

April 12, 2019

# 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)
	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
	Tim Brown	President and CEO	Methodist Children's Home
X	Wayne Carson	Executive Director	ACH Child and Family Services
X	Robert Ellis	CEO	Pegasus Schools Inc.
X	Christine Gendron	Executive Director	Texas Network of Youth Services
X	Kaysie Taccetta	CPS Director of Conservatorship Services	Department of Family and Protective Services
	Katie Olse	Executive Director	Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services
X	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
	LuAnne Southern (ex-officio)	Director of Texas Strategic Consulting	Casey Family Programs
X	Jean Shaw	Associate Commissioner for CCL	DFPS Child Care Licensing
	Judge Melissa DeGerolami	Judge	Child Protection Court of South Central Texas
X	Dr. Kurt Senske	CEO	Upbring
	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:

Claire Hall (DFPS), Holly Ramos (DFPS), Kim Wittenstrom (DFPS), Bet Ribordy (DFPS Nicole Locker (DFPS), Larry Isabell (DFPS Theresa Moran (DFPS), Lisa Lopez (DFPS), Brandon Logan (2INGage), Michael Patrick (TFI), Shirley Dwyer (2INGage), Mary Goehring (DFPS), Tonia Hayes (Trinity Youth Services), Summer Spisak (DFPS), Jim Hine (PPS), James Castro (TFL), Rona Statman (EveryChild), Monica Thyssen (MMHPI), Marni Morgan (AWFC), Tom Molnar (Divinity FS), Jennifer Way (Texas Protects), Annette Rodriguez (Family Tapestry), Brad Brush (Pathways), Rebecca Flores (DFPS), Richard Jackson (Speak Write), Bernadette Muhna (HHSC), Reid Miller (DFPS), Alyssa Jones (TACFS), Cheryl Gomez (DFPS), Kaitlin Street (TexProtects)

## Changes to the PPP

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### Kristene Blackstone

New Members have been added to the PPP Committee:

- Davina Hollin; newest member welcomed

## Legislative Update: Kristene Blackstone

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### Kristene Blackstone

- Main Legislative Focus
  - Youth in care
  - RCCL
  - House Bill and Senate Bill

#### *Discussion:*

- House Bill 33; Bill asking Department to do a study on foster services
- CBC in House- voted to move for Stage II for 3b, 2, and 8a and funding for two new areas for Stage I.

## Update from Region 2 (2INGage)

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### Michael Patrick (TFI)

- No children have been without placement since start of serving children 12/1/2018
- Increase of resources
  - Provider recruitment is going well
  - Adding new 9.7 homes per month
  - 2.1 beds per home per month
  - Projected 116 homes, 284 beds

### Michael Rendon (New Horizons)

- Provider feedback and foster families has been encouraging.
- Increasing capacity has been from collaboration and looking at all perspectives

## Hector Ortiz (DFPS Regional Director)

- Partnership and communication are strong between Department and 2iNgage
- Encouraging results are being seen
- Looking forward to future collaborations

## Update from Region 3b (ACH/OCOK)

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### Wayne Carson:

- Current Placements in RTC
  - 180 Youth
  - 18-30 Month stay
- Changing approach for higher needs children/youth
  - RTC
  - Professional Home-Based Care
  - Therapeutic Home
  - Specialized Care
- RTC developed in Region 3b
  - Partnering with Upbring to implement charter school in ACH RTC to provide education needs to youth currently in and after being in treatment.

**Discussion:** Professional Home-Based Care and the understanding of the model. DFPS current model was discussed. Advantages and improvements to be made to the model regarding permanency of children placed in these settings.

## Update from Region 8a (Family Tapestry)

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### Annette Rodriguez

- 60 Day Report presented
  - Hiring more staff rapidly and reached out to community
  - Everyone doing their part to sustain higher needs children
- Court System
  - Developing the courts system for youth aging out
    - Aiding in finding relatives for young adults to connect with
    - Reference to Harris County permanency court was mentioned as a possible model to review
- Providers
  - St. Mary's University to offer ongoing training Family Tapestry network staff in child development and counseling.

# Implementation Updates: Ellen Letts

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## Catchment Areas

- Region 1 RFA closed- evaluations are completed, no information to release at this time
- Region 8b RFA will be opening in the coming months.

## DASGC: Meeting was held yesterday 4/11/19

- Two-way data exchange
  - Webserver and Data-Hub Proof of Concepts presented
- Data exports optimized
  - Data included CANS assessments, done quarterly on SSCC children
- IMPACT 2.0
  - Single Service Child Plan
    - Provider access (CPAs) to SSCP in IMPACT to fill out their portion, will begin with pilot group summer 2019
    - Information can be completed in real time.

**Discussion:** Senate Bill 11 requirements on incentives and remedies and how applied to SSCC. Explained that DFPS will hold SSCC responsible and the SSCCs will in turn, be responsible for their network providers.

## Request for Information:

- On 17 current catchment areas
- Topics for Public Comment:
  - Shared Geographic identification
  - Potential Interest
  - Potential Challenges
  - Additional Considerations

## Discussion:

The ability for multiple procurements to be released at the same when catchments depend on another catchment. Example was given of rolling 8a and 8b together vs. separate when they share many of the same providers. Understanding the intense pull on resources when catchment depend heavily on one and other.

Suggestions were on developing a more focused/ordered roll-out plan (timing included) to better prepare catchments. Understanding what implications there would be to the system in having an announced roll-out sequence and would an order of roll out help aid in community preparedness?

# Texas Tech University

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## Eugene Wang Ph.D.

Three major questions to answer:

- How well are the local SSCC's adhering to the CBC model?
- What can we learn to improve processes in order to facilitate CBC's goals/objectives?
  - Tools
    - Survey's
    - Interviews
  - Stakeholders (organic list)
    - DFPS CBC
    - SSCC
    - Providers
    - Legal System
    - Foster Parents
    - Youth
  - What have been the barriers to implementation? (Rank the top 3-5)
  - What are some of the successes to the implementation this far? (Rank the top 3-35)
- Future Plans
  - Scheduling site visits
  - Timeline for all current CBC areas
  - Ongoing evaluations conducted (all stages of CBC)

**Discussion:** Request to add more stakeholders such as biological parents, school personal, mental health, etc. Value of any correlations drawn to see what helps strengthen/weaken the system, and what characteristics exist in the outcomes.

## Closing/Agenda Items for Next Meeting

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### Ellen Letts

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- Discussion on Educational Performance Measures/Education added as a Guiding Principal
- Run Away
- Results of the RFI
- Legislatives Updated

**Discussion:** Request to reconvene the performance evaluation sub-work group as it pertains to Senate Bill 11 mandates.

**Next Meeting: July 12, 2019**