

Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING	Monday, June 15, 2020 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Zoom Meeting
ATTENDEES	David Crampton, Andrew Garner, Victor Ruiz, Angela Newman-White, Gabriella Celeste, Debra Rex, Tamara Chapman-Wagner, Cynthia Weiskittel, Natasha Davis
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Available online – Cindy Weiskittel will post them for the public to view.
RECORDER	Tatiana Johnson

AGENDA ITEMS

Introduce and Welcome	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Approval of minutes from April 28, 2020

Changes in Child Welfare Practice and New Challenges Due to COVID-19	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presented by Cynthia Weiskittel• Each court is operating differently, some magistrates are hearing terminations• Cindy spoke to prosecutors regarding custody case terminations, not currently deemed essential to terminate• 7 of 3000 kids in custody tested positive for COVID-19• Kids who tested positive sheltered in place• Biggest struggle during COVID is managing kids staying at JEH while waiting for placement• Advisory Board will reach out to Armond Budish and Councilwoman Conwell, David Merriman regarding kids staying in JEH.• Foster parents will receive additional compensation for COVID care and supplies• Supervisors are in the building 2x a week Senior Managers are in the building 3x a week• Courts should be open July 31, 2020

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations from 3rd party company; bringing back a certain percentage of the workforce, marking hallways/stairways for one-way foot traffic, hand sanitizer stations and other small ways to keep staff and public social distancing
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Follow Up: Data Dashboard	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by David Crampton • Advisory Board was formed from the Aniya Day case • Board should focus on sharing more info with the community in regard to changed policies and how they are being implemented in DCFS • 3 main issues raised from Aniya Day Case <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workforce 2. Father Engagement 3. Geographical Data • Review improvements on a regular basis and look for trends • BRIDGES <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. House Bill 50- Service Board, that provides services to Youth aging out of care 2. How many children are being referred? 3. How many are successful/homeless? -Data is being denied by ODJFS

Subcommittee Updates: Prevention, Intervention, Government)	
DISCUSSION	<p>Prevention: Child Protection Team Model</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaged students at Schubert center to develop a document providing justification and evidence for the child protection teams • Students can do the back-leg work and the paper would help in acquiring funds for CPT. • Information provided by Dr. Friedman and Invest in Children • Will also add some information from the Child Fatality Review Board to demonstrate the value of a systematic protection approach • Board has a private fund of \$2500 to pay for student assistance • Next Meeting: July 6, 2020 <p>Intervention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates at this time

	<p>Governance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement for Christin in sub-committee • Meeting with David Merriman to introduce board • Previously planned a Townhall meeting to update community on Board and their role working with DCFS • Next Meeting: July 13, 2020 meeting
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Racial Disparities	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleveland declared Racism a public health crisis • Implications for children in care? • Are there any policy and system changes in DCFS? • April 1, 2020; Hotline started blind screenings. When called about allegations, asked not to look at race of the family or where the family lives in the community. Supervisors will only be screening families based on the narrative of the case. Evaluation on if there's a difference in the racial makeup of kids in care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on Blind screening at Aug 3, 2020 meeting

Public Awareness Marketing Strategies	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing Awareness by Board to make community more aware of DCFS and outreach • DCFS does a community newsletter, will add Advisory members • The community can now make referrals on DCFS Facebook page

Next Meeting:

August 3, 2020
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Location – Zoom
Recorder - TBD