

**South West Regional DCFS Child Welfare
Quality Improvement Committee
Meeting Notes
07 March 2016
12:00 1:00 p.m.**

Mission Statement:

The South West Regional 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, Tara Taysom, Lori Short

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

Excused: Lori Orton, Ben Ashcraft, Vicki Schouten, Jana Timmons, Lindsey Boyer, Tami Fullerton, Craig Bunnell

Visitors: Tara Taysom – Social Worker for the Paiute Tribe, lives in Cedar.

Introductions/News/Announcements: Kelly Stapley will be meeting with the Washington Co. School Dist. Counselors.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Kelly Stapley 1st, Bruce Zylkes 2nd

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:

Action items:

1. 2016 Schedule (needs motion for discussion and adoption)

03/07/2016: Roll-out

04/04/2016: Guest

05/02/2015: Roll out

06/06/2016: Guest

07/07/2016: No meeting holiday? (Sigh)

08/01/2016: Recommendations

09/12/2016: Guest Speaker + 15 minutes of Road Map items
10/03/2016: Agree on recommendations (Oct. Office of Review)
11/07/2016: Ditto
12/05/2016: Wrap up year and draft 2016 YE report

- **There will be No scheduled meeting on 5 Dec. 2016**
- **Look at Oct. to have the Office of Review to come visit.**
- **Do wrap up year and draft 2016 YE report in Nov.**

2. Guest Speakers:

Set criteria (service provider, adoption service, foster parents, etc. and suggested length of presentation (discuss, and motion to adopt) Set list and recruiters

- **Kyle gave some direction/input on what the purpose for QIC and guest speakers who could present.**
- **Law Enforcement was a thought (would that fall under CPS)**
- **Possible Guest Speakers: OCPO, Fatality Review Board, OSR, CPS info and look at the School Counselors coming to present. Where we can do better and some are systemic issues.**
- **School Counselor would be good. Informational. Be more involved, 2 way proposition for the Schools and DCFS. 30 minute presentation. Policy and Procedure. What is working and what is not.**
- **Look at OSR and CPS presenting in the same time frame**
- **Come back and refine in our own recommendations. Look at end of the year final report.**
- **Ways to improve DCFS and be successful and would help QIC.**
- **Help with Adoption Services and provide info at their meetings.**

3. Initiate recommendations: list, revisit monthly to rate/rank (submissions are always open)

- **Dave will send Martha a feedback request to send out to the QIC committee.**
- **Right a snap shot of what is being talked about. Have a standard process.**

4. Set visitors to Cedar City

- **Ben and Dave will rotate each meeting to attend in Cedar
Dave will go to Cedar in April**
- **Amy suggesting School Counselors in Iron County to visit.
Jodi Simmons and Ashley Whiting (Cedar Middle)**

5. Set DCFS "appreciation" & create sub-committee

- **March is Social Worker Month**

Look at nominations (Ast. CW, CW, Supervisor)

Pot Luck

Recognitions

Comment Box

- Funding is an issue
- Decorations out of pocket. (GAL)
- Foster Foundation did a lot (Awards)
- Vickie and Mill Creek did a lot for the luncheon
- Would have to involve all of So. West Region
- Other private agencies did food baskets and did a letter recognizing the workers.
- It was a Big deal recognizing the workers.
- Keeping moral and helping with change. It was well planned.
- So. West Region has approximately 112 Workers
- Sub-Committee – Tara Taysom, Amy Bates and Lori Short will come up with some ideas in the next two weeks and bring them back to the Committee

Guest Speakers for April – School Counselors for Washington Co. and Iron County

DISMISS: 12:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: 04 April 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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