

**Washington County DCFS Child Welfare
Quality Improvement Committee
Meeting Agenda
03 August 2015
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: Craig Bunnell (Chair), Martha Beacco, Lori Orton, Karen Goff, Dave Ribacchi, Mike Beacco, Kelly Stapley, Vickie Schouten, Debbie Justice, Lori Short, Brandon Thorton,

Excused:

Visitors:

Introductions/News/Announcements:

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Dave Ribacchi 1st, Vickie Schouten 2nd

Committee Member Reports:

- A. CJC:
- B. C.A.S.A.:
- C. Utah Foster Care:
- D. DJJS:
- E. School District:
- F. Community Members:
- G. DCFS:

HomeWorks: Kelly talked about the 2nd round of HomeWorks Eval. will be coming out next week. There should be a report compiled with saturation levels for the whole region.

- Kelly will see if we can have someone discuss the results in Sept. or Oct.

QCR: So. West Region had 20 cases pulled. ST. George will have their review 16th & 17th of Sept. As a region it will start on 14 Sept.

CPR: We should have final results from CPR in Oct. Brad McGarry may be able to come and discuss the results in Oct.

Fatality Review Committee:

Kelly will look into what can be shared. Fatality Review Committee looks at everyone who has been served in the last year. (Adults, Children etc.)

AGENDA:

Craig: Looking at the Utah Code 62A-4a-117 Performance monitoring system – Annual report

- (1) As used in the section:
 - (a) “Committee” means the state qualitative improvement committee, established by the division to provide community and professional input on the performance of the division.
 - (b) “Performance indicators” means actual performance in the program, activity, or other function for which there is a performance standard.
 - (c)

- (i) Performance standards “means the targeted or expected level of performance of each area in the child welfare system, including:
 - (A) Child protection services;
 - (B) Adoption;
 - (C) Foster care; and
 - (D) Other substitute care.
- (ii) “Performance standards” includes the performance goals and measures in effect in 2008 that the division was subject to under federal court oversight, as amended pursuant to Subsection (2), including:
 - (A) The qualitative case review; and
 - (B) The case process review

I have added the rest of the information as an attachment since a hand out was provided.

070.2 Quality Improvement Committees

Practice Guidelines

The purpose of the section is to outline Quality Improvement Committee (QIC), region, and State Office responsibilities that support QIC activities required by the Performance Milestone Plan, the 2007 stipulations pertaining to the exit of that plan, and activities expected of COS CITIZEN Review Panels (CRP’s) as mandated by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA)

- A. Each region is required to establish, maintain, and support a Regional QIC.
 - 1. Each Regional QIC will be composed of citizen and community partners living or practicing within a region’s jurisdiction.
 - 2. Each Regional QIC will be led by a citizen chair.
 - 3. Each Regional QIC will conduct at least ten monthly meetings every year.
 - 4. At least yearly, each Regional QIC will invite the following agencies to a committee meeting and receive reports that relate to child welfare trends or the status of child welfare services;
 - a. The Office of Services Review (OSR) will report on QCR and CPR outcomes.
 - b. The Office of Child Protection Ombudsman will report on trends pertaining to client and consumer complaints about services delivered by Child and Family Services.
(Ombudsman - If the person who has concerns has exhausted all means prior to contacting Ombudsman they will then investigate. Region will then follow up).
 - c. The DHS fatality Review Committees will present the Fatality Review Report.
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 - 5. Regional QICs may review Child and Family Services’ policies and procedures and data to develop recommendations designed to improve processes and outcomes relating to Child and Family Services’ Child Protective Services (CPS), foster care, in-home, transition to adult living, domestic violence, kinship, and other programs and services. **(MICS are used to update Policy and Procedures, these go a little deeper to govern the programs)**
 - 6. Acting as the CRP as required to CAOTA Regional QICs will examine policies, procedures, and practices, and specific cases when appropriate, to evaluate the responsibilities in accordance with provision specified in 107.c CAPTA. **(Policy and Procedure can be looked at)**
 - 7. All recommendations of action plans developed by Regional QICs will be in writing and conveyed to both the regional office they represent and Child and Family Services’ administration. **(Lori, Kelly, Deputy Directors and Brent Platt)**

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- Look at having the City Council make a Proclamation that they care about the children in our community. Improve the State of the children.
- What about the City Council.

Continue to look at – HomeWorks (website is user friendly), Community, and Gaps in Resources
Look at the barriers – what are we missing

The Division has a New Division Director Ann Williamson.

Interface – System of Care

Looking at Louisiana –

- Funding resources always a barrier
- Able to break them down
- People coming together to free up funding
- Community Leaders
- Legislation/Counsel

HomeWorks and System care can get consumed. HomeWorks are important and are a critical turning of a Philosophy. We need to bring things together. Present to community leaders.

What do we have and what are we missing?

Ann Williamson will be going to Washington DC to present what Utah is doing and present to Congress

We need to pick a focus –

What are we lacking? What needs to be filled?

The concern is there is overlapping. There are funding sources that are close but not there yet.

Ex. Clothes, gifts etc. Is there a way to spread it out?

ST. George has a new program called Switch Point- maybe look at inviting them to attend and present.

We need an Action Plan and focus on it.

Craig announced that he will be stepping down as Chair and that we need a Co-Chair as well.

Lori Orton asked to be dismissed for Sept. she has other commitments.

Debbie Justice is retiring at the end of September. Suzanne Leonelli will start 1st Sept. 435-673-5353 ext. 101

I have been asked to add two new people to our list. Tonya Jesienouski (School District) and Carol Halloway (Switchpoint)

DISMISS: 1:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: 14 Sept. 2015

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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