

**South West Regional DCFS Child Welfare
Quality Improvement Committee
Meeting Minutes
11 January 2016
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: Dave Ribacchi (Chair), Martha Beacco, Kelly Stapley, Lori Short, Karen Goff, Steve Staneart, Denim Lyman, Mike Beacco, Vickie Schouten, Denim Lyman - **Attending in Cedar:** Lori Orton, Ben Ashcraft (Co-Chair), Amy Bates, Jodi Simmons

Excused: Tami Fullerton, Gloria Schow, Lindsey Boyer Jana Timmons,

Visitors: Steve Staneart (Salvation Army), Denim Lyman (Voc. Rehab)

Introductions/News/Announcements: Steve Staneart from the Salvation Army will now be attending. He is the 1st Employee in the South West Region. He will offer basic services and granting "Grants". He will reach out to communities as far as Beaver.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Lori Short 1st, Kelly Stapley 2nd

Committee Member Reports:

- A. CJC:
- B. C.A.S.A.: New Training for CASA's start this Wednesday 13 Jan. 16
- C. Utah Foster Care: Teen Forum – Foster Parents who care of teens. Date: 20 Jan. 16 Time: 6-8 p.m.
- D. DJJS:
- E. School District:
- F. Community Members:
- G. DCFS:

AGENDA: Kristen West from the University of Utah HomeWorks Project. (Handout Provided)-attached The So. West Region is implementing HomeWorks and how this is being done in the field 70% of workers are using HomeWorks.

Mike Beacco – The State's Philosophy is to provide case intervention and address abuse and neglect as well as providing services without children going in to Foster Care.

The New Focus and Idea is to reduce "safely" the need for Foster Care because research shows that children experience trauma when coming into Foster Care. In-Home workers are trying to maintain Safety in the home while working with the families by using the 5 Protective Factors

There are 5 Protective Factors:

- Resilience
- Knowledge of Child's Development
- Emotional and Physical
- Concrete Services

- Parent Social Connections

We acknowledge the different area's and use the tools to fine the strengths and needs of the Family.

Denim – Is this a new approach? Northern Region started 2 yrs. ago, So. West Region has been on board for over a year, but the whole State will be participating. The children are still in the home. Everyone has been trained and on board (Judges, Attorney, Staff etc.)

Hand out - Attachment

Utah is getting National Recognition for this and Congress is watching. Other States have come to Utah to see how this Program is working. If showing Success other states will pick it up.

Kristen was thanked for presenting this information to the QIC Committee.

What is it primarily assessing?

UFAUCET is the tool

Strengths and weaknesses

Helps to develop a Service Plan

Identifying Goals to work toward

This is used for CFTM's (Child and Family Team Meetings)

What is the Scale of 0 thru 3?

- 0 is the best
- 1 is keep an eye on the thing's
- 2 address an issue
- 3 need immediate attention

Foster Care is also implementing the 5 Protective Factors in reunifying with families.

It is also used with CPS from the start.

Are the documents hard copy or on-line? Workers have computer access.

DISMISS: 1:00 p.m. Dave and Ben will let me know if they are planning to continue at Voc. Rehab.

Next Meeting: 01 Feb. 2016

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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