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Q.I.C. Meeting – June 9, 2015
11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

PRESENT: John Behn (QI Chairperson), Kobi Prettyman (Utah Foster Care Foundation), Rhonda Peterson (Carbon County Fairgrounds), Lori Savage (DCFS Associate Region Director), Carolyn O’Hearon & Rick O’Hearon (community members), (recorder) Gretchen Howell (DCFS)

ABSENT: Josie Luke, Shelley Wright, Patsy Buchmiller, Shawn Jack, Devin Edwards, Pastor Bob, Kevin Webb, Laurie Molinar

Attendance Roster:

John passed around the attendance sheet for everyone to sign.

May 2015 meeting minutes:

Gretchen sent out the May minutes, please respond to that email.

Status O’Hearon article:

The publisher needed verbal confirmation from the O’Hearon’s, which was received. The article was published in the June 2, newspaper. The article was titled, “Help or Hindrance?”

Status of Comments:

We received some comments from Roosevelt and Vernal. John read the comments. John would like the supervisors’ names of each office so he may write a personal letter to them requesting them to help support and facilitate the usage of the comment boxes. The state office is recognizing an employee from each office on a monthly basis. The QIC is looking for comments from both the community and DCFS personnel.

We will choose 2 employees from each office for incentive awards. Once incentive awards have been given out, the comment boxes may get some momentum.

We would like to nominate Travis Kelly and Fred Butterfield for QIC incentive awards. They will each get a paid day off, or \$200 cash award. Gretchen will forward the actual comments to Kevin Webb. Gretchen will create the QIC certificates. Will DCFS administration order the name plates for the plaques? Gretchen will save all the comment forms received. Gretchen will date stamp the comments received.

Eastern Region QCR Report:

Rick and Carolyn enjoyed participating in the Eastern Region QCR. They got a perspective of both sides of system. Rick’s thought his partner was fair. The O’Hearon’s recognized that caseworkers have a tough job. Caseworker’s take a lot of heat and blame. John had an “aha” moment when he saw the tremendous difficulty that a caseworker has to balance all aspects of the case, including the court, the family, policy, and the best interest of the child. Caseworkers are responsible for making hard decisions. We appreciate everyone who participated in the QCR. The O’Hearon’s would like to participate in the QCR again.

Report on Support Group Subcommittee:

Kobi and Rhonda think we should create an invitation for community partner's to participate in the fall event. November 3 is an election day. We don't think the event being on an election day would be a problem. Is there any harm in inviting the public? If the public is invited, we would have no idea how many people would attend. John was thinking of inviting the community partners first and then perhaps invite the public at another event. Community members could attend, or they could be a presenter, or they have a booth that provides information. If we don't get a large enough response, we should reach out to the community partners and request they participate. We could do a working potluck lunch. The length of the event will be based on the number of presenters. We could call this a Community Fair, Community Outreach or something similar. We need to get this information out if we are going to schedule this for November. We don't have the time to get everything accomplished during QIC meetings. We can utilize email to bounce ideas and communicate. Kobi and Rhonda will draft an invitation.

Nomination of new Eastern Region QIC Committee Chairperson:

John has been chairing this meeting for well over 2 ½ years; it is time for opportunity for another person to become the chair. Does the committee want to table this or create a nomination process? If anyone would like to volunteer, please do so. John is okay with continuing as chair until such time as another expresses interest in becoming the chair. We will revisit this in the fall it will be on the September agenda. All approved this.

QIC Goals:

Are there areas that DCFS would like the QIC to focus on? John requests that the region administrators would like QIC to work on that would be most productive and beneficial for the entire region. We would look at these ideas and choose a few for new goals.

Misc:

John will be out of town in August. Do want to postpone the QIC meeting in August or have someone take over as chair? We will not hold an August meeting. We need to communicate via email regarding the November community event and be prepared for the September meeting.

John would like the committee members to know which community partners want to participate in the outreach event. John could set up a Drop Box account, where we can all view the information.

Adjourned:

We motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:26 p.m. Our next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2015, at 11:00 a.m.