



PAC MINUTES

Children, Youth and Family PAC
February 12, 2021
Minutes Recorder, Dawn Buchholz

PAC Member Attendance—via Zoom

Vicki Tylka, Chair	Brent Ruehlow, Chair	Liza Daleiden
Dawn Buchholz, Chair	Kelly Oleson	Jessie Cody
Martha Stacker	Carrie Anderson	Sue Sleezer
Alyssa Schultz	Annette Beattie	Scott Shackelford
Coral Kline	Lisa Broll	Diane Cable
Terry Barningham	Eric Calvino	Pat Lancour

I. Call to Order

II. Attendance taken: Others present via Zoom: Julie Brown, PDS; Becky Yang, DCF; Bill Topel, Winnebago County; Brenda Lee, Oneida County; Bridget Chybowski, DMCPDS; Katie Davis, WCHSA; Wendy Henderson, DCF; John Elliott, DCF; John Tuohy, DCF; Raj Kamal, DCF; Michelle Buehl, DJC; Ron Hermes, DJC; Darin Smith, PDS; Sarah Henery, DMCPDS Director; Michelle Rawlings, DCF; Shelby McCulley, DCF; Emily Erickson, DCF; Kristen Anchor, DHS; Connie Bettin, Dane County; Kim Quam, Ozaukee County; Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, WCA; Doreen Wehmas, Douglas County; Karen Katz, Office of Children’s Mental Health; Mary Rideout, Oneida County; Beth Hoerchler, Oneida County

III. Review and Approval of Minutes: Sue made a motion to approve, Annette seconded, motion approved.

IV. Updates and Action Items

A. DCF Discussion:

1. New Worker Training—PDS presented power point regarding new worker training, framework parameters, delivery, etc. Discussion followed, especially regarding virtual versus in-person trainings. 50% caseload still being defined. New worker training will allow us, as a State, obtain more IV-E funding for the first 6 months of workers’ employment. Brent Ruehlow is our PAC member representative on this committee.
2. Family First Prevention Services Act:

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- A. Strategic Plan/Change Management: March 12 presentation to PAC leaders.
 - B. QRTP Legislation Update: Bill has been drafted and DCF is seeking sponsorship for that bill. It's not believed there should be any controversy, but unknown given current State politics. We will lose funds if legislation changes are not made to mirror federal law. Once legislation is passed, DCF can hopefully make federal claims while working on initiatives around kids with complex needs, keeping our kids in State, etc. Sarah will connect with DCF regarding joint advocacy.
3. DMCPs Settlement Agreement—New DMCPs Deputy Director is Bridget Chybowski. Congrats to Bridget! Regarding settlement agreement, the final mark Milwaukee had to meet was around reducing the amount of moves children experience while in out-of-home care. Have worked diligently to meet this and other performance measures, which has led to a joint motion being filed to terminate the settlement agreement. Congrats to DMCPs!
 4. DCF 1—update regarding this process: new rule will cover Youth Justice Services, except for juvenile corrections. DCF will try to mirror to DHS 1.
 5. Adoption Bills—sent out to PAC members. Corp counsels input will be sought. DCF has started looking at these. PAC leaders will discuss designating a point person at county only meeting.
 6. Overview Draft Policy Memo and Revised Standards—no substantial changes and no changes to eWiSacwis. Eliminates some duplications, includes some standalone policies (ICWA, Drug Affected Infants, etc.), and cleaned up some language. To see summary document, scroll down to page 3 of memo. PAC leaders will discuss designating a point person at county only meeting.
 7. Other Updates –
 - A. ICWA/Counties/DCF Organizational Effectiveness: process concluded. Determined a few actions that will hopefully enhance collaboration. Key messages to come.
 - B. Permanency Planning Charter Workgroup: moving along nicely. More info to come.
 - C. Work Load/Case Load Study: starting to dive into results and seeking to understand results. PAC leaders will add to March agenda.
 - D. CFA Methodology Workgroup: looking at additional poverty measures, what other states are doing, etc.
 - E. DSFS licensing issues: if you have been waiting for a while on a particular situation, send that info to Sarah.
 - F. Youth Aids funding methodology Workgroup: waiting to see what's included in Governor's budget.
 - B. Professional Development System. More info coming in the next 9 months or so regarding additional trainings.

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- C. Office of Children’s Mental Health: found foster parents want to work with birth parents. Birth parents want social workers to get to know them, communicate with them, not judge them, and not change so often.
 - D. DJC: Ron Hermes presented power point regarding systems change for youth in secure confinement. Utilizing DBT skills, increasing structured time, enforcing positive behaviors at ratio of 10:1, and moving away from room confinement & use of force/punishment. Use of stage progression will but more control in youths’ hands. A “pause” will be used to temporary delay a youth’s ability to progress within their current stage, or be promoted to the next stage, based on non-compliant behavior. After the pause, the youth will resume where he/she left off in earning points toward stage progression.
 - E. DHS: DCTS is working on recruiting a Youth Crisis Coordinator. Ashland and Wausau youth crisis stabilization facilities will hopefully be opening soon. Wraparound seminar on February 16th.
 - F. Legislative Updates: waiting on State budget to be released on Tuesday night. Budget summary will then be released. Budget teasers regarding funding increases for a number of services, plus legalizing marijuana use and allowing counties to increase sales tax.
- V. Follow-up: see highlighted above**
- A. Future Agenda items: March WICWA resources (Tania and Stephanie—DCF); April CQI—Plan Do Study Act
- VI. Adjournment:** Dawn made motion to adjourn and Diane seconded. Motion approved.

Next Meeting

March 12, 2021
9:30 to 12:00 All PAC Members and Partners
12:30 to 1:30 County only discussion
To be held via Zoom

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