

**Child Welfare Partners Committee (CWPC)**

**Meeting Notes**

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Teleconference Call

**Members in attendance:** Mindy Norwood (conference call lead)

**Members by phone:** Wendy Rickman, Tom Bouska, Teresa Burke, Mike McInroy, Debbie Orduna, Mary Macumber Schmidt, Mike Mitchell, Mike Arndt, Leta Hosier, and Dawn Turner

**Members not in attendance:** Janee Harvey, Susan Smalley, Jon Wetlaufer, Rick Venenga, and Jean Slaybaugh

**Observers by phone:** Kristie Oliver, Executive Director, Coalition for Family and Children's Services in Iowa

**Purpose of the Meeting:**

The purpose of the meeting this month was to welcome the newest member and provide general updates.

**Summary of Meeting:**

The committee welcomed Teresa Burke as the newest member of the committee. Since this is a conference call, the committee agreed to do formal introductions at the February 8, 2018 in-person meeting.

There are no required updates to the strategic plan at this time. This is the final year of this plan so we should discuss any need for development of a new plan for the future.

A brief update was provided on the implementation of SafeCare. SafeCare sites are in the process of scheduling training workshops with Georgia State University to train the identified site coaches, and then train additional staff within each of the sites.

Each of the service area representatives reported out regarding meetings occurring in the local areas. The Western Service Area shared they continue to meet every two weeks and the calls are going well. The Helping Optimize Permanency Experiences (HOPE) pilot with Children's Square will roll out to other shelters in the near future. The Eastern Service Area has a meeting scheduled for January 19, 2018 so no update provided this date.

The 2018 Legislative Session began January 8, 2018. The Child Welfare Policy and Practice Group (3<sup>rd</sup> party review of DHS) initial final report is posted to the DHS webpage.

**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:

*Child Welfare Services Workforce – Co-chairs are Mike McInroy and Debbie Orduna.* The DHS representatives on this workgroup are scheduled to meet on January 25, 2018 for a discussion regarding IVE funding.

*Communication – Co-chairs are Janee Harvey and Rick Venenga.* This workgroup met yesterday to revisit the different meetings held across the state as well as the key messages to share at these meetings. This group also reviewed the Resource Family Tip Sheet – Workers & Their Roles that was recently updated by all applicable program managers. The plan is to schedule monthly calls beginning in February, 2018.

**Next steps:**

1. The next meeting of the CWPC is scheduled as an in-person meeting on February 8, 2018 from 1-3:00 p.m.
  - a. No meeting in March.
  - b. A conference call scheduled for April 12, 2018 from 1-2:00 p.m.
2. Mindy will email the updated Workers & Their Roles document to committee members and others. **Email sent on 1.17.18**
3. Once some of the webpages are updated, Janee will send the respective links to CWPC members for their review and opportunity to provide feedback.

**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.**