



Clark County Department of Family Services

Child Welfare Workgroup

Minutes for April 28, 2015

Present

Mike Pochowski, Foster Parent
Kelli Mosley, Foster Parent, and Olive Crest
Shuuandy Alvarez, Foster Parent and Case Manager DFS
Kim Forgione, DFS Foster Parent Champions
Patricia Nordstrom, DFS Foster Parent Champion
Katrina Easter, DFS Case Management
Dianne Brooks, Foster Parent
Denise Parker, QPI DFS

Agenda

Partnership Plan
Information Sharing
Child Transition Survey
Custody Letter – children in PC status
360 reviews
Transitions
Visitation
Other

Meeting Minutes

Partnership Plan –

- Event is occurring on May 11, and May 12th. Registration for DFS homes is online.
- Discussed at length signing the document and suggested that we include the document in the passport given to families that way the workers do not have to worry about bringing another document and the foster families can pull it out each time they get a new child and discuss with the case manager and sign.
- This is a value system
- Discussed the content of the partnership plan and feedback given for some changes in the pages.
 - Add members of the child team on page 3

QPI Child Welfare Workgroup Meeting Minutes, continued
April 28, 2015

- #9 more to “caring communities”
- Healthy families #1 change wording
- All feedback was given to Denise and changes were made prior to distribution at the event.
Talked about making a qpi video to go over the passport to partnership plan

Information sharing-

- Group discussed the need to do a video for training
- Discussed that HIPPA related items were not a topics that could be shared.
- Revisions came from washoe and will now need to go to leadership. Leadership did suggest that we have a pamphlet for families and a ‘did you know’ for case managers
- Washoe is already making some more revisions so we will cross walk these after we get a copy from washoe.
- Group discussed how important it is to discuss information regarding how to care for the child.

Transition survey

- Bernice is working to translate to Spanish

Custody letter

- We need to follow up with the courts as some of the courts are putting in a order that foster families can not travel even though we had prior agreement regarding PC status.
- Denise is working with Lauren Wagner on getting this clarified.

360 reviews

- Discussed at length the need to review the content at our next Child Welfare meeting with the revisions from Child Trends then start working with leadership and the unions on how to implement.

Transitions

- Carole Shauffer from Youth law Center is working with Judge Sullivan and Magistrate Famino on having a monthly court meeting. We will need to address what transitions look like for us her within our system.

Visitation

- Visitation will have to be one of our priorities in May. We need to focus on ABC v and bringing folks into work on this . We will need to get Mark and his team involved more.
- Have a child focused Plan for visitation. Basically Child centered visits.

Next Meeting

Tuesday May 26, 2015 10:00 a.m.
DFS Central Lincoln Room
121 S. Martin Luther King Blvd.