

Child Welfare Partners Committee

Meeting Notes

Thursday, January 12th 2012

1-3:00 p.m.

Hoover Building, 5 NE, Side 2

Members in attendance: Doug Johnson, Mindy Norwood, and Julie Allison

Members by phone: Evan Klenk, Brian Fox, Nola Aalberts, Barb Gay, Carol Gutchewsky, Gary Lippe, and Cheryl Goodwin

Members not in attendance: Wendy Rickman, Chris Secrist, Jean Slaybaugh, and Jennifer Sievert

Observers in attendance: No observers in attendance.

Observers by phone: Representative Mary Mascher

Purpose of the Meeting:

The purpose of the meeting was to finalize the CWPC Strategic Plan and provide general updates.

Summary of Meeting:

There are membership terms expiring June 30, 2012 which include the following members:

Julie Allison (DHS/Public)
Cheryl Goodwin (Coalition)
Jennifer Sievert (Coalition)
Gary Lippe (DHS/Public)
Nola Aalberts (Non-Coalition)

Based on CWPC membership term guidelines, members are limited to two terms in succession, including any partial terms. Of the members listed above, Cheryl Goodwin and Gary Lippe are in their second term and not eligible for another term in succession. Julie Allison, Jennifer Sievert, and Nola Aalberts are in their first term and eligible for a second term should they be nominated or recommended.

The committee members reviewed and revised the draft Strategic Plan. The document will be reviewed by Wendy Rickman as the Division Administrator and co-chair of this committee for any additional comments to the document. Once the document is finalized, it will be shared statewide as well as posted to the CWPC web page.

Work Group Updates: (The following updates were provided by each of the co-chairs in attendance) - As of this meeting date, the active workgroups are as follows:

Performance Based Contracting –No update provided.

Family Interaction/Family Team Meeting – The structure of this subcommittee remains as a workgroup under the CWPC: however, there is a smaller group of members that are working specifically on the CFSR PIP action steps. There is representation across the state on this smaller committee, including two Parent Partner representatives. No additional update provided.

Training – The last meeting was held on December 19th with the next one scheduled for January 23rd. No additional update provided this date.

All other workgroups have completed assigned duties identified in each respective charter.

Next steps:

1. The “Journey of Partnership” will be an ongoing agenda item for this committee. The point of contact will be the CWPC and anyone who wishes to contribute to the journey by adding comments or sharing a story, should submit their request to Mindy. The requests will then be provided to the CWPC for a decision. Amy Juhnke has agreed to continue in her role in this process.
2. The next topic for the Journey of Partnership is the process around the development of the Strategic Plan. Gary Lippe and Cheryl Goodwin will be interviewed.
 - a. Mindy will notify Amy Juhnke and provide her contact information for Gary and Cheryl
3. Doug will notify Kristie Oliver (Coalition) of the need for the Coalition Board to recommend Jennifer Sievert for a second term for membership or identify a new representative for the term effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. Jennifer’s current term expires June 30, 2012.
4. Doug will also notify Kristie Oliver of the need to seek applications for a new Coalition representative for the term July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015.
5. Wendy will appoint two DHS members for the term of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. Wendy will also appoint a DHS member for the term ending June 30, 2014.
6. This committee will discuss a recommendation for Nola Aalberts for a second term for membership or identify a new representative for the term effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. Nola’s current term expires June 30, 2012.
7. The Committee will consider scheduling the April meeting as a face to face rather than conference call in order to observe a ROM demonstration.

Our Vision:

The combined experience and perspective of public and private agencies provide the best opportunity to reach our mutual goals: child safety, permanency, and well-being for Iowa’s children and families. Collaboration and shared accountability will keep the focus on child welfare outcomes.