

**CHILD WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FRIDAY MARCH 8, 2013
MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present: Jake Carmi, Nancy Magnall, George Belitsos, Jerry Foxhoven, Denise Moore, Gail Barber, Jim Hennessey, Sen. Amy Sinclair (phone), Julie Heiderscheit (phone) & Wendy Rickman

Members Absent: Ann Gruenwald, Chris Secrist, Edwin Daye, Julie Mann Phillips, Rep. Mary Mascher, Sen. Amanda Ragan

Visitors present:

Terry Bailey- AMP

Kristie Oliver (phone)-Coalition

Meeting called to order at 1:10 p.m.

A welcome was extended to Jim Hennessey, Jim is filling the position that Dick Moore held with the Child Advocacy Board.

Approval of Minutes & General business:

Minutes for December 7th 2013 stand approved as written.

Report on Pending Legislation (Post-Funnel):

Wendy gave an update on pending Legislation. The Department is watching several bills.

- Child and Family bill: This bill was started to eliminate the Family Support Council and to this bill was added all of the mandatory requirements for the Affordable Care Act (ACA), one of the main additions of this bill was expanding Medicaid to the age of 26.
- There are new Federal requirements that limit the use of ATM's where clients can withdraw cash.
- Differential Response Bill (HF 415) made it out of the Human Services committee and has passed funnel. The County Attorneys have registered as opposed to the DR bill.

- County Attorney's Bill was approved by the house. The current county attorney bill states that the County Attorneys represent DHS in all CHINA cases, the County Attorney's new bill wants to take DHS out as a party in those cases and DHS is opposed to that.

Mental Health Redesign bill is proceeding. The Children's cabinet has shown to be a huge interest at this time. George asked about membership on the CWAC committee. Jerry said that they have not done anything about expired memberships on the CWAC, because they are waiting to see how big the Children's cabinet will be, it might take the place of the CWAC committee. If you are interested in the Kids mental health and disability work group report is on the DHS web site.

Differential Response bill (HF 415): the Differential Response bill has three different work groups rolled into one bill:

1. Child Abuse Registry Bill.
2. Appeal wait times
3. How long a person stays on the registry

Children's Justice Activities:

Gail Barber gave an update on the Children's Justice Summit. The Summit will be held September 25th & 26th 2013 at Prairie Meadow's in the Conference Center. They are going to have two main topics this year. Day one of the Summit will be primarily about Substance Abuse & Child Welfare, including what we are learning from the Family treatment courts. The key note speaker will be from the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare. The second day the focus will be on helping youth transition, with the main speaker to be Gary Spangler from the Jim Casey Youth Opportunity.

Gail said that she is hiring a Training Coordinator for a full time position. This person will be a part of a training council. This council will coordinate training, so we are more coordinated and getting the training out to those who need it.

Update on Medicaid Expansion/Iowa Plan:

Wendy gave an update on the Medicaid Expansion/Iowa plan; there are 3 primary components of the Medicaid expansion. First is the exchange, second is eligibility. third is payment for the services. We are trying to put together 3 different IT systems that all work together. It needs to go from the point of application to the point of payment. Elias will hook to the exchange; it will go to the federal point and bring information back to us. The payment system is called MMIS it called the Legacy system. The new system needs to be up and running by 2014 and we are supposed to

be able to except new applications by October 2013. Currently the Department is waiting to see what way the state goes with the expansion.

Mental Health Redesign Update:

Wendy gave an updated on the status of the Mental Health redesign. The Mental Health Redesign is being led by the mental health division of DHS. There are numerous work groups around the redesign. One of the work groups is the Children's mental health and disability work group. The primary legislation this year was the Children's Cabinet.

Child Welfare Permanency Subcommittee: George gave an overview of the Agenda for the next Permanency Subcommittee meeting. The next subcommittee will meet on June 5, 2013. George asked Jim if he would serve as a Co-Committee chair to replace Dick Moore's position due to retirement.

AMP: Jake Carmi shared that he took part in a webinar explaining the AMP Rights and Responsibilities. (Attachment) Jake also told us about the AMP youth day on the Hill. Chris Branstad represented the AMP youth and delivered the Foster Care youth Rights & Responsibilities to the Governor.

Public Comment: No Public comment.

Next Meeting: June 7th from 1-3 in room 165 at the Judicial Building, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, IA

Adjourned 2:32 pm

Lori VandeWall
Secretary
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