

Governor's Child Foster Care Advisory Commission

Date: 9.20.21

Time: 9am-1pm

Location: Virtual

Commission Members:

Present (Note the # required for quorum)			Absent
Caroline Cruz	Jessica Lloyd-Rogers		Robin Donart
Casey Dreher	Mamadou Toure		Isha Charlie McNeely
Pamela Heisler			
Alicia Richard			

Guests:

Stacy Loboy, Kim Keller, Soren Metzger from DHS. Shannon Karsten OHA. Robyn Marshall & Christine Kirk OYA.

Staff:

Rosa Klein, Kourtney Linebaugh (Governor's Office). Kali Scolnick (Casey Family Programs)

Agenda	Discussion	Tasks/Outcome/Action	Responsibility
<i>I. Call to order & Meeting Overview</i>	Pamela Heisler called virtual meeting to order at 9:02.		
<i>II. Roll Call & Welcome Activity</i>	Kali led group in exercise- what one person has been most significant in your life.		
<i>III. Updates & Info Sharing</i>	<p>a.) ODHS CW, OHA, OYA guests responded to questions regarding appropriate placements for children and youth. Key takeaways include:</p> <p>-DHS CW reported very little impact of SB 710 (restricting holds) on certified homes because of existing restrictions on holds. Likely impact in BRS and residential settings. Only half of policy has been implemented to date so DHS will be tracking unintended consequences.</p> <p>-50% of children already placed with kith/kin</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Criminal History standards have been updated to be to systemic racism. -Current resource families have additional supports like funding for respite, alternative care funds, childcare stipends, and tangible goods from MyNeighbor. - Child Welfare, Oregon Health Authority, and Developmental Disabilities have been meeting to collaborate on hard to place children. -Intensive Treatment Services face staffing and capacity challenges across the state, both exacerbated by COVID and wildfires. -SB 710 may lead to programs refusing youth placement, forcing more youth into temp lodging or hospital settings. <p>b.) Governor’s Office update included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -As Gov. Brown transitions, staff working on strategic plan for rest of term, emphasis on child welfare and racial justice council. -advised GCFCAC to have a placeholder bill for 2023 and look at budget recommendations specifically child welfare. Move quickly on racial equity subcommittee with new staffer and start outreach to fill empty positions. 		
<p><i>IV. Vaccine Mandate & Resource Parents</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Commission members brought forth concern that resource parents are not included in state vaccine mandate. -State did not want to bring mandate into private homes. -Commissioners concerned that excluding resource parents negated a duty to the safety, health, and well-being of children in state’s custody. - after discussion 6 members voted to write a letter of concern and acknowledge possibility of losing resource parents if mandate were placed. 	<p>Alicia, Casey, Jessica draft letter of concern for Commission review 11/16.</p> <p>Address letter to Gov. Brown, Director Fariborz, and Pat Allen.</p>	<p>Jessica lead, support Casey and Alicia.</p>
<p><i>V. Approval of Minutes</i></p>	<p>Minutes were approved with no corrections. Casey Dreher moved and Mamdou Toure seconded. Passed unanimously.</p>	<p>July Meeting Minutes Approved.</p>	

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<i>VI. Discussion re: Barriers to Appropriate Placements</i>	Commissioners identified key areas that create barriers to appropriate placements for children, including certification, training, support, work force, and prevention. See attached table “Barriers to Appropriate Placements for Kids” for more details.	Use Barriers to Appropriate Placements for Kids table to focus in on next steps for Commission at Nov. 16 th meeting.	Planning Committee
<i>VII. Public Comment</i>	None.		
<i>VIII. Wrap Up & Next Steps</i>	Next meeting Commission will review barriers and determine what action to take, including looking at founding legislation. Prep for 2023 legislative Session.	Planning Committee develop agenda to fulfill this goal.	Robin, Pamela, Jessica, Kali, Rosa,
<i>IX. Next Meeting</i>	Monday, November 15, 2021. 9a.m.		
Meeting adjourned at: 12:35			

Submitted by: Jessica L. Lloyd-Rogers
(Secretary)

Date: 9/24/2021