

## **Eastern Region QIC: 10/03/16**

**Present:** John Behn (QIC Chairman), Shelley Bogdin (DCFS), Kobi Prettyman (UFCF), Ronda Peterson (Community Member), Quinn Nelson (LDS Social Services), Lori Savage (DCFS), Shelley Wright (CJC), Louise Warburton (DCFS)

**Absent:** Bobby Brady, Josie Luke, Rick O'Hearon, Bob Wells, Patsy Buchmiller, Laurie Molinar, Liz Ferguson

**Welcome:** John welcomed everyone to the Eastern Region QIC meeting and asked for introduction and to sign the attendance roster. John thanked everyone for coming since we changed the meeting date. Remember that we don't meet on Mondays if it falls on a Holiday. Just a reminder that we are striving to serve a public meeting. Everything needs to be on the agenda ahead of time if it needs to be voted on. The QIC meeting recording must be sent to Carol Miller within 24 hours and typed minutes within three weeks of the meeting. We have a guest Louise Warburton that will be doing a presentation. There are no other guests or new committee members.

**Introduction of & approval of new members of the Committee:** None

**Presentation by Louise Warburton, Vernal DCFS Office:** Louise has a deep interest in children that are moved around frequently. The message that we are sending to these kids are trash bag kids. Louise said in January she got to go to the CJC conference in San Diego. One of the speakers was a girl that was in foster care and had been removed as a child. She said when she was taken from her home. She felt there was no emotion during the removal but the caseworkers kept saying to her it was going to be ok. They took her belongings out of her home with a black roll of trash bags. It's one of the main things that stuck out in Louise's mind. The 2<sup>nd</sup> time she was removed she was called trash by her foster parent and he said "get that trash out of their home". It hit home when the Vernal Office received so many cases in 10 days. We were taking the kid's belongings out in trash bags. Louise said she talked to Shawn Jack concerning funding and he wants the Eastern area to have these duffle bags to help move the kids stuff. Louise played a documentary called removed. The movie was made by a young girl as part of her recovery. We want to make sure we are not portraying that these kids are trash. The bags cost about \$3.60 a bag. She feels we could get the bags down to \$2.10 if we ordered in larger quantities. These bags would stay with the kids. There are color options available. John said it would be good if we had someone in each area that could do embroidering for the child's name. Louise said she found out as a DCFS employee we could not solicit donations for the embroidering. John said we need to do everything to humanize this situation as much as possible. We need to minimize the trauma of a removal. Rhonda suggested maybe having a bag label that they can attach. Shelley W. said if we could get donations for the thread maybe we could find a business that would donate their time. She asked if QIC can write grants. She has experience writing grants and can fill out a donations request form. It would be a statewide program. Quinn said part of the process could be a challenge getting the bags back and forth to the child. Anything we could do to personalize it would be good. The committee could reach out to resources and partners. Shelley W. said if we had a letter head to put our purpose on how we are trying to improve the removal process. The funds can't be given to DCFS. Kobi suggested having this meeting with Louise in cluster groups to have foster families involved. John asked Kobi if they could manage the funds through foster care. John asked if we already have a letterhead. Louise said another possibility is paint or puffy paint. It's a great way to personalize it and for the child to have control over the situation. Louise will get with Kobi about getting the foster parents involved. Kobi asked if we still

need to do the pass through funds for the paint. John would still like to get donations for the bags. We would like the committee members to get one business name that we would like to approach for our next meeting for company donations. John will email Louise on the name of the project. Kobi will find out if she can use the Foster Care Tax ID for a pass through of funds.

**Selection of Eastern Region DCFS Employees of the Quarter:** We will take a few minutes to review & discuss the nominations for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2016.

Roosevelt-Jasmine Hopkins  
Vernal-Louise Warburton  
Price-Mandy Mecham  
Castle Dale-Shellee Allred  
Blanding-Diane Bradford  
Moab-Terry Nixon

**Additional Business:** Rhonda said the Sun Advocate would like to do a resource directory. This would be available to individuals and all of the businesses. QIC could help in getting the information for the resource directory.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 11:00am