



Clark County Department of Family Services

Support & Retention Workgroup

Minutes for Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Amanda Pearson, DFS Policy
Kirsten DiNicola, DFS Training, **Co-lead**
Denise Parker, QPI
Denise Goodman, Annie E Casey (AECF)
Laura Neal, AECF
Ali Caliendo, Foster Kinship, **Co-lead**
Audrey Rosenstein, Foster Change, **Co-lead**
Patricia Nordstrom Foster Parent Champ.
Nancy Mejia, DFS Perm
Angelique Grey, DFS Perm

Agenda

- Welcome/New Members
- AECF, Denise and Laura
- Review of Min from Feb
- Review of 2017 Goals
- Retention Activities
- Foster Change Updates
- Hub Houses
- Respite
- Foster Kinship Update
- Grievance Policy discussion
- Recruitment for S&R workgroup
- New meeting date, Third Thursday of the Month, 9:30am-11 @ Central

Meeting Minutes

- Welcome- New members from perm, foster parent championship
- Review of Minutes
 - S & R has had minimal attendance, the last few meetings have been review of the 2016 goals

Support and Retention QPI Workgroup

- 2017 Goals established
 - SMART goal work sheets passed out (for example)
 - Progress tracker form passed out (for example)
 - Discussed difference between goals/strategies
 - Discussed that strategies for goals will need to be identified next
 - Some break out workgroups may already be working on actions to help support S&R goals (visitation group)

- Denise Goodman and Laura Neal from Annie E Casey Foundation (AECF)
 - AECF will be working with DFS for the months to come to help improve placement, foster care recruitment and ideas for support and retention.
 - They are available for consult if we need them.
 - They will be holding break out groups with in DFS for training and info gathering purposes in the next few weeks.

- S&R workgroup meeting dates will be changing to accomidate several members of the group and with the hopes of increased attendance.

- Remainder of Agenda will be forwarded to April's Agenda as there wasn't enough time.
 - Below likely will fit under strategies to reach goals
 - Retention activites
 - Foster change update
 - Hub houses
 - Respite
 - Foster kinship update
 - greivence

Next meeting date: **THURSDAY** April 20, 2017