

**CHILD WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY JULY 22, 2015  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Members present:**

Jean McAleer, Kaci O'Day-Goldstein for Nancy Magnall, Jerry Foxhoven, Gail Barber, Wendy Rickman, Denise Moore, George Belitsos, Rep. Marti Anderson, Susan Walkup, Jim Hennessey; Julie Heiderscheit (phone), Anne Gruenwald (phone).

**Members absent:**

Chris Secrist; Edwin Daye, Julie Mann Phillips, Jake Carmi, Sen. Amy Sinclair, Sen. Amanda Ragan, Rep. Rob Taylor, Charles Palmer, Nancy Magnell, Sen. Dennis Guth.

**Visitors present:**

Kara Lynn Regula-Department of Human Services.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes for the March 6, 2015 meeting stand approved as written.

Meeting called to order 1:07 pm.

**Annual Progress and Services Report (APSR):**

Kara Lynn Regula gave a presentation on the APSR (see attachment) and she would like CWAC's feedback on the information that she gave in the report. The Department has a federal review, the Child Family Services Review (CFSR), the CFSR is the Federal Governments process of making sure the state welfare systems are following the same process and laws of the IV-E and IV-B reports, this is a process where the states assess themselves, our next review will be in 2018. Kara Lynn shared that the CFSR has different rounds, we have completed 2 rounds and are currently in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round. Kara Lynn went over the report, this report covers the 7 safety out comes and there is a report with 7 systemic factors, Kara Lynn will be at our meeting in September to cover the systemic factors. Please read and review the hand out.

The data that Kara Lynn shared is from this year's APSR report. This report has not been approved yet so this information has not been posted on our web site. One of the requirements of developing the APSR is to make sure that the state collaborates with a variety of stakeholders to develop the APSR. Kara went over the handout and asked for the committee to discuss what everyone saw on the report which covered each ones prospective areas. The link to CFSR Round 3 Resources

<https://training.cfsrportal.org/resources/3105>. There are several resources you can read they include the CFSR Round 3 Performance Workbook, which provides state performance on new Round 3 administrative measures.

If you have any questions regarding the CFSR, please contact Kara Lynn by phone at 515-281-8977 or by e-mail [kregula@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:kregula@dhs.state.ia.us).



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### **Update on New Child Welfare Legislation:**

Wendy said that there is a study and a report that CWAC will need to complete and get to the legislature by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The study will be about the procedures in the Department of Human Services for receiving complaints from families involved in guardianship, placement, and custody proceedings; and the specificity and clarity of court orders issued in foster care placements pursuant to the State of Iowa. We will also take a look at our IV-E report. The department has a new form on our web site for complaints. There will be a report sub-committee to do a draft, the draft will be brought to the large group for review and input. If you would like to be on the sub-committee please let Wendy or Lori know.

### **Update on DHS Budget:**

Wendy said the FY17 budget needs to be turned in right after Labor Day (September 7, 2015). Child Welfare is not asking for additional dollars for FY17, Rate increases that were put in place by the legislature will be taken care of. In FY18 the department will take an additional look at subsidized guardianship. In FY18 there is additional dollars that will be needed to help cover Medicaid. There are several options that the department is looking at, one of them that is CFS will be reimbursing Medicaid for the cost of services for foster children.

### **Report on Children's Justice Activities:**

Children's Justice has 4 law student fellowships this summer working in child welfare. One of them is looking at the law concerning CAPTA, they will be doing some survey's and looking at what Doctors know about the CAPTA program. There is a new family court starting in the Cass/ Audubon county area.

There was a federal meeting in Washington D.C. about court community dollars. Gail Barber, Julie Allison (DHS), Capt. Henderson (Public Safety), Judge Owens (Justice) attended. They was a section on Human Trafficking, Juvenile Justice will be holding a

summit on Human Trafficking, two of three days from November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be more information coming at a later date.

George shared that there are groups regionally and across the state that focus on Human Trafficking. There is one statewide group and three area groups that are totally focused on the fight against human trafficking. The statewide group is called the Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking (NAHT). They are incorporated as a 501(c)3 and are chaired by an attorney John Chesser ([jtchesser@gmail.com](mailto:jtchesser@gmail.com)). I serve as Vice-Chair. The Executive Director of NAHT is Teresa Downing ([downingterri@gmail.com](mailto:downingterri@gmail.com)) but this is an unpaid position. The Eastern Iowa group is known as Braking Traffic and is incorporated as a 501(c)3 and chaired by Maggie Tinsman ([Maggie.tinsman@mchsi.com](mailto:Maggie.tinsman@mchsi.com)) and its Executive Director is Cathy O'Keeffe ([cathy@brakingtraffik.org](mailto:cathy@brakingtraffik.org)) (a paid position). Bernadette Rixner ([msrix@aol.com](mailto:msrix@aol.com)) is overseeing the Western Iowa group known as the Siouxland Coalition Against Human Trafficking. Steven O'Meara ([stephen@dltlawyers.com](mailto:stephen@dltlawyers.com)) used to head up the Western Iowa Coalition but he now heads up the Nebraska Human Trafficking Statewide Task Force.

I co-chair the Central Iowa Service Network Against Human Trafficking with Teresa Downing. We are not a 501(c)3 but strictly a network of volunteers and representatives from law enforcement, nonprofit providers, the faith community and others. We have 150 on our mailing list and average 40 at each meeting.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Future Meeting Dates:**

Our next meeting will be held September 23, 2015 from 1:00 to 3:00, in the library at the Drake Legal Clinic.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 2:44