



Governor's Child Foster Care Advisory Commission

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: May 20, 2019

Time of Meeting: 9:00-3:00

Location: Oregon State Library, 250 Winter Street NE, Salem, Room 103

Members:

Timothy Colahan	Present	Charlie McNeely	Present
Valerie Colas, Chair	Present	Emily Reiman	Present
Caroline Cruz	Present	Kari Rieck	Present
Robin Donart	Present	Jessica Schmidt	Phone
Elliott Hinkle, Vice Chair	Present	Bill Wagner	Present
Alan Linhares	Present		

Staff: Rosa Klein, Kali Scolnick, Katherine Bartlett

Meeting Objectives:

- **Update on HB 2332**
- **Discussion about Governor's Child Welfare Oversight Board**
- **Information about Critical Incident Report Team (CIRT) process**
- **Work session: Out-of-state youth in psychiatric treatment facilities and recommendations**
- **Work session: Foster parent recruitment, retention, and training and recommendations**

Discussions Tabled for next meeting:

- **Information about out-of-home assessments (investigating allegations of abuse and neglect in substitute care)**

March 2019 minutes

ACTION:

Review and vote to approve minutes

- *Bill: Move*
- *Kari: Second*
- *Jessica: Abstain*
- *All in favor*

Public testimony - NONE

Commission Business and Updates on Subcommittee/ Work Groups

Terms of Commissioners

Valerie may need to step down in July due to new job. Emphasizes that the Commissioners should be doing some recruiting

Systems Subcommittee updates

Kari had an attorney, Darrin Mancuso and someone from education. Talked about barriers with foster care and education. Uncertainty about throwing something else into the mix. Waiting to see what the Commission wants to do. Transportation is an issue.

CONSENSUS: *for looking at more education – Group votes and agrees to include education.*

Next sub-committee meeting is in June.

Valerie will be sending out an email asking for further information from the Commissioners for folks to email Kari their ideas by May 28th.

ACTION:

Motion to hold the roundtables in August 12 Salem 5:30-8 and October 28 Portland 8:30-5

- *Move: Kari*
- *Second: Robin*
- *In favor: All*

Update on HB 2332

Review of the response regarding Critical Incident Review Team (CIRT) process

Presenter: Molly Miller DHS CIRT Coordinator

- *Review written response from DHS and decide on next steps*

Valerie asked if the Commission if they want more information on CIRT and want an expanded presentation.

Caroline would like more information and suggested that the Commission ask the “State fatality task force” to come and present to us at July meeting. Asked what are the good things that are being done?

May 28 is the deadline for the commission to send questions regarding CIRT

Work session: Out-of-state youth in treatment facilities and recommendations

Presenter: Sara Fox

Bill states that after hearing Sarah enough times, that it is really our capacity in state that drives kids going out-of-state. Would we be better off focusing on our in state capacity than the problematic things that have occurred out-of-state?

What is everyone's take on shifting the conversation from out of state youth, knowing that that conversation is ongoing with the Senate HS Committee and (inaudible more focused on what the Commission needs to do, which is (inaudible) building out the continuum of care. Asks for a quick yes/no and what else you would like to have considered.

Kari: Asks for information on knowing how many are voluntary DHS cases where DHS is placing the child vs. an actual abused or neglected child.

CONSENSUS: *Will shift the way the Commission talks about it as a topic. The OOSY, their needs, and the capacity issue will help inform our conversation going forward.*

Governor's Child Welfare Oversight Board

Presenter: Judge Nan Waller

- Discussion on work of Oversight Board and CFCAC

Work Session: Foster parent recruitment, retention, and training and recommendations

Presenter: Greg Westbrook DHS Foster Care Transitions Program Manager

- *Emily requested reports SOS and capacity study (included all levels of foster care)*

ACTION:

- *Motion to use the recommendations developed by consensus in the work session*
- *Kari disagrees and asks for an amended motion to say states that she wants the yellow piece left in. Says that what she wants in is education and that was where we were going to add the bullet for education, but that she does not want mental health left out.*
- *Bill states that they did not all agree with the yellow, and that he does not agree with including it in this particular recommendation.*

ACTION:

- *Motion to approve all of the recommendations except for the yellow mental health piece.*
- *Move: Bill*

- *Second: Robin*
- *Nay: Kari*

Motion go forward with our recommendation to meet the need of appropriate mental health services, timely and ongoing, for children and youth:

- *Second: Robin*
- *Bill: Nay*
- *5 members vote Aye?*

Adjourn

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