Maryland Department of Human Resources
Advisory Council for Alternative Response

Teleconference Meeting
January 14, 2014
Minutes

**Council Member Attendees:** Dick Paulman, Claudia Remington, Joan Little, Vanita Taylor, Al Zachik, Carol Spigner, Scott Krugman

**SSA Representatives:** Steve Berry, Shanda Crowder, Rene King, Carnitra White, David Ayer, Audrey McLendon

**Other attendees:** Maria Tillman, Brian Schleter, Sandra Barnes, Megan Lucy, Neijma Celestine Donner, Leslie Bishop-Joe

**Welcome and Introductions**
In Ted Dallas’ absence, Carnitra White welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Workgroup updates**

**Practice /Community Partners Workgroup**
Phases I - II are implemented and will hold a post launch meeting in February. Phase III will go live on January 25th. The Screening Supervisors training was completed for Phase III January 13th.

Phase IV will hold a co-chair meeting during the week of January 21st and a train the trainer meeting at the end of the month.

Phase V’s kick off will be held January 22nd.

The Learning collaborative is continuing and the jurisdictions are sharing their experiences with Alternative Response. Under discussion is the state immersion; Maryland staff would shadow staff in another state that implemented Alternative Response and then return to Maryland where staff will share the information and practices learned in the other state.

32-38% of the Child Protective Services cases are assigned to Alternative Response. Implementation statewide has been smooth.

**Evaluation Workgroup**
A survey was sent to local staff in the jurisdictions that implemented Alternative Response and to the jurisdictions not implemented for a data comparison. The data is expected to be collected and available in early spring.

**Policy Workgroup**
No report for this meeting.
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Communications
No report for this meeting

Redefine the role of the council:
As Implementation is under way, the role of the council will move to an advisory role for connections to resources for families.

Next Meeting will be a teleconference meeting, March 11, 2014 at 1 pm.