



Clark County Department of Family Services
Community Partnerships Workgroup
Minutes for February 16, 2016

Present

Jocelyn Bluitt-Fisher, DFS
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Denise Parker, QPI
Josh Peace, DFS
Greg Holloway, DFS
Shelia Parks, CASA
Gina Shanks, DFS

Agenda for 2/16/16

Review of Minutes from 1/19/16
Upcoming Events
Review of face Page
2016 Public Awareness Efforts
Upcoming Conferences
Foster Parent Association Update
Other Discussion

Meeting Minutes from 2/16/16

Review of minutes from last meeting

- The meeting minutes from 1/19/16 were approved without changes.

Upcoming Events

- The committee was briefed on three upcoming events:
 - Wait No More (Feb. 20) adoption recruitment event for the faith based community
 - Annual Spring Egg Hunt (March 23) – event exclusively for foster families hosted by Commissioner Weekly
 - City of Las Vegas’ Annual Spring Celebration and Foster Connection – annual event to educate the community on foster care and to recruit potential foster families

Review of Face Sheet

- The workgroup reviewed the updated current Face Sheet . The new sheet describes the committee's adjusted initiatives with three main focus areas: awareness, community support and communication.
- The focus on communication was removed after some discussion about the role of the QPI Communication Workgroup.
- A revised draft of the Face Sheet will be presented at the next workgroup meeting for input from the workgroup members.

2016 Public Awareness Efforts

- The committee was given an overview of DFS' partnership with R&R Partners. R&R is assisting the department with developing a campaign to recruit quality foster parents with a specific focus on foster families for teens, sibling groups and medically fragile children.
- The campaign will include the development of a new website landing page and the creation of social media channels.

Upcoming Conferences

- DFS and community partners will be participating in the upcoming QPI conferences to present how QPI has been incorporated into our operations and to highlight some of our innovations and success stories.

Foster Parent Associations Update

- The current foster parent associations are working together to create a unified umbrella association.

Other Discussion

- The committee had a discussion about what potential foster parent experience as they go through the information and training sessions. The concerns expressed will be communicated to the Recruitment and Retention focus group.

Next Meeting – April 19, 2016

DFS Central located at 121 S. Martin Luther King Blvd