

**South West Regional DCFS Child Welfare
Quality Improvement Committee
Meeting Minutes
12 Sept. 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: ST. George: Dave Ribacchi, Ben Ashcraft, Martha Beacco Kelly Stapley, Tami Fullerton, Lori Short, Karen Goff, Emilie Barragan

Cedar City: Lori Orton, Tyler Goddard, Tara Taysom, Amy Bates

Excused: Jodi West, Jana Timmons,

Visitors: Nickie Stocks

Introductions/News/Announcements:

Nickie: 5 minutes "Washington Co. School Dist.

Nickie worked for DCFS for 21 yrs. She retired in April of 2015. Vickie and Nickie worked together to make sure the School Dist. received all the information concerning YIC.

Vickie was retiring from the School Dist., her position became available and Nickie was hired. Nickie goes to the schools and talks with the youth ages K-5th grade. Nickie talks with the kids about what they need to succeed. Nickie has been working with the School Dist. now 3 ½ weeks on reading programs, sharing info. and applying for a grant through the Elks Program. Nickie is reading with the kids and feels things are going well at her end.

Introduction of New Committee Member Nickie Stocks was accepted as a New Community Member. Tami Fullerton 1st and Tara McCormick 2nd the motion.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Kelly approved

Committee Member Reports:

- A. CJC:
- B. C.A.S.A.: Training Starts for New Casa's 29 Sept 2016. GAL's Office has hired a NEW GAL Joseph Farnsworth. He will start at the end of Sept. He served previously as a Public Defender.
- C. Utah Foster Care: Pro Amateur Golf Tournament being held from 21-24 Sept. at Sand Hollow Park in ST. George. Utah Foster Care Foundation will be the recipient. Governor Michael Leavitt. They are looking for more teams to participate. Cost \$2500.00. – Flyer attached.
There will be Media Day on Thursday 15 Sept. at 12:00 Noon. With Devin Dixon and nick Killpack. There will also be a Silent Auction.
Utah Foster Care Learning Lunch 4 Oct. 2016 in ST. George on Riverside Dr. at 491 E. Suite 2B. Call Cliff Farnsworth at 435-656-8065 if there are any questions. – Flyer attached
- D. DJJS: Hope Program will open up 20th or 21st Oct. If there are no openings in other Programs or Other Programs saying NO please contact Becky Johnson, she will need all the information to place a youth in the "Hope" program here in ST. George.
- E. School District:

F. Community Members:

G. DCFS: Kelly - DCFS to be able to use a tele-video-conferencing for foster parents training. Check to see who has that capability/equipment.

H. Paiute Tribe: Annual Spirit Run is a community event for Boys 13 & Up. Saturday 24 Sept. 2016 – Flyer attached

AGENDA:

QIC Appreciation Committee for DCFS - Dave has asked Ben to Mentor a Committee for this.

Robert's Rules – Dave would like to see this implemented. Dave sent a simple revised copy to Martha.

End of year recommendations – Foster Care, Courts issues etc...

Dave will re-write them and fit them into a format to be presented. Idea's and tools are to help the system for DCFS work more efficiently and would it be a help.

Televised/Video Conferencing – Voc. Rehab and Work Force Services have this Capability. Robert Johnson from Cedar also looked into the Capability through the Utah Educational Network, but there also may be a cost associated with it.

Other Possible Programs – Join Me – Join Now (A MAC does not work with this program) More like Skype it's a live video feed.

The University of Utah uses "Zoom".

DOBY Connect – Small Groups

Youth Correction in Cedar has a Tele. Conference

DCFS was to look at resources, but the Utah Foster Care Foundation would do the follow up.

There was a joint meeting with Licensing, DCFS and others to discuss the challenges that are being faced with not having enough Foster Families being available for placement and the increase in numbers of children coming into care.

There is a follow up meeting in a few weeks to help meet the needs of the Division.

The issue is not finding or recruiting Families, the issues is availability, getting trained, getting families Graduated from the program, being able to use technology, accessibility and waiting for training to come in certain areas. We end up losing a lot of great families because of the time lapse and interest.

Families receive 32 hrs. of Class room training

3 ½ hrs. of Webinar training

7: 15-20 minute short clip videos.

Trainings happens – 3 or 4 times a year in ST. George

3 or 4 times a year in Cedar City

Other months are in Richfield, Manti and Kanab.

Both Potential Foster Parents have to attend – it's 2 nights a week for a month from 5-9 p.m. In

smaller areas the classes are taught in 2 weekends all day Friday 2-10 p.m. and all day Saturday 2-10 p.m.

There have been some changes –

- Packets are stream lined so that you can type on the computer or scan them in.
- There is a Central Intake for Licensing. All paperwork is received there and once all documents are obtained, paperwork is sent to the assigned Licensor.
- CPR and First aid are now on line as well.

Recognition Luncheon: Lori would like to thank the QIC Committee for all the hard work that went into the Luncheon. A special thank you to Tyler Goddard and Tara McCormick for the beautiful medallions, there was a lot of feedback on the uniqueness of them. Also, that as an Administrator she was able to secure cash incentives to all the recipients.

DISMISS: 1:00 p.m. Tammy motioned for dismissal.

Next Meeting: **03 Oct. 2016**
07 Nov. 2016
NO DECEMBER
09 Jan. 2017
06 Feb. 2017

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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