

## 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   |
| 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       | 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       | Katie Olse               | Executive Director                          | Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services                        |
| X       | Jennifer Jarriel         | President/PPP Co-Chair                      | 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                                      |
|         | LuAnne Southern          | 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                      |
| X       | Dr. Kurt Senske          | CEO   | Upbring  |
| X       | Leslie Strauch           | Supervising Attorney                        | Children's Rights, University of Texas School of Law               |
| X       | Denise Blakney           | President                                   | Building Future Families   |
| X       | Allicia Frye             | CEO   | Jonathan's Place   |

**Others in Attendance:** Trevor Woodward (DFPS), Ellen Letts (DFPS), Rebecca Flores (DFPS), Claire Hall (DFPS), Leah Peterson (DFPS), Cyndi Reed (DFPS), Gretchen Fehm (DFPS), Erica Banuelos (DFPS), Guy Hanson (DFPS), Theresa Moran (DFPS), Bet Ribordy (DFPS), Linda Garcia (ACH), Mark Childs (STCH Ministries), Michael Patrick (TFI), Rona Statman (Every Child), Jamie Bernstein (Children's Commission), Knox Kimberly (UpBring), Jennifer Lucy (TexProtects), Marni Morgan (AWFC), Sarah Crocket (TX CASA), Bryan Mares (TX CASA), Lorraine Martinez (Superior Health), Kate Murphy (Texans Care), Annette Rodriguez (The Children's Shelter)

## PPP Membership Updates

Kristene Blackstone, CPS Associate Commissioner

- Tim Brown with Methodist Children's Home is retiring from the PPP.

## Legislative Updates

Kristene Blackstone, CPS Associate Commissioner

- DFPS Legislative Appropriation request includes funding for maintaining CBC in 5 areas and expanding into 4 new areas over the FY 20-21 biennium. DFPS is working with Chapin Hall on a study of costs, which includes Stage II start-up costs and blended foster care rate analysis.

## Children's Rights Lawsuit Update

Trevor Woodruff, DFPS Deputy Commissioner

- Explanation of the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit court of Appeals issued opinion on the Children's Rights Lawsuit.
- This remains in litigation.

## Region 8a, CBC Update

Annette Rodriguez, CEO of The Children's Shelter

- An update on Family Tapestry's Community Based Care model.
- Preparation for CBC Stage I is in full swing.
- Family Tapestry is on track for their scheduled "go-live" date of February 1, 2019.

## Region 2, CBC Update

Michael Patrick, CEO of TFI, and Michael Redden, CEO of New Horizons,

- 2INGage began serving children in Region 2 on December 1, 2018.
- To date, there have been a few minor issues that were resolved quickly with good support from the local CPS staff and providers.
- 2INGage is currently serving approximately 450 children served under their network.
- Data for new admissions (those children placed by 2INGage) showing positive results for being able to place children close to home and with siblings.

## Region 3b, CBC Update

Claire Hall, DFPS-Community Based Care

- First quarter contract performance results for OCOK was shared.
- Data shows 100% of children safe in care for investigations closed in the quarter, and improvement in stability, least restrictive placement and placing children together
- PPP members discussed best interest of the child and need to balance measures such as placing in least restrictive setting, placing close to home, and placing with siblings.
- PPP members discussed percentage of youth obtaining driver's license and IDs. Currently this is a self-report measure, but will have IMPACT data in the future as part of the single child plan of service.

- Discussed the impact of local court jurisdictions on attendance at court hearings and change to track only those children whose attendance not waived by the court

Dr. Wayne Carson, ACH CEO, provided additional update on 3b activity.

## CBC Implementation Update

Ellen Letts, DFPS Director of Community Based Care

### Region 1 (Lubbock/Amarillo)

- Released RFA Dec 7, 2018
- Bidder's conference held December 18
- RFA closes March 7, 2019

### Region 8B (Counties surrounding Bexar county)

- Anticipate releasing RFA in March

Discussion about capacity sharing between urban areas that may be more resource rich and surrounding areas who need access to capacity.

### Data Access and Standards

- Two way data exchange between SSCC's and IMPACT systems.
- Council made up of Director of IT, Director of CBC, all SSCCs and FBSS pilot Contractor, among others.
- Created a work plan:
  - Phase 1 – nightly data exchange – optimized getting the data they need and omitting data not needed; set up 8a, 2 exchange
  - Phase 2 – ‘proof of concept’- test the back and forth transfer of data before design. IMPACT modernization set to roll out in March. Once CVS stage of services implement new IMPACT system, test both the legacy and the data exchange side. Will take a few months and be subject to IMPACT modernization delay
  - Phase 3– building out the design for the “data hub” that validates data in real time
  - Phase 4 – implement in 3B first
- Goal is to be in phase 4 at end of fiscal year. Project goal is to eliminate dual data entry and increase data integrity.
- External providers will also be testing access to IMPACT for single child plan.
- DFPS LAR item for data hub software and development.

### Process Evaluation

Dr. Eugene Wang, with Texas Tech University is conducting the CBC process evaluation.

- DFPS and Texas Tech are currently finalizing the plan.
- DFPS requesting input from the PPP on any key areas of focus within the scope of an evaluation of the transition, not an outcomes evaluation.
- Capture work associated with community readiness prior to catchment areas being announced.

## Request for Information: CBC Catchment Area Map

- History
  - Chapin Hall Analysis – 500 new entries to be viable
  - 2013 RFI – 500 responses
  - 2015 RFI – feedback on 16 proposed catchment areas
  - Result current map 17 catchment areas. Separated 2/9
- DFPS planning another RFI
  - To inform CBC implementation plan due December 2019, which will lay out next catchments – and develop roadmap for statewide roll out.
  - Seeking input on how map is drawn and what should be considered if redrawing the boundaries.
  - MAP RFI: Need to list our underlying assumptions that are not up for change.
  - Suggestion – if there are set constraints such as staying within CPS regional boundaries, consider laying out front. OR ask about positives and barriers to establishing catchments across regional and county boundaries.
  - Are there other underlying principles we shouldn't vary from?
  - Suggestion to revisit the 500 new entries to ensure still needed to be viable. Region 10 does not meet threshold.
  - Suggest considering opening up to input beyond catchment boundaries such as timing of roll out, other concerns about model specific to certain communities.
  - Suggestion - ask about performance considerations in selecting catchments.

## Suggestion on topics for next meeting

- Performance. Would like more discussion about the current measures. Issues about are we capturing everything we need to capture, especially for Stage II.
- Would also like more discussion on SSCC's responsibilities regarding runaways for Stage II.
- Topic of Education will be held until at July, 2019 meeting.

## Next Meeting: April 12, 2019