



Clark County Department of Family Services

Name of Workgroup

July 22, 2014

Present

Mark Fitzgerald, DFS Co-Lead
Ali Caliendo, Foster Parent Co-Lead
Denise Parker, DFS, QPI Coordinator
Mike Pochowski, Foster Parent
Dianne P. Brooks, Foster Parent
Cindy Degan, Eaglequest
Tanya McClair, DFS

Agenda

- Updates on “No Notices” and 10 Day Disruptions
- Updates on Child Transition Survey
- Updates on “Partnership Plan”
- Updates on 360 Reviews
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Minutes

1. “No Notices” and “10 Day” Disruptions

- ❖ Denise indicated that of the children currently on Child Haven campus as of the preceding week, the numbers went down from 39% to 25% of the population
- ❖ Denise plans to get all of the “support groups” together in mid to late August to discuss working together to see that all of the caregiver’s needs are and can be met
- ❖ Denise indicated that the issue of “no notice” disruptions, in particular, has gone to DFS Executive Management, in those situations the following is the current protocol:
 - a. An e-mail will be sent to Denise and to the caregiver’s licensing worker
 - b. In the case of agency homes, Greg Flamer, Licensing Supervisor, will additionally have a conversation with the licensing agency around the specific home and the “no notice” disruption

2. Child Transition Survey

- ❖ There is a DFS Team currently working on an Instructional Memorandum (IM) to go out to all DFS staff introducing the Child Transition Survey, its purpose and use.

Next Steps:

1. The QPI Child Welfare Services Workgroup will review and provide input into the IM

3. Partnership Plan

- ❖ Denise provided an update that the Partnership Plan is with DFS Executive Management and being reviewed
- ❖ The Workgroup discussed the creation of a mandatory training for all DFS staff on the “Partnership Plan.” The Workgroup suggests that all staff including those not in “casework” positions as they would be interacting with our caregivers.
- ❖ The Workgroup discussed that the training to include introduction of the “Partnership Plan” also be mandatory for all caregivers, both licensed and unlicensed, as it is critical to the development and nurturing of the vision of the DFS/caregiver relationship.

Next Steps:

1. Review status of the “Partnership Plan” with DFS Executive Management, discuss if further review needed by the Workgroup
2. Discussion around planning for the “training,” what it would look like, who would do it, when it might be presented, etc.

4. 360 Reviews

- ❖ DFS Executive Management is reviewing the forms
- ❖ Denise will meet with DFS Labor Management and with SEIU (Union) to discuss the 360 Reviews
- ❖ Mark sent the 360 reviews to DA Brigid Duffy for review

Next Steps:

1. Denise to provide any updates as to the status.

5. Respite

- ❖ Executive Management has convened a workgroup that is meeting weekly to look at the respite issue. Denise and Mike are on the workgroup.

Next steps:

1. Denise and Mike will report back progress to the QPI Child Welfare Services Workgroup

The next meeting is Tuesday, 8/26/14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Lincoln Room at DFS, 121 S. Martin Luther King Blvd.

Next meeting of the QPI Child Welfare Services Workgroup is Tuesday, 7/22/14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Lincoln Room at DFS Central Office, 121 S. Martin Luther King Blvd.