

West Virginia Commission to Study Residential Placement of Children Summary Notes

Group Meeting:
Quarterly Full Commission Meeting

Meeting Date: March 6, 2014
Location: Charleston Civic Center, Charleston, WV

Members Present: Cabinet Secretary Karen Bowling; Commissioner Nancy Exline; Stephanie Bond; Cindy Largent-Hill (representing Steve Canterbury); Susan Fry; Sheila Paitsel (representing Pat Homberg); Honorable Gary Johnson; Jackie Payne (representing Vickie Jones); Vickie Jones; Mike Lacy; Rhonda McCormick; Andrea Darr (representing Philip W. Morrison II); Charles K. Heinlein (representing Dr. James B. Phares); Honorable Philip M. Stowers; Nikki Tennis; Christina Mullins (representing Letitia Tierney); Steve Tuck; and Jacob Green.

Members Absent: Honorable Jack Alsop; Nancy Atkins; Honorable Scott Elswick; and Honorable Davis Hummel, Jr.

Guests Present: Debi Gillespie; Trudi Blaylock; Angie Hamilton; Raymona Preston; Karen Yost; Amy Lawson Booth; Linda Watts; Sheila Walker; Tricia Kingery; Kathy Szafran; Vicki Pleasant; Jessica Griffin; Caroline Duckworth; Tara Stevens; Joanne Dobrzanski; Linda Kennedy; Keith King; Lora Dunn; Chris Whitt; Donna Midkiff

Administrative Assistance: Linda Dalyai (BCF); Sue Hage (Deputy Commissioner)

Key Discussions	Key Decisions/Actions
<p><u>Opening</u></p> <p>Cabinet Secretary Karen Bowling welcomed members and guests.</p> <p>The meeting minutes of the December 5, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved.</p>	<p>❖ The December 5, 2013 meeting notes were approved and will be provided to members and posted on the Commission's website:</p> <p>http://www.wvdhhr.org/oos_comm/</p>
<p><u>Old Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Uniform Transition Plan</i> <p>The Uniform Transition Plan was finalized last week. A memorandum will be prepared advising workers where this information is to be maintained in FACTS.</p> <p>The Service Delivery and Development work group will meet to discuss how the Uniform Transition Plan will be shared with the transition specialists and counselors. Dr. Brady should be contacted to discuss if a workshop could be held at the Counselors annual conference.</p> <p><i>Chafee Eligibility Desk Guide</i></p> <p>The Chafee Eligibility Desk Guide was revised as recommended and provided.</p> <p><i>Out-of-State Consolidated Monitoring</i></p> <p>The Out-of-State Consolidated Monitoring Team Schedule for 2013 and 2014 was provided.</p> <p>The Deputy Commissioner for Office of Programs is aware of every child being placed in an out-of-state facility. However, more data is being collected on what each of these children need to remain in-state and/or at their own home.</p>	<p>❖ Commission members and guest will be sent a copy of the memorandum; it will also be posted on the Commission website.</p> <p>❖ Any additional comments or recommended changes to the Desk Guide should be sent to Nancy Exline.</p> <p>❖ Information regarding out-of-state monitoring will be provided at the next Commission meeting.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A best practice guideline is being developed that will focus on placement time frames and the need to keep children in-state when possible. • Children’s attorneys are also responsible for monitoring the time children spend in the custody of the Division of Juvenile Services. • A data report being developed will look at children aged 10 and older placed out-of-state by DHHR Region. Once the data is collected, additional individuals will be pulled together to determine what it will take to get these children back to WV. This report is expected to be released late summer. Once completed, this information will be used to determine what to do about the gaps and resources needed for these children. • The needs and treatment necessitated for children who are placed out-of-state are being reviewed. • Permanency for children is being looked at by incorporating elements of the Permanency Round Tables into the Regional Clinical Review Process. • The Child Placement Network recently had 159 vacancies. These vacancies could be providing placements options for some children placement out-of-state. 	<p>❖ A report of the percentage of vacancies to the total of all beds will be provided at the next meeting.</p>
<p><u>New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Providers Study of Barriers Presentation</i> <p>A brochure entitled “<i>Be the 1 Change to a Child’s Life by Helping Us Champion 3 Critical Issues</i>” was provided at the meeting.</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding the “<i>WV Providers Survey – Issues and Barriers.</i>” Below are four barrier themes that were discussed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessed Needs: Develop, redesign and deliver services based on the assessed needs of the child and family. 2. Workforce Development and Retention: Invest in a public/private partnership that supports workforce development and retention. 3. Regulations: Re-examine current regulations to determine validity, reduce duplication, and promote achievability. 4. Comprehensive System of Care: Establish and fund a comprehensive system of care. <p>The Child Care Providers survey listed five ways that can help assist children:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use and distribute the WV Providers Directory. 2. Refer children to quality services provided right here at home. 3. Check out resources and trainings provided on www.wvcca.org. 4. Support their advocacy efforts. 5. Consider them a resource. <p>The IV-E waiver provides an opportunity to use individualized wrap-a-round services to work with children and their families. This redesign and other projects will allow us to address barriers identified by this survey. We need</p>	

to be more integrated.

- ***Application for iPhone and Android Phones***

Andrea Darr provided a brief overview of a directory of services application that is offered for the I-Phone. The application is expected to be available for the Android phones soon. Bordering state will be asked if they would like to participate by submitting information to this application.

- ***Commission's Annual Report***

Cabinet Secretary Karen Bowling gave a presentation on the Commission's Annual Report "*Advancing New Outcomes*". The report includes:

- A message from both Secretary Bowling and Bureau for Children and Families' Commissioner, Nancy Exline.
- The 2013 Commission membership and the importance for collaboration with the Commission's workgroups and other supportive groups.
- Preface includes important dates regarding the Commission
- Table of Contents
- Defining the Population of Focus and the Commission's "working definition for out-of-state"
- Pivotal Accomplishment from 2006-2012
- The Power of Collaboration and the Priority Goals (original recommendations) for 2013 through 2015
- Key Accomplishments of 2013
- Moving Forward in 2014 (Next Steps)
- Appendix A – the Commission's Performance Scorecards for each month in 2012 and 2013.
- Appendix B – Data report on the Target Population that represents 207 youth out-of-state on December 2013 who are placed in group residential and Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) and who are 50 miles beyond the WV border.
- Appendix C – Includes the working groups of the Commission (Service Delivery & Development and the System of Care Implementation Team).
- Appendix D – Additional Groups Supporting Goals of the Commission (Court Improvement Program; Education of Children in Out-of-Home Care Advisory Committee; National Governor's Association Three Branch Institute on Child Social and Emotional Well-Being; and Adjudicated Juvenile Rehabilitation Review Commission (AJRRC).

- ***2013 Three Branch Institute on Child Social and Emotional Well-Being***

Cabinet Secretary Karen Bowling discussed the 2013 Three Branch Institute strives to reduce the number of children in out-of-home care. Some of the work include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) HealthCheck identified significant delays before information is known. ○ Dr. Lewis is piloting a pediatric trauma screening which is to occur by May 1, 2014, and will be the first such screening in the nation. ○ Wrap-around services in communities will assist in mental and behavioral health. ○ Children receiving three or more psychotropic medications will be reviewed to determine the medications that are being prescribed and if these medications are appropriate given the child's diagnosis. <p>• Children in Out-of-Home Care Education Advisory Committee</p> <p>Jacob Green will be representing the Department of Education and replace Fran Warsing on the Commission. Fran will be retiring, but will continue to be involved with children in out-of-home placements.</p> <p>Jacob Green provided an update on the Children in Out-of-Home Care Education Advisory Committee. The Committee is working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Longitudinal study was approved to look at children in out-of-home placements. ○ Personnel from the WV Department of Education will have an increased presence at the MDT hearings. ○ Nikki Tennis developed and distributed a survey to Superintendents from 16 districts. Nikki plans to refine the survey and ensure more participation. ○ "Reconnecting Children" – children placed out-of-state and returning to West Virginia. ○ Look at children placed out of state in regular education. ○ Supporting McKinney-Vento that provides federal funding to states for the purpose of supporting district programs that serve homeless students. All children homeless (and placed in foster care) are supported by the McKinney Vento Act regardless of whether the school is funded. ○ A checklist on educational rights is to be revised and distributed by June 2014. <p>• Court Improvement Program (CIP) Update</p> <p>Nikki Tennis provided an update on the Court Improvement Program that included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The next CIP meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2014. They will be working on a "runaway protocol." ○ Trainings are scheduled for July 7-8, 2014 in Bridgeport and on July 11, 2014 in Charleston. ○ Currently there is four staff on the New View project, and 3-4 more will be hired. 	
<p><u>Commission Member Reflections/Requests</u></p>	

<p>The June 2014 Commission meeting will be held in a local community; more information will be provided at a later date.</p>	
<p><u>2014 Quarterly Meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 5, 2014 or TBA (community Location) • September 4, 2014 • December 4 2014 <p>Meetings are from 10:30AM through 1:30PM. Lunch is provided.</p>	