

PAC MINUTES

Children, Youth and Family PAC
May 14, 2021
Minutes Recorder, Dawn Buchholz

PAC Member Attendance—via Zoom

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

I. Call to Order

II. Attendance taken: Others present via Zoom: Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, WCA; Bridget Chybowski, DMCPs; Katie Davis, WCHSA; John Elliott, DCF; John Tuohy, DCF; Michelle Rawlings, DCF; Shelby McCulley, DCF; Wendy Henderson, DCF; Emily Erickson, DCF; Kristen Anchor, DHS; Jamie Keehn, DCF; Pamela Kernan, Clark County; Sarah Henery, DCF; Michelle Buehl, DJC; Doreen Wehmas, Douglas County; Andrew Tyler, DCF; Tania Cornelius, DCF; Emma Madura, Walworth County; Kim Quam, Ozaukee County; Kelsey Hill, DCF; Linda Hall, Office of Children’s Mental Health; Lance Horozewski, DJC

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

IV. Updates and Action Items

A. DCF Discussion

1. Families First Prevention Services Act

A. General Update: Compass training starts next week. Will open up more slots as available. DCF will want Director involvement regarding developing community conversations. Looking at complex needs kids and how we can bring them back in State. Improving website weekly. Funding a lived experience position and making an offer to a candidate. QRTP legislation passed both Senate and House; waiting for Governor’s signature. DCF will then start with rule making.

2. County Complaint Procedure –

- A. Discussion of feedback and comments: DCF making edits based on our past feedback and comments. Anyone can make a complaint, but the intent of the memo is to clarify who can make a formal grievance and what are grievance able issues. Challenge because nothing in statutes regarding who can file a grievance. DCF legal counsel was not comfortable with defining any more clearly who can or cannot file a formal grievance. Defining it any further than “direct involvement in the case” could cause more issues. Likewise regarding grievance able issues. Final memo should be coming out in June. DCF brochure explaining criteria for abuse and neglect:
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/publications/pdf/0101.pdf>
3. WICWA resources: Tania shared with the group. Will be posted on the DCF WICWA website soon.
4. Wisconsin’s Independent Living Program: 2016-2019 Summary Report: See
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/il/pdf/il-summary-rpt-16-19.pdf>

Difficult to make comparisons given TRA regions began through a phased approach. TRAs solely paid through federal Chafee funds.

5. Discuss QRTP requirements around extended placements
 - A. Overview/background, high level policy direction, and agreement on how to proceed with next steps: Email from the feds says County Directors could sign off on extended placements at QRTPs, but law says the State Director needs to approve them. **DCF looking for WCHSA input.** Concerned about workload, yet extended placements is a state-wide issue. Whatever process is decided on, attempt to make it less cumbersome.
6. Other Updates:
 - A. ICWA/Counties/DCF OE: DCF will work with PDS to help with logistics of working through initial charter. Incremental process to hopefully ensure success in building collaboration and accomplishing established framework.
 - B. Permanency Planning Charter Workgroup – Smaller workgroups will bring specific recommendations to larger group, sponsor group, and then PAC (hopefully June or July meeting).
 - C. Rate Regulation: **DCF wondering if WCHSA has any feedback to give that should be added to report?**
 - D. Work Load/Case Load Study: The next meeting of the workload study advisory committee is on 5/27.

- E. DSPS licensing issues: contact Sarah directly.
 - F. CFA Methodology Workgroup – none....meeting in June?
 - G. Inter-county Agreement Workgroup – obtaining legal review and feedback
- V. Professional Development System: none.
- VI. Office of Children’s Mental Health: currently mental health awareness month. OCMH had a virtual art gallery and a teen summit. Images, video and other information is on their website, including a crisis card which youth (or adults) can give law enforcement/others responding to them during a crisis situation. Children's Mental Health Awareness Week Activities:
<https://children.wi.gov/Pages/CMHAD2021.aspx>
- Supporting Children's Well-being through Strengthening Social Connections & Relationships. With COVID, youths' social networks have been disrupted. This fact sheet speaks to the importance of social connectedness.
https://children.wi.gov/Documents/ResearchData/OCMH%20Fact%20Sheet_May%202021_Strengthening%20Social%20Connections%20and%20Relationships.pdf
- VII. Department of Corrections: Rule for SRCCCY’s with the legislators.
- VIII. DHS: Beth Rudy is new Crisis Coordinator
- IX. Follow-up:
 - A. See highlighted items above.
 - B. Future Agenda Items: Permanency Planning Charter Workgroup presentation. Update on Workload/caseload study.
- X. Meeting adjourned.