

**Washington County DCFS Child Welfare  
Quality Improvement Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
05 May 2014  
12:00 1:00 p.m.**

**Mission Statement:**

The Washington County Quality Improvement Committee (QIC), working in partnership with the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), advocate for the client well-being by identifying areas of Improvement and promoting changes within the child welfare system

**Attending:** Lori Orton (DCFS Regional Director), Martha Beacco (Ast. CW), Shirley Owen (Community Member), Lori Short (CASA), Tyler Goddard (PITU), Ben Ashcraft (UFCF), Judy Bills (Community Member), Gordon Gunn (DCFS), Tami Fullerton ( WCYCC-JJS), Jana Timmons (WCSD), Kelly Stapley (DCFS), Creta Cheesman (WCSD), Camille (Foster Mom), Wayne Preston (Salvation Army)

**Excused:** Craig Bunnell

**Visitors:**

**Introductions/News/Announcements:** Kelly Stapley is the new CWA for the ST. George DCFS Office; he comes from Kanab and has many years of service with DCFS.

Wayne Preston works with the Elks Lodge and representative of the Salvation Army.

We will have other community members who will be participating – Debbie Justice, Julie Nelson (AAG) and Lindsey Boyer (Dove Center)

No QIC in July or December

**Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Shirley Owen 1<sup>st</sup> and Lori Short 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Committee Member Reports:**

- A. CJC:
- B. C.A.S.A.: Introducing
- C. Utah Foster Care: Ben Ashcraft is now the recruiter for Foster Families for Utah Foster Care.
- D. DJJS:
- E. School District: The Months of June, July and Aug. the School District Representative's will be out for the summer.
- F. Community Members:
- G. DCFS:

**Guest Speaker:** Lori Orton – Information on the CPR results. Lori will share the results from OSR (PowerPoint)

Lori is the Regional Administrator for 9 Counties – Washington, Iron, Beaver, Wayne, Garfield, Kane, Piute, Sevier and Millard.

CPR is a Case Process Review and the QCR is a State Wide Review

CPR looks at documentation with CPS, Foster Care and In-Home Services through SAFE and Green Binders. The Reviewers also interview the Supervisor and Case Worker. There is a lot of data and the bar has been set high.

Southwest Region has set the Standard and for 2014 is Best in State.

Foster Care – 94%

In-Home – 96%

Removal – 97%

CPS – 98% tied best in State

The State's Standard is set at 85%

Discussed CPS when a referral comes in –

Priorities 1, 2 and 3

Priority 1 is Immediate to see child

Priority 2 is within 24 hrs. see child

Priority 3 is within 3 working days

It is important that workers meet with Supervisors to do finishing touches so that the Standard of work continues to be met.

Home Works is a new approach for In-Home Workers and all Workers who are working with Families to continue to have Children stay in their own home. Workers will work closely with the Community and Partners to create a positive change.

If Children cannot be with their parents then we look at Kinship or another Care Taker.

Case Workers – Have to have a 4 yr. degree with Bachelors in Psychology, Sociology, Family Relations, and Criminal Justice etc... Workers can also earn their Masters with the 4-E program that will help pay their schooling and then stay on 2 additional yrs. with the State.

Pay increases are being looked at but there have not been any for a while.

In going training with –

Kevin Jackson

Cossette Mills

Linda Wininger (???)

Lori acknowledged the QIC Committee and expressed her appreciation for all of their time, service and commitment.

**DISMISS:** 1:05 p.m.

**Next Meeting: 02 June 2014**

**Public Comments** (brief mention of items that may be included on future agenda's)

**QIC Website:** QIC website at <http://www.utahqic.utah.gov/>. --Carol Miller

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