



Clark County Department of Family Services
Community Partnerships Workgroup
Minutes for March 21, 2017

Present

Denise Parker, QPI
Nevena Cvijetic, Andson
Danielle Burns, Southwest Integrated Care Service
Kevin Nelson, Child Focus
Heather Heuke, DFS
Robin Roberts, DFS
Shelia Parks, CASA
William McFarland, Foster Parent
Berenice Blas, DFS
Melisa Chupp, DFS
Oliska Batiste, Core Academy

Agenda for 3/21/17

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Review of minutes from February 21, 2017
3. Membership
4. Mentoring and Tutoring Services: Follow up from Andson
5. Volunteer Waivers
6. Workgroup Goals/Initiatives
 - a. Identify or create a public awareness message
 - b. Determine how we can improve and build community support for children in care and caregivers through the cultivation of effective community partnerships.
 - c. Pin-point opportunities to involve community partners in activities that support families and children in care.
7. Bamboo: Resource Navigator
8. Questions
9. Next steps

Meeting minutes from 3/21/17

- Introductions
- The meeting minutes from February 21, 2017, were approved with one change as suggested by Robin Roberts.
- Denise Parker provided the team with a presentation about Annie E. Casey. She informed the group that Annie E. Casey will spend the next three years working alongside and teaching DFS officials how to expand its efforts in foster care recruitment, licensing, placement and support resources for families. The goal is to have one to two family options available to a child(ren) if they have to be removed from their home. Denise further explained that Casey is facilitating 6 Bootcamps that will cover various topics including how to accomplish target marketing towards African Americans, teenagers, therapeutic homes, and the LGBTQ community, just to name a few. The team will soon receive the dates/times of the upcoming Bootcamps.
- The team was encouraged to continue to invite those members of the community whom we could benefit from by adding to our QPI workgroup. We understand the more robust our team, the more we can do for children in care and their families.
- Nevena delivered an informative presentation about free drop-in Homework Help locations throughout the valley at eight libraries and provided the team with the locations of the libraries. Additionally, Nevena provided us with information she received from the Area and Family Services Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs, regarding how foster children may take advantage of a discounted membership fee and homework help. Denise will ensure this information is published in the *Caregiver Courier*. Nevena will invite a Clark County library representative to a future meeting. And, Denise will invite Area and Family Services Director Alma Spears (Boys & Girls Clubs) to one of our meetings as well.
- Robin and Kevin agreed to work together with the appropriate DFS individuals to expedite a process to streamline onboarding volunteers. Their quest will include speaking to non-profit organizations to assist with taking full responsibility to manage the volunteer process.
- Samantha agreed to send the team her understanding for our two QPI goals. The team agreed to review the goals and prepare themselves for a group discussion at our April 18 meeting.
- After a brief discussion about the Resource Navigator and Foster Friend, the team asked for the items to be included on the April agenda as there is much more to discuss. Denise agreed to reach out to the DFS legal team to attend a future meeting.

**Next Meeting – April 18, 2017, from 10 a.m. until Noon
DFS Central located at 121 S. Martin Luther King Blvd (Carson City Room)**
