

**Child Welfare Partners Committee**

**Meeting Notes**

Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 2012

1-3:00 p.m.

Hoover Building, 5 NE, Side 2

**Members in attendance:** Wendy Rickman, Mindy Norwood, and Julie Allison

**Members by phone:** Brian Fox, Carol Gutchewsky, Jennifer Sievert, Barb Gay, Evan Klenk, Nola Aalberts, and Pat Penning

**Members not in attendance:** Jean Slaybaugh, Chris Secrist, Doug Johnson, and Mike Mitchell

**Observers in attendance:** Kristie Oliver, Executive Director, Coalition

**Observers by phone:** None

**Purpose of the Meeting:**

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

**Summary of Meeting:**

The Iowa CWPC Strategic Plan was approved in January 2012 and posted to the CWPC website. The Strategic Plan was reviewed for activities/tasks completed as well as those that are coming due.

A communication plan was developed which included a cover letter email with a summary of the partnership survey, survey results, and core questions. This email will be sent from Wendy and Brian as co-chairs on behalf of the CWPC.

The Department awaits an estimate on Phase II of ROM (Results Oriented Management) which is relative to the inclusion of in-home cases as well as external reports, etc. Once the estimate is received, it will be submitted to Casey to determine the amount of funding Casey will subsidize for this phase. If Casey is not able to subsidize the entire estimate, the Department will explore other funding sources to subsidize the remaining amount.

There was discussion around requesting additional Technical Assistance (TA) through the Nation Resource Center for Organizational Improvement (NRCOI). The intent of this TA will be to continue through the strategic planning process.

Those who attended the Casey peer to peer Shared Learning Collaborative (SLC) on Performance Based Contracting (PBC) provided an update to the committee. The final day of the collaborative was utilized to develop an action plan for the state of Iowa. The plan is intended to assist Iowa with strategies to consider as we continue to implement PBC. The action plan is to be implemented during the next 90 days and will be added to the discussion of additional TA regarding the strategic planning process.

A brief update was provided on the CFSR PIP. The monthly calls with the Regional Office are going smoothly and we are on target. The first four quarters have been about building the foundation with the remaining four quarters focused more on determining if the strategies that are in place are improving practice.

**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:

*Family Interaction (FI)/Family Team Decision Making (FTDM)* – This workgroup continues working diligently on benchmarks identified within the PIP and has submitted evidence of completion documents timely to the DHS Service Business Team (SBT) as required. No additional update from July meeting.

*Training* – The last meeting was held on June 15<sup>th</sup> with the next one scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup>. The group continues to meet on a monthly basis to ensure that the identified objectives are being met within the annual plan. No additional update from July meeting.

**Next steps:**

1. Work will continue on objectives and activities within the Strategic Plan.
2. The cover letter to accompany the survey results will be sent out by Wendy and Brian as co-chairs on behalf of the CWPC. **Completed 8.9.12**
3. Mindy and Wendy will explore requesting additional technical assistance through the National Resource Center for Organizations Improvement (NRCOI).
4. The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**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.