

## DHS Child Welfare Advisory Committee (CWAC) Mtg Minutes

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** DHS, Room 352 (third floor)

**Members:**

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| ✓ Lois Day           | Leah Hall         | Pam Patton          |
| ✓ Dana Ainam         | ✓ Tonia Hunt      | ✓ Judge Tracy Prall |
| ✓ Sherri L. Alderman | Christine Kirk    | ✓ Angela Sherbo     |
| Janet Arenz          | Debbie Kraus-Dorn | ✓ Carrie Rasmussen  |
| ✓ Mike Balter        | ✓ Lisa McMahan    | ✓ Wenonoa Spivak    |
| Iris Bell            | Mike Maryanov     | ✓ Ruth Taylor       |
| Cindy Burlingame     | ✓ Leola McKenzie  |                     |
| Don Darland          | Jerry Moore       |                     |

**Guests:**

Denise Swanson – Early Learning Council  
Amy Baker – Child & Family Manager AMH-OHA

Minutes Recorded By Cheyloa Chase

Item	Presenter
<p><b>Welcome, Introductions, Announcements, Review Minutes/Agenda</b> <b>Review and approval of minutes of Nov 12<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Balter is retiring. Lois &amp; Michael will be working together to identify another Chair and transition.</li> <li>• Nov minutes approved.</li> </ul>	<p>Michael Balter</p>
<p><b>Office of Business Intelligence –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gave update on ROM system data access.</li> <li>• Reviewed handout of screen shots of webpage (available on website).</li> <li>• Access public data site at: <a href="https://rom.socwel.ku.edu/Oregon_Public/MyHome.aspx">https://rom.socwel.ku.edu/Oregon_Public/MyHome.aspx</a></li> <li>• Goal is to have new CPS reports out late summer.</li> <li>• Since Oct 1, 2014 data site has had 657 visits.</li> <li>• Due to confidentiality requirements, some masking of numbers is happening. Structural pieces of the masking need work and goal is to have those issues resolved with next release.</li> <li>• Data can be pulled by quarter with Dec quarter end having a 6 week lag to allow data entry.</li> </ul>	<p>Angela Long</p>
<p><b>CJA Presentation (Children’s Justice Act)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In process of evaluating the work they have done over the previous 3 years.</li> <li>• Working on setting priorities for the new grant cycle, 2015-2018.</li> <li>• Survey results – Survey ended in Dec but extended deadline to January 5<sup>th</sup> due to low participation. As of today, have approximately 20% return.</li> <li>• Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) – 2 part project funded by CJA last year. Chris Carrie, researcher from PSU, collecting state wide statistical information about what CSEC cases look like and the</li> </ul>	<p>Carrie Rasmussen</p>

<p>development of matrix or training assistance for first line responders. Second component is having Joslyn Baker come to Hood River County.</p>	
<b>Break</b>	
<p><b>Early Learning Council – Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Denise is one of two Early Learning HUB managers.</li> <li>• Purpose is to give technical assistance to the different HUB's across the State to assist in preparing to get to contract and or assist after contract to coordinate early learning services.</li> <li>• 40% of children going into kindergarten are not ready.</li> <li>• Early learning is the Governor's top initiative.</li> <li>• Focus is on at risk population identified using OHA &amp; DHS data.</li> <li>• Total of 14 HUB's. In June, the council made the decision to merge Polk with Marion and Klamath with South Central HUB's in Douglas and Lake Counties.</li> <li>• HUB's operate on 3 high level outcomes; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kindergarten readiness</li> <li>○ Stable and Attached Families; verbiage to be changed in next biennium to Stable Attached and Healthy families</li> <li>○ Coordinated Early Learning Services</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 9 metrics currently within those three outcomes.</li> <li>• Discussed concerns regarding HUB coverage throughout the State, particularly in the smaller counties.</li> <li>• Discussed funding and grants. Currently at about 9.5 million. The Governor's new budget asks for 135 million across all early learning services with specifically 20 million to HUB's for the biennium.</li> <li>• Discussed importance of being involved in your local HUB.</li> </ul>	<p>Denise Swanson</p>
<p><b>Waiver - Awarded Federal Title IV-E</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lacey Andresen is the new Title IV-E Manager.</li> <li>• Lois gave historical background about the waivers.</li> <li>• CW has seen 8.4% reduction in foster care between Sept 2013 – Sept 2014.</li> <li>• Data shows that CW struggles with the “Long stayer” population in foster care, 3 yrs. or longer.</li> <li>• Discussed OBI and the built predictive model that takes current info on children in care, to identify what factors create a greater probability of creating a “long stayer”.</li> <li>• Discussed the creation of the Service Intervention Package that includes family find model, family meeting model and family navigator.</li> <li>• Goal is to have a strategy that addresses each of the cohorts that will effectively and safely reduce foster care.</li> <li>• It is suggested to connect with Nancy Allen, manages program at the State Hospital, regarding the characteristics of that population of kids.</li> <li>• Leola suggest to think about how we would add data to the DHS data set to see; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Did these kids have attorney's from the beginning?</li> <li>○ What was the frequency of hearings for this population vs. others?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Lois Day, Jason Walling</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sherri Alderman suggested an evidence based model, shown to reduce time in care among infants and toddlers “Safe Baby” (called different things in different states) now used in 20 states. Approach is to address trans-generational abuse patterns.</li> <li>• Timeline goal; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Predicative model complete by end of month.</li> <li>○ Foundation theory of change by end of month.</li> <li>○ Program design complete by mid-March.</li> <li>○ Select 3-4 counties and cost analysis by beginning of April.</li> <li>○ By May, training and readying for a June 1 start date.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Service delivery comes from SPRF budget.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Legislative Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed challenges; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SB222 - Representation issue related to attorneys; how CW is represented in courts.</li> <li>○ Federal legislation around CSEC – seeing State bills related to the same content that's in the federal legislation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussed Bills related to Child Welfare; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CW has a bill that would allow the department to fire someone who did not follow the mandatory reporter law.</li> <li>○ Bill to use funds from foreclosures to fund childcare.</li> <li>○ OIA Pilot project for in home services that would sunset in 2017.</li> <li>○ Bill that would allow the department to establish or certify independent residential facilities for all kids in care regardless of age and provide independent living services to those youth.</li> <li>○ 2 bills requiring the department to have every child in care, involved in at least one extracurricular activity.</li> <li>○ Bill that requires every child in care, beginning at a certain age, have a saving account.</li> <li>○ 2 adoption language clean up bills.</li> <li>○ HB2297, Task force to build a more effective system for preventing behavioral physiological and health problems in children.</li> <li>○ HB2233, requires OHA to continue to pay for BRS services for children removed during an investigation in a facility. Investigation must be done in 60 days.</li> <li>○ LC2612, requires DOJ to train all departments on legal information sharing.</li> <li>○ LC448, to allow siblings and parents of siblings, who were separated through adoption, to access the search registry.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Tonia Hunt, Children First for Oregon – discussed their efforts to finalizing the children’s agenda for 2015. Goal is to release by first or second week of February and will be posted to United for Kids website.</li> <li>• Angela Sherbo, Attorney, Youth Rights and Justice – Discussed their bills; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rebalance the, in their opinion, imbalance between the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Lois Day</p>

<p>presumptions of relative over current care taker, individualize decisions about adoption placements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2 bills regarding out of school suspension and expulsions for elementary school children.</li> <li>○ 2 sex offender registration bills.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Recommendations for March / Future Agenda Ideas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DHS staff presentation - modifying foster care opportunities for 18 – 20 year olds and work with the National Resource Center.</li> <li>• Ruth Taylor, Parents Anonymous - Update on Parent Mentor Program.</li> <li>• March – DR Update with Stacy Lake.</li> </ul> <p>Please send any agenda items to <a href="mailto:Cheyloa.d.chase@state.or.us">Cheyloa.d.chase@state.or.us</a></p>	<p>Michael Balter</p>
<p><b>Wrap up &amp; Adjourn</b></p>	