

Q.I.C. Meeting – July 14, 2015
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: John Behn (QI Chairperson), Kobi Prettyman (Utah Foster Care Foundation), Kevin Webb (DCFS), Rhonda Peterson (Carbon County Fairgrounds), Carolyn O’Hearon & Rick O’Hearon (community members), Patsy Buchmiller (Health Care Nurse), Shelley Wright (CJC), Bob Wells (First Baptist Church in Price), (recorder) Lisa Shook (DCFS)

ABSENT: Lori Savage, Josie Luke, Shawn Jack, Devin Edwards, Pastor Bob, Laurie Molinar, Gretchen Howell

Attendance Roster:

John passed around the attendance roster for signatures and asked for introductions.

Consideration of DCFS Employee Nominations

We had additional nominations that Gretchen discovered, but we do not have them today. We’ll discuss this at the next meeting.

Eastern Region QCR Report

Pastor Wells had the privilege of participating in QCR and got to know about a couple of cases. He gained in sight of DCFS and how they work with people. The people he talked to still had issues but were pleased with DCFS. He would like to participate in QCR again. John added he was amazed at the amount of input they accepted from him. They warmly accepted his thoughts and ideas. DCFS goes out of their way to make sure the program is a success. He appreciates how community members are treated.

Report on DCFS Quarterly Award Presentations

John made two presentations for Fred Butterfield and Travis Kelly. He thought it was a pleasant experience. Many people didn’t know what QIC was about. John had a chance to share what the committee does and how they appreciate the workers. John talked with them about the UA study and the Family Bill of Rights. It was a chance to share information and get one of our products used more fully. It was well worth the effort and time. Kevin received positive feedback and they appreciated John travelling to do it. Kevin will continue to encourage the people to put nominations in the boxes.

Kevin gave a report on the UA proposal and how it could be used region wide to regulate how we use UA’s to make sure they’re used efficiently. Keith Beard has been given the assignment to look at the proposal and work on it.

Kevin hasn’t heard a lot of the Family Bill of Rights. It’s good to know that it’s out there. It’s on the DCFS webpage. John said they need help getting workers to understand how they could use it as a tool. It might be helpful to send it out as an email with link. John wrote it down as an action item.

Report on Support Group Subcommittee

We decided the community awareness would replace it.

Report on Community Information Subcommittee

Kobi came up with an invitation and asked for input. The date needs to be changed because it falls on CWI training. Kevin said it's good and timely because it falls in conjunction with the new Home Works training. The suggestion was made that workers are required to attend. The 10th will work for the Fairgrounds. Kobi will check with Melissa. The committee agreed to change the word Consortium to Awareness. If this event turns out well, we'll consider making it an annual event and possibly opening it to the public. All were in favor of the new title "Community Resource Awareness". We could have the starting time 9:00 a.m. and then leave the ending time open until we see how many people respond. We're not meeting next month. Everyone is good with the changes and Kobi sending it out. Kobi will confirm the date with Rhonda. Kobi will ask Rebecca Mason to forward it to the ICC Committee.

Home Works

Kevin gave everyone a hand out for Home Works. The supervisors have been trained in the program and how to coach the workers. It came about as a demonstration project of a federal waiver; Title IV-E which helps us to fund the care of foster children. We're able to use a waiver in using the money we save to keep children in their own homes. If it's not possible we will begin a discussion about how to get them back home as soon as possible. Kevin explained what "Evidence Based" meant. There's a certain standard you must reach to be put in the California Clearing House. Utah is the 4th region to get it. Utah started it a couple of years ago in Northern Region. There are five factors that make a difference. The Division will be assessing them and figuring out how to strengthen the factors to keep the child in the home. Home Works provides the framework. UFACET will also be used as a tool to help. It will give us the information needed in order to assess/provide the families with what they need. Kevin explained it's not about compliance; it's about transformation. It's more about engaging the families and less about punitive. CPS will not just investigate but be used to engage families and build protective factors to keep the children home. Kevin explained the hand outs and how the program will work. Workers will attend the training and then have a series of brown bags to talk about how it's being implemented. John sees a change in that DCFS isn't looking at the child alone but the whole family. It can be traumatizing to remove a child and it can impact them developmentally so we have to look at that in the assessment. John asked how we're going to identify the trigger points of a family; so much of it is generational and cultural. Shelley explained the UFACET will help workers to get their background history and information to help assess the family. It will help give direction and what resources are needed. If we bolster the protective factor we won't have multi-generational. It will empower families and teams. The courts and attorneys will also be trained. That will be a challenge because it's a paradigm shift. One challenge will be to really engage the family. The practice talks will help. Every activity we do will be addressing one of the five areas and bolstering it. The current research involves U of U, a University in Florida and one in Colorado. They're looking at success on several different levels. It could take up to two years to see the benefits of the program.

Nomination of New Eastern Region OIC Committee Chairperson

John has enjoyed being the chairperson of this committee. It's been a rewarding experience. He asked if anyone else would like the opportunity to be the Chairperson. John enjoys the position. No one volunteered themselves for the position. Patsy motioned to keep John and all agreed He'll give it another year and then we can revisit a new nomination.

Next Meeting

John will not be here the beginning of August. We can still email each other. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 1st.

Items for the next agenda will be: Employee Nominations and Community Resource Awareness.

John asked Kevin to notify them when nominations are accepted. Kevin will take the message back.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.