

**South West Regional DCFS Child Welfare
Quality Improvement Committee
Meeting Minutes
22 Feb. 2016
12:00 1:00 p.m.**

Mission Statement:

The Southwest Region 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, Kyle Garrett, Kelly Stapley, Karen Goff, Tami Fullerton, Julie Nelson, Mike Beacco, Vickie Schouten, Jana Timmons –

Attending in Cedar: Robert Johnson, Bruce Zylkes, Amy Bates

Excused: Lori Orton, Lindsay Boyer, Ben Ashcraft (Co-Chair), Lori Short, Craig Bunnell

Visitors:

Introductions/News/Announcements: Dave presenting Strategy and Planning Meeting (Proposed) Handout attached.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Committee Member Reports:

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

AGENDA: Recorder was started at 12:15 p.m. Kyle Garrett – Presentation on 070.2 Quality Improvement Committees Practice Guidelines
Handout attached.

QIC was established to help with the Performance Milestone Plan, the 2007 stipulation pertaining to the exit of the plan. It was also established so that the community would have a better understanding of what the Division of Child and Family Services provides to the So. West Region and what the committee can do to help provide community input for change as needed. There is a lot of miscommunication in what we do and how we do things. (Ex. - from being accused of baby snatching to not do anything at all)

We want the community to know who we are and how we function as an agency. QIC Committee can help others be more understanding and help change the image.

Dave – wondering about other programs using the UFAUSET so that it becomes a standard for other's to use in schools, CASA's etc...He would like to see the language become common and to help others to understand.

UFAUSET is more of an assessment tool.

The Agency would like to have genuine feedback and establish quality service to the community so that we all work together to be safe.

The committee is to be an advocate. (Ex. – the QIC committee was able to voice concerns for youth who are in TAL and how to access funds better and when there are emergencies)

QIC has been able to address certain barriers.

Kyle discussed the differences between QCR and CPR

QIC Committee can look at areas we need to improve on – (Ex. we need more Foster Families)

Why – because we end up placing youth in higher and more restrictive placements than what a youth may need.

Legislative Issues – licensing married and un-married families.

Kyle discussed who the QIC committee should be inviting to present.

QIC committee should be reviewing Policy and Procedures.

Kyle discussed the different trends that the agency looks at such as Foster Care and In-Home.

There need to be more resources for In-Home.

Vicki – commenting that there is some disconnect between the Schools and DCFS especially with In-Home cases.

Kelly informed the committee that he is meeting with the School Counselors in March.

Kelly discussed the Table of Six and working with the Judges so they can have a better understanding with the direction the Agency is going.

Tami – brought up the question about the CAOTA 107.c and what it is.

CPR looks at CPS and obtaining the data on supported and unsupported cases.

Kyle informed the committee that if they have any questions or concerns to please call him or Lori Orton so they could help answer any questions.

Meeting was adjourned.

DISMISS: 1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: 07 March 2016

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

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