

MINUTES
PROVIDER ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: January 20, 2015	Meeting Time: 12:30 p.m.
Location: Arrow Children and Family Ministries 1605 Cromwell Bridge Road Baltimore, MD 21234	Meeting Adjourned: 2:45 p.m.

Participants:

Member	Present	Absent	Member	Present	Absent
Paul Brylske, Kennedy Krieger Institute	X		Terry Manning, Children's Guild	X	
Sharon Kistler for Tom Curcio, Board of Child Care		X	Jeanne Marks, Presley Ridge		X
Shanda Crowder, DHR		X	Walter McNeil, Challengers Independent Living, Inc.		X
Ted Dallas, DHR Secretary		X	Mark Mittelman, New Pathways	X	
Zachery Dingle Jumoke, Inc.	X		Norman Richard, Martin Pollack Project	X	
Darlene Ham, DHR/OLM	X		Rex Smith, Hearts and Homes for Youth		X
Ralph Hertges, Brook Lane Health Services, Inc.	X		Tennille Thomas, DHR		X
Debbie Ramelmeier, DHR	X				

Kevin Keegan, Catholic Charities	X		Shelley Tinney, MARFY	X	
Damon Thompson, Pressley Ridge		X	Shannon McRae, DHR	X	
Carrie Knebel, CONCERN	X		Suzette Riviere for Hattie N. Washington, Aunt Hattie's Place		X
Joe Leshko Arrow Project, Inc.		X	Lynn Wisner, DHR	X	
Guest/Other Organizations Participants					
David Brown, Good Shepherd Center	X		Laurie Vozzella-Bell, Catholic Charities		X
Amy Craig, The ARC		X	Donna McCarter, Neighbor to Family		X
Steve Howe, Children's Guild		X	Wendi Martin, Mosaic Community Service		X
Eric Fenwick, Aunt Hattie's Place	X		Monee Hale, Foundations for Home and Community		X
Darlene Dockins, MENTOR	X		Dania O'Connor, Woodbourne		X
Benny Thomas, KidsPeace		X	Colette Walker-Thomas, Mentor Network		X
Debbie Marini, Building Families		X	Maisha Davis, Arrow Project, Inc.	X	
Nellie Power, The ARC	X		Jacqueline Pattison, Mentor Maryland		X
Joel Lightfoot, ARC NCR		X	Kevin Drumheller, ARC, NCR	X	
Coni Grant, Pressley Ridge	X		Mary Beth DeMartino, Pressley Ridge		X

Joseph Labule', Second Family	X		Michael Layne, Foundations for Home and Community	X	
Debra Hayes, KidsPeace		X	Tony Wilson, Woodbourne		X
Angelia Baker, Foundation for Home and Community		X	Stephen Ervin, DHR		X
Karen Powell, DHR		X	Maureen Rodgers, Hearts and Homes for Youth		X
Bridget Roth, The ARC Baltimore		X	Krystal McKinney, NCCF		X
Laura Mueller, Win Family	X		Pat Bixler, Chesapeake Treatment Center	X	
Brenda Boyd, Tuttle's Place	X				

Welcome

Darlene Ham welcomed everyone to the meeting. The November 2014 meeting minutes were approved. The minutes will be made available to the Council members as accepted.

PAC Membership Recommendations

Zach Dingle reported that the PAC is still working on how the process should flow as it relates to how to make changes to the guidelines. A motion was made that recommendations be made on how to change the guidelines and how to make amendments to the guidelines. This will be completed through creating a sub-committee for discussion. Item (1e) in the guidelines is an item that should be discussed among the sub-committee.

The PAC sub-committee consists of the 10 PAC members that are not rolling off of the Council membership, and Shelly Tinney, Executive Director of MARFY. The sub-committee will report out on the following items at the March 17, 2015 meeting:

1. PAC Membership Recommendations
2. PAC Co-chair
3. PAC Guidelines (Bylaws)

A recommendation was made that each attendee, when signing in for the PAC meeting identify their program affiliation, geographic region, and whether they are representing a TFC, IL, RCC, TGH, H/C, etc., beginning at today's meeting. Kevin Keegan volunteered to collect each provider's information so that the information will be made available to the PAC.

Role of the PAC

Darlene Ham discussed that the PAC's role/relationship with the Office of Licensing and Monitoring is based around high level discussion on items such as COMAR changes, compliance issues, and in house changes that may need be elevated to DHR's Secretary, etc.

Debbie Ramelmeier discussed that the PAC's role/relationship with SSA is based around how SSA's programs and policies impact on providers, getting input from providers, identifying systemic issues, and hearing from providers about the day-to-day with working with foster children.

IV-E Waiver

Debbie Ramelmeier discussed that an assessment was completed to gather data to examine why children come into foster care. A readiness assessment was completed at the local level. The assessments are due on January 30, 2015. DHR will also contract for in-home services.

Some key variables that were considered:

- What services are already being provided in the jurisdictions?
- Where will we get the biggest impact?
- Where should it be implemented first?
- Where is the highest re-entry rate?
- How can we re-use money that we already have and get the biggest "bang" for our buck?

Shannon McRae will email information to the PAC members regarding two position vacancies for IV-E Director and IV-E Manager.

Review of the DHR Response to the Letter from Zach

Zach shared the response letter to the PAC from DHR Secretary, Theodore Dallas. Debbie Ramelmeier reported out on the response letter to the PAC. Debbie clarified some key points in the letter for the PAC.

Co-mingling of DSS and DJS Children

Debbie and Zach had discussion regarding the co-mingling of DSS and DJS children. Debbie recommended that justification for changing the current policy needs to come from the PAC. Debbie will also speak with Pat Flannigan from DJS once the PAC gives her the recommendation.

CPS Clearances

Maisha Davis asked if any providers are still having trouble getting back CPS clearances. Debbie Ramelmeier recommended to the providers to ask their staff to clearly mark envelopes sent to DHR to identify new hires so that they can be prioritized and expedited.

RCYCP Certification

Darlene Ham gave a reminder that the RCYCP certification is due by October 1, 2015.

Darlene also reported that the CPA regulations are in the Legislative Office for review.

Wrap Up / Next Meeting / Date and Location

DHR has agreed to host the next meeting.

Date:

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Location:

Department of Human Resources

311 W. Saratoga Street, 5th Fl

Conference Rooms 508 ABC

Baltimore, Maryland 21201

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Zach Dingle motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m.; a second was made to adjourn the meeting by Terry Manning.