

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY

Mayor's Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect (MACCAN)
Tuesday – April 28, 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 JUNE 30, 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 February 24, 2014, meeting
 - Minutes from the February 24, 2015 meeting were approved by the committee once a quorum was met
4. Report by the Chair and Co-Chair of MACCAN
 - a. Update on Child Abuse Prevention Month
 - Dr. Boyce was thanked for her leadership in planning for Child Abuse Prevention Month
 - i. Presentation of Proclamation
 - We received an official proclamation from the Mayor. Copies were distributed to those in attendance.
 - We want to thank the Mayor for her proclamation. We want to continue to have her support of the committee.
 - We want to get bigger and better every year. We want to have this grow and really become a month of family strengthening. Nice to have a signature moment in time where we emphasize to the whole city the importance of prevention
 - ii. Outcome of April Activities
 - Samuel Tramel- Parent's Summit at Rise Center in Ward 8
 - Wrap up session on cyber bullying moderated by Dr. Philip Lucas
 - Lots of food- leftover food was given to homeless
 - Parents were really engaged around disuse of cyber bullying. This is something that they cannot get their hands around.
 - Ever moving issue. There were parents present who had problems with their children on both sides the bully and the bullied.
 - MPD participated
 - Charmetra Parker- OAG- Book drive
 - Successful mandatory reporter training- partnered with OSSE

- MPD, USAO, OAG- juvenile section, CFSA- CPS
- Very successful – want to hold monthly
- This training is in addition to on-line training. Perspective not taught on line.
- MPD provided very good information about the fact that mandated reporters need to just report the information and not trying to investigate
- Dr. Lucas shared the following info: Minor Attractive Persons (MAPS) are people considered to be pedophiles. They want to reclassify how they are identified. Want MH professionals to meet with them because no one who does therapy wants to work with someone who says they are attracted to children. B4UACT- supposedly keeps these persons from acting on their behavior. Issue of mandated reporting came up in issue related to these people at training in Baltimore. Something we need to be aware of because it is moving. Trying to get the APA to change the definition of pedophile and not make it a MH but a sexual orientation.
- The DC Code makes it mandatory for all persons to report sex abuse, even those who are not mandated reporters. If there is any confusion about where to report child sex abuse, people should report it to CFSA and they will make sure it goes to the right place.
- Joyce Thomas- Center for Child Protection- also doing training on child sex abuse
 - Discuss values related to reporting
- b. Update on membership
 - i. Applications for Membership
 - MACCAN has 22 seats. 11 governmental. 11 non-governmental. Only 1 seat per governmental agency.
 - Terms will be ending in next few months.
 - Anyone interest should apply online. Everyone is vetted and serves at the pleasure of the mayor.
 - You don't have to be a DC resident, but it is strongly recommended.
 - Current members should mention that they attend meetings and currently provide support to MACCAN.
 - If someone steps down they cannot just switch up. They have to apply and be sworn in. This is a public meeting that must comply with the freedom of information act.
 - We want the public to attend and we want to be responsive to the needs of children and families.
 - We are drafting policies and procedures for the committee. For those people who do not attend we are asking them to step down. They are holding up a slot and effecting out quorum and it's not fair.
 - If you are interested, please apply. Current members should send up a current copy of their certificate. We want to make sure everything is accurate.
 - Contact us with any questions.
 - MOTA will follow up with applications.
 - No one has heard back. We ask that when folks apply that they let the chairs know.
 - Link will be sent out again.

- ii. Procedures
- iii. Vacancies
 - 1. Department of Health- *OPEN recommendation needed*
 - 2. Community Based Child Welfare Provider (*Recommended- Jo Patterson/Child Watch*)
 - 3. Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (*Recommended- Maria Martins-Evora*)
- iv. Resignations (new vacancies)
 - 1. Michele Rosenberg- CFSA-effective date 2.27.15
 - 2. Captain Lewis Douglas- MPD- effective date 4.10.15
 - 3. Toni Florence- USAO-effective date: 2.25.15 (*Recommended - Dr. Lorraine Chase*)
 - o It is not a rotating position. We want a member from MPD who will participate in their membership and their actions.
 - o It is a sworn in committee membership.
 - o Is there a recommendation for DOH? Joyce Thomas will speak with someone and let us know.
- c. May is Mental Health Month
 - o Behavioral health- share resources like we did for Child Abuse Prevention Month
 - o APRA and DBH came together so we look at behavioral health an addictive behaviors
 - o Phil is willing to train behavioral health and wellness with children and families
 - o May 18th activity for adoption and foster care month
 - o We want to promote public community events that help families.
- d. Presentations
 - i. Andrea Allen, DCPS: Homelessness and Student Truancy (Invited) 11:10-11:30
 - o PPT shown and distributed
 - o Kimberly Banks DCPS & Channon Adams DCPS homeless student services
 - o Review key points on truancy (see PPT)
 - o Goal is 89 % of children in seat for entire school year
 - o CFSA referral goal 100%- refer no matter what- currently at 66.5%
 - o **Homeless Children and youth program-** make sure homeless youth and transitory youth receive same quality of education
 - o Provide transportation services
 - o Provide school uniforms and supplies to remove any barriers to education
 - ii. Andrea Guy & Jennifer Corbett, CFSA, Annual Progress and Services Report 11:30-11:55
 - o Jennifer Corbett- CFSA
 - o Handout distributed on the Child and Family Services Review and the Annual Progress and Services Report (APSR)
 - o CFSA- comparison across states in how we are doing
 - o They look at safety, permanency, and well being
 - o Annual report that looks at services and who we are serving

- The feds want more information from external stakeholders on the APSR
- Focus on 2 specific areas: Service array and resource development and agency responsiveness to the community
- Are we meeting the series? If not, what happens?
- How do we collaborate with others?
- Requests that everyone provide written responses and return them to CFSA
- Cheryl will receive bullets and coalesce them by theme- We also want to keep comments clear so we know where they are coming from
- We want to get a real sense of what people have to say and not filter them out.
- Going to quickly go through three questions:
- **Are services sufficient to meet the needs of children and families served by CFSA?**
 - Medical need of youth coming into care. There is a system in place but is it comprehensive enough? Are they linking with children's original home provider and is that captured? Care needs to be consistent for children with allergies and stuff like that. I am a nurse with the center for child protection and family support. A non-public member.
 - Question re: dual jacketed kids with DYRS and CFSA. They are trying to figure that out, so how is CFSA going to work that out before we attempt to answer questions. We use to have a formalized partnership that fell by the wayside and we are trying to bring that back. We have youth and part of our job is to ensure safety as well. How is CFSA going to handle DYRS in our dual jacketed role before we figure out our responses?
 - CFSA will get back to DYRS
 - In cases of DV cases where relocation with family has happens- not aware of services of MH services for students who have had traumatic experiences. Are there MH services to make sure MH remains intact and are there and wrap around services that be extended to the schools to help these youth? We want to be able to link the SW in the school to the MH counselor in the community, so that the school knows that there was a situation and that the student will need some support in the school environment to help them to be successful.
 - Schools don't always know that a child has a CFSA SW and so the expectation of the school is not upheld, not because they are not on board, but because they don't know and thus don't know what support to provide the family with. And when they get a referral, they do not get any feedback. CFSA comes to the school and they are angry because we don't know. We want to know to continue the support needed for our families.
 - Response- CFSA is already working on that. There is an education strategy plan.
 - There needs to be improved cross collaboration and communication between CFSA and other service providers. Needs to be a system or gateway set up for that level of communication.

- Question—any movement towards 1 record per child? So we are not duplicating services and so we can be more effective. Opportunities through affordable care? Would also like to see more of a developmental focus.
- OSSE entered into an MOU with CFSA and DCPS around how they communicate with surrounding jurisdictions. Perhaps we can look at the MOU as a starting point in helping to approve communication all around.
- **Sharing of info with MACCAN**
- There are many opportunities to share within the court and directors to identify issues and develop so agency and the court are on the same page. Court improvement project has a requirement to address ongoing communication between the court and the agency.
- CFSA staff sometimes come to MACCAN meetings to keep committee informed. Open communication.
- CFSA has grown leaps and bounds and things are evolving so quickly it is often difficult to keep up. More CFSA sharing at meetings. Perhaps they can send written updates. DV, human sex trafficking, substance abuse.

5. Opportunity for Public Comment

- Moment of silence held for what is happening in Baltimore. These are children and families.

6. Adjournment

7. Next Meeting June 30, 2015, 10:30-12:00 pm @ CFSA

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