

July 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)
X	Judge Rob Hofmann	Judge	452nd District Court
	Davina Hollin	Youth Representative	Department of Family and Protective Services
X	Jamie Bernstein for 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.
X	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	Jenifer Jarriel	President/PPP Co-Chair	DePelchin Children's Center
X	Scott Lundy	President and COO	Arrow Children and Family Ministries
X	Michael Redden	Executive Director	New Horizons Ranch and Center
X	LuAnne Southern (ex-officio)	Director of Texas Strategic Consulting	Casey Family Programs
	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 Clinic at the University of Texas School of Law
	Denise Blakney	President	Building Future Families
X	Allicia Frye	CEO	Jonathan's Place

Other Attendees:

Trevor Woodruff (DFPS), Anna Solis (DFPS), Claire Hall (DFPS), Holly Ramos (DFPS), Kim Wittenstrom (DFPS), Michael Patrick (TFI), Rona Statman (EveryChild), Annette Rodriguez (Family Tapestry), Anais

Biera (Family Tapestry), Cheryl Gomez (DFPS), Mark Childs (STCH), Daniel Stephens (One Accord for Kids), Matt Waller (One Accord for Kids), Sarah Crocket (CASA), Alysa Jones (TACTS), Kate Murphy (Texans Care), Guy Hanson (DFPS)

Legislative Update: Kristene Blackstone

58 enrolled CPS Bills this session, 28 have implementation plans

House Bill 53

Revamps Transitional Living Services Program's financial literacy educations.

House Bill 72

Requires HHSC to ensure that children with adoption assistance Medicaid or PCA remain enrolled in STAR health during transition.

House Bill 1884

Ensure DFPS communicates to relative/caregivers how to pursue licensing/foster care benefits.

House Bill 3390

Ensure children/youth are being asked who safe adults in their lives are to gain additional potential placements.

Senate Bill 355

Requires DFPS to develop a strategic plan for coordinated implementation of CBC.

Senate Bill 781

Directs DFPS developing and establishing strategy for runaway children.

House Bill 1 General Appropriations Act: David Kinsey

Appropriations from session:

- APS and SWI received raises
- CBC
- Provider rate increases; Emergency Shelters, SIL, CPA
- CPS obtained critical client services staff
- DFPS obtained additional contract staff
- PEI increases in HOPES and Nurse Family Partnership programs

Update from Region 2 (2INgage): Michael Patrick and Michael Redden

- No children have been without placement since start of serving children.
- Generally placing children within Region 2. Next goal is to focus on the 50 mile marker.

- 95 new foster homes since January 1, 2019, net gain of 50.
- Added 3 Arrow Treatment Foster Care Program.
- Expanding temporary emergency placements with Caring Hearts.

Update from Region 3b (ACH/OCOK): Wayne Carson

- Stage II Preparation
 - Communication was done very quickly to DFPS staff related to Legislative appropriations for CBC.
 - Dr. Carson (ACH) and George Cannata (DFPS RD) developed and release a video to 3b CPS staff and went around 3b to hold meetings with CPS staff.
- Region 3b SSCC quarter 3 performance shared.

Discussion: Clarification that FBSS is not currently a part of CBC.

Update from Region 8a (Family Tapestry): Annette Rodriguez

- 900 placements since February
 - Targeted capacity for older, higher needs youth.
 - Everyone doing their part to sustain higher needs children.
- Trainings
 - A&M training providers.
- HR Initiative
 - Three month initiative to target successful foster parents of higher needs children/youth.
 - Youth who have been in these successful homes were interviewed to determine what was working well.

QIC-AG Project Update: Kaysie Taccetta

State of Texas determined an intervention plan; Pathway to Permanence. It was selected due to many short term and long term evidence based outcomes.

Implementation Updates: Ellen Letts

Catchment Areas

- Region 1 SSCC contract awarded to St. Francis Community Services in Texas, Inc. in June 2019.
- Region 8b RFA was released on May 2, 2019 and will close August 2, 2019.

Data Access and Standards Governance Council:

- Continue progress towards establishing a two-way data exchange between CPS and SSCC systems
 - Testing with ACH/OCOK underway

- Focusing on SSCC referral for paid placement and short form of application for placement

Request for Information:

Released on May 30th and closed June 30th

- 21 responses received
 - Collaboratives/Steering Committees
 - Residential Providers
 - Community Service Providers
 - CASA
 - Judiciary
- Working on reviewing and analyzing all responses
- Will brief DFPS executive leadership on analysis
- Analysis will be shared with PPP in October

CBC Process Evaluation:

- Regions 3b and 2 site visits completed
- Region 8a site visit planned for August
- Beginning preparation for Region 1 site visit
- Preliminary findings due at end of August 2019
- Surveys to local stakeholders
- Interviews and focus groups:
 - SSCCs
 - CPS supervisors and caseworkers
 - CPS leadership
 - CASA
 - Attorneys
 - Judges
 - Providers
 - Foster Parents
 - Youth

Education Performance Measure Discussion

Indicator: The percentage of school aged children who are attending their school of origin.

Baselines need to be established-not currently tied to incentive or remedy.

Runaway Discussion

Kim Gibbons, CPS Director of Field, led a conversation on DFPS' current efforts to locate and engage youth who have run away from placement.

Closing/Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- Implementation Plan
- Follow up discussions on:
 - SIL Process
 - RFI
- Presentation from Reg 1 SSCC; St. Francis

Next Meeting: October 12, 2019