    - 2 catchment per fiscal year.
    - Areas have not been identified.
  - Additional DFPS staff to manage implementation, contract, and operational support services.
  - Outcome and process evaluations.
  - Line item included for interoperability.

## Discussion

- Question: Is the funding received during the previous legislative session for interoperability being used? Yes, this money is currently being used. Data Access and Governance Council has also approved a phased approached work plan for bi-directional data exchange.
- Question was brought up in regards to additional resources being allocated towards process evaluations and the possibility of process evaluations occurring in other areas prior to rollout of CBC. Currently, DFPS produces a needs assessment and presents findings to Regional Directors who in turn utilize the information to create their own needs assessments specific to their areas.
- Questions about budget and funding for Stage II case management services were discussed. Will there be a case management rate? A case management budget has been developed with 3b SSCC, but how this to be paid is negotiated with SSCC.
- Discussions regarding education performance measures postponed until next meeting as not all SSCC representatives were in attendance.

## Closing/Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Ellen Letts

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- Next Meeting Agenda Items:
  - Summarized presentation on capacity planning in other areas.
  - Education performance measure.
  - Review of catchment area boundaries and criteria used to select future catchment areas.

- Presentation on DFPS efforts with runaway youth.
- SSCC-DFPS Leadership Workgroup.
- Blended Rate Analysis via Meadows Foundation & Chapin Hall.

**Next Meeting: January 11, 2019**