



MINUTES

Governor's Child Foster Care Advisory Commission January 22, 2018

Members present:

- Katie Robertson
- Carolyn Cruz
- Emily Reiman
- Bill Wagner
- Tim Colahan
- Kari Reick
- Gina Valerie Colas
- Lluvia Merello

Staff:

- Kali Scolnick – Casey Foundation
- Victoria Demchak
- Katherine Bartlett

Introductions:

Introduce new potential member, Elliott Hinkle and other guests

Review and approve previous minutes

September and November meetings

Action: Motion and second to approve previous Commission minutes

All ayes - approved for September and November minutes

Public Comment

Jessica Lloyd-Rogers -- Member of Oregon Foster Parent Association

1. Eager to see what the commission comes up with. Hoping there will be a lot of focus on the need for retention.
2. Want to see more foster parents attending the CFCAC meetings. That would include providing child care for foster parents so they may attend. Will see if OFPA can come up with solutions to make that happen or work on joint ideas with the Commission.
3. OFPA interested in participating with the Commission – i.e. joining a sub-committee, helping get the word out, etc.

Elliott Hinkle

1. How is the commission working with other foster organizations?
2. How do we be inclusive of all the different groups?

*Presentation

DHS and Casey Family present on national and local data.

1. To understand the data points relevant to the Commission
2. How does Oregon compare to other states?
3. What are the data systems and principles around child welfare?

*Questions and answers for this presentation are located in the “CFCAC_DataQuestions_FollowUp” document, attached to the end of CFCAC packet for the 3.19.18 meeting.

Committee Work to Develop

Charters, initial and long term priority areas of focus, work plans and budgets.

Discussion of Attachment C (included in 1.22.18 meeting packet) – Charter Template for Committees.

Victoria Demchak emphasizes the importance of maintaining diversity on each committee.

Suggested language to be added to the “membership” section “Committees will strive to maintain diversity within their committees.”

Suggested that the committees choose their own members. Chairs committee to discuss the process and report back to the other committees.

Bill Wagner asks if there is consensus among the group for the proposed changes. States that all are agreed.

Discussion of Attachment D (included in 1.22.18 meeting packet) “Draft Charter Purpose and Scope of the Judicial Processes Issues Committee.”

Question about using the term “child welfare cases.” Group proposes changing the term from “child welfare cases” to “child dependency cases.”

Action:

- Motion to approve Charter Purpose and Scope of the Judicial Processes Issues Committee, and suggestion to change the term “child welfare” to “child dependency.”
- Seconded
- All approved, no opposition

Discussion of Attachment E (included in 1.22.18 meeting packet) “Draft Charter Purpose and Scope of the Systems Coordination and Outcomes Issues Committee.”

Suggested that Oregon Health Authority be added to the list of agencies.

Suggested the addition of “other state agencies.”

The intent of the language was to not limit it to just state agencies.

Suggested to remove all language in the paragraph starting with “More specifically”

Action:

- Motion to approve Charter Purpose and Scope of the Systems Coordination and Outcomes Issues Committee with the following changes:
 1. Change the term “child welfare” to “child dependency.”
 2. Remove all language in the first paragraph from “More specifically . . .” forward.
 3. Correct the apostrophe on the word “agencies’.”
- Seconded
- All approved, no opposition

Discussion of Attachment E (included in 1.22.18 meeting packet) “Draft Charter Purpose and Scope of the Placement Issues Committee.”

Action:

- Motion to approve Charter Purpose and Scope of the Placement Issues Committee with the following changes:
 1. Correct the apostrophe on the word “agencies’.”
 2. Use lower case on “Special Needs placements” in the first paragraph
 3. Change the first sentence in the first paragraph from “The Committee will . . .” to “The purpose of the Committee is”
- Seconded
- All approved, no opposition

Action:

- Motion to approve Charter Template for Committees
- Seconded
- All approved, no opposition

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.