

## CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY

Mayor's Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect (MACCAN)  
Tuesday – February 24, 2015  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Child and Family Services Agency  
200 I Street SE, Conference Room 1001-A  
Washington, DC 20003

**\*DRAFT MEETING MINUTES; MINUTES WILL BECOME FINAL AFTER VOTE AT THE NEXT MEETING ON APRIL 28, 2015\***

1. Call to Order
  - Meeting was called to order
2. Ascertainment of Quorum
  - Quorum was met for this meeting
3. Acknowledgement of Adoption of the Minutes of the December 9, 2014, meeting
  - Minutes from the December 9, 2014 meeting were approved by the committee
4. Greetings and Introductions:
  - Individuals around the table introduced themselves and their roles
  - Marie Morilus-Black, Deputy Director, Child & Family Services Agency, Office of Well-Being
    - Office of Well Being includes Health Services, Substance Abuse, Domestic Violence, Behavioral health Services and all other clinical services, as well as the trauma grant.
    - They work in partnership with the program components of CFSA.
  - Deborah Portia Usher, Deputy Director, CFSA Office of Community Partnerships
    - Ora Graham returned to Office of Community Partnerships
    - Office of Community Partnerships includes all in-home staff who are co-located within the HFTC Collaboratives
    - Community Service's Arm- Provide housing support for families in crisis, youth aging out of care, families being reunified with children, make sure families and children have access to resources within their communities
    - Safe & Stable Families- IV-E waiver activities- prevention, early intervention and intensive family preservation
    - CFSA has 6 deputy directors- Community Partnerships, Well-being, Entry Services, Programs, Administration and Planning, Policy & Program Support
5. Anthony V. Stevens, Associate Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA), Office of Talents and Appointments – (invited)
  - Boards and Commissions no longer exists; now Talent and Appointments.
  - Mayor has 1200 appointments to make, his office recruit, screens and select appointments

- His role is to ensure that boards and commissions run smoothly, and answer questions, and fill vacancies
- Established process to recover board and commissions records and to digitize them
- Ask all to submit electronic application
- Applications for 11 public voting members needs to go in ASAP
- DC Government folks should submit too
- Contact Info: 202-724-7665, [Anthony.stevens@dc.gov](mailto:Anthony.stevens@dc.gov)

## 6. Report by the Chair and Co-Chair of MACCAN

- Update on Secondary Trauma Work @ CFSA – Dr. Lucas
  - CFSA is aware of the trauma impact of the work on social workers.
  - CFSA is addressing secondary trauma.
  - Dr. Phil Lucas is working with staff around self-care and secondary trauma.
  - Workers walk with their work and devastating cases can carry on for a long time just in terms of memories.
  - CFSA is making opportunities to support staff in managing issues related to doing their work and to continue to provide a trauma informed environment and create self-care strategies.
  - The Collaboratives were part of the initial cohort trained in Trauma- they were invited to discussions around secondary trauma and will continue to be involved in trauma training
- Review of Membership of MACCAN/Vacancies
  - We are moving forward with adding the following member to MACCAN
    1. Stephanie Minor-Harper- DC Superior Court
  - Vacancies
    1. Department of Health- Need to seek out someone to fill this seat
    2. Community Based Child Welfare Provider
      - a. Have a guest this morning who in under consideration for this vacancy- Mary Jo Patterson
    3. Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services
      - a. We also have a DYRS representative who has been recommended to fill this seat- Maria Martins-Evora
- Planning for National Child Abuse Prevention Month (April 2015) Dr. Cheryl Boyce
  - We want to bring agencies and the city together in a way that highlights the resources and successes in terms of family strengthening and want to engage committee members in a useful way
  - We want to gather existing activities and hear ideas
  - Also had an exciting conversation with CFSA in how we can use social media to highlight Child Abuse Prevention Month in a way we have not done before--twitter
  - We want to try to have a city-wide blue day to engage DC and think about family strengthening and
  - We would also like to have a calendar of events highlighting activities scheduled for April – want to have ideas and action plan

- Roni Seabrook will serve as a point person to send your activities to for CAN prevention month
- Ideas are to build on what already exists—MACCAN wants to support what you are doing. Highlight an existing program or activity-
- Dr. Boyce- 2 week reminders of events March 13 will be first reminder- Draft of everything by Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- We would like to incorporate Mayor Bowser in this event
- Children’s Justice Act- Safe Shores holding activities in April to celebrate 20 years of service
  1. Safe Shores will hold free training in April on child abuse prevention for community, child care providers, parents
  2. For those agencies who do not have an activity planned they may want to consider sponsoring a training
  3. The training lasts approximately 2.5 hours
  4. Dr. Boyce is a certified trainer and willing to train if needed
  5. April 28<sup>th</sup> will be the fundraiser for Safe Shores with a free will offering
- Mindy Good- CFSA Public Information Officer
  1. Plan to hold a twitter campaign to have messages about child abuse and neglect in the city
  2. MACCAN members can share information about events and other activities going on and any info they want to include
  3. Tweets and retweets can be very powerful- if we put out interesting stuff in April we can get retweets
  4. Sign up and follow CFSA on twitter at DCCFSA
  5. Mindy will start building a tweet calendar- multiple tweets a day are fine- and events
- Additional Comments:
  1. Engage DCPS and youth to make short prevention videos to get schools engaged- post on web, young peoples energy to get young people sensitive to issues around child abuse prevention
  2. Start off April with Mayor’s Press Conference to raise public awareness- with mayor talking about activities we are going to have for the month, wear blue day
    - a. Consider seeing if mayor holds a regular press briefing- we must put this issue on her radar
    - b. We must be candid around real issues on child abuse
    - c. We must extensively include our parents and families
    - d. Brenda Donald may assist in this area
    - e. Whatever information we are sharing out, we need to make sure we reach all communities and it is in multiple languages
    - f. The Court may not be able to commit to an activity. The Court cannot commit to a position. Judge Breslow will get clarification.
  3. Recommend small subcommittee to work on April events

- a. Joyce Thomas
  - b. Cheryl Boyce-chair
  - c. Samuel Tramel
  - d. Marie Morilus-Black
  - e. Denise Dunbar
  - f. Jo Patterson
  - g. Charmetra Parker
  - h. Debra Portia-Usher- consultation
- Presentations:
    - Yuliana Del Arroyo: “It Takes a City Institute”
      1. November 7, 2014 OSSE held an institute in efforts to provide state level support-bringing multi-systemic support to schools and for children
      2. OSSE hosting 3 institutes throughout the school year
      3. Deep dive- 1<sup>st</sup> track: sharing info about all agencies and what they provide to families; 2<sup>nd</sup> track: truancy and attendance, behavior health in schools, data sharing
      4. Brought all child caring agencies together
      5. Very fruitful conversation held on how we share data
        - a. 60 day plan to continue conversation
      6. Behavioral Health & Mental health in Schools
      7. Attendance and truancy in schools is an area of concern
      8. Trauma informed training and support for teachers
        - a. KVC provided training to close to 100 educators on trauma informed care
        - b. Will continue to collaborate with CFSA
        - c. Youth Mental Health training coming to schools
        - d. Non-violent crisis prevention training for teachers as well
      9. Questions/Comments:
        - a. How are we training other agencies on trauma informed?
          - i. Discussion with DYRS on trauma should renew between Marie Morilus-Black, Denise Dunbar and DYRS
        - b. We want to hear more on integration of family run organizations and trauma training
          - i. Parents are also traumatized- we need to make our language more inclusive to natural and informal resources
          - ii. HFTCC contributed in trauma training along with CFSA staff and provider agency partners
          - iii. HFTCC will support work in using a family functional assessment- CAFAS, PECFAS
          - iv. Stand-alone independent grass roots organizations must be included as part of the conversation, especially in the role of how systems change is done

○ Andrea Allen, DCPS: Homelessness and Student Truancy – rescheduled for April 28, 2015-

1. Will hold off until next month for more formal presentation

7. Opportunity for Public Comment

- Revised list of committee members was requested by Sam Tramel- will get it out by Friday, February 27, 2015.

8. Adjournment

9. Next Meeting April 28, 2015, 10:30-12:00 pm @ CFSA

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