

**CHILD WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2013
MEETING MINUTES**

Members present: Jerry Foxhoven, Jean McLeer, Nancy Magnall, Dave Zimmerman, George Belitsos, Jake Carmi, Rep. Marti Anderson, Wendy Rickman, Julie Heiderscheit (phone), Anne Gruenwald(phone).

Members absent: Chris Secrist, Edwin Daye, Julie Mann Phillips, Rep. Amy Sinclair, Ron Stehl, Sen. Amanda Ragan.

Visitors present: Amber DeSmet- Legislative Services Agency

Meeting called to order at 1:08 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the September 6th meeting stand approved as written.

Report on DHS Budget Proposal:

Wendy shared that the department gave a presentation for the budget proposal to the Governor's office this week. There is a power point that will be posted on line. This is the second year of a two year budget, for the most part the goal is to maintain the increases that went into effect last year. There are items that we do not have any control over which involve the Federal match and the FFP. The federal contribution continues to decrease because Iowa's budget is doing better than most states, so over all it does effect what we request from a budget stand point.

Report on Children's Justice Activities:

Gail was not able to attend the meeting today, so a handout was given out. (see hand out). Please review and if you have any questions, please ask and Jerry find out the answers.

Report of the Iowa Juvenile Home Protection Task Force:

Jerry gave a short summary of the report of the task force that looked into the Toledo Iowa Juvenile Home. Jerry was the chair of the task force and he said that they were directed to look at nothing but what was in the best interest of the children, and that is what they did. The group agreed that the outcome was unanimous. The state at this point is evaluating the girls and trying to place them close to their homes. At this point there is a lot of research going on as to where to go next. The department has looked at other state models, and then a decision will be made on what the best path will be for the girls in the future.

Update on DHS Reports to the Iowa Legislature:

Wendy gave a summary of the department's report to the Legislature.

There were several reports that went over to the legislature, they are as follow:

1. Child Abuse Registry. We have been paying particular attention to the Child abuse Registry. Last session there was a legislative mandate to the department to pay attention to appeal times, to make sure they get through that process quickly.
2. Differential Response
3. Elder Abuse, The department has also been in the discussion for Elder abuse since the beginning.

All of the reports that are going to the Legislature have been submitted on time and they are very positive.

Children's Mental Health Redesign:

Wendy and Jerry were both on the committee for the Children's Mental Health Redesign, (see hand out). Legislation was presented to the legislature last year with the recommendation for a group called the Children's Cabinet. The report recommends a committee, but it has a name of the Children's Advisory Council. This group would be made up of members of several groups, one of those groups could possibly be CWAC, It could be the whole group or possible some of the of the CWAC members.

AMP's Day on the Hill:

Jake shared that a date has been picked for their day on the hill. It will be Monday January 27, 2014. AMP's legislative agenda will be sent out to the committee.

Public Comment:

None

Future Meeting Dates:

Next meeting will be March 14th, 1:00 to 3:00 at the Drake Legal Clinic

Meeting adjourned 2:17

Lori VandeWall
Recording Secretary