

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY

Mayor's Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect (MACCAN)

Tuesday – September 30, 2014

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Child and Family Services Agency

200 I Street SE, Conference Lobby Room B

Washington, DC 20003

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES; MINUTES WILL BECOME FINAL AFTER VOTE AT THE NEXT MEETING ON DECEMBER 2, 2014

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 July 29, 2014, meeting
 - Minutes from the July 29, 2014 meeting were approved by the committee
4. Report by the Chair and Co-Chair of MACCAN
 - Review of MACCAN mission
 - The mission of MACCAN was discussed following an individual review of the October 3, 2012 Mayor's Order 2012-164, Subject: Establishment-Mayor's Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect
 - Committee members were asked to share how they see themselves, their departments and/or agencies fitting into the mission
 - Joyce Thomas, President & CEO, Center for Child Protection and Family Support - In the field of child welfare for 40+ years, serves on a number of national panels addressing the intersection of domestic violence and child abuse & neglect
 - **Question** posed by Judge Breslow re: the Children's Justice Grant Act as a duty for the committee. Vice Chair Dr. Cheryl Boyce explained that this is no longer a duty for the committee and will be removed once the new order is issued. An update of the dollar amount received from the Children's Justice Act grant was requested to be provided for the next meeting.
 - Stephanie Minor Harper, Court Improvement Project Director at DC Superior Court, works to improve the handling of child abuse & neglect cases

- Toni Florence, U.S. Attorney's Office, prosecution of offenders
 - **Recommendation-** Committee will work to promote coordination and improve exchange of information between the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Office of the Attorney General
 - Dr. Cheryl Boyce- Public Member, NIH, recommends spending time looking at **Family Strengthening as well Child Abuse Prevention** in 2015
 - Yuliana Del Arroyo, Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), OSSE is a System of Care member- closely tied with other agencies around supporting families
- Review of Membership of MACCAN/Welcome of new members/ Vacancies
 - Recommended that the committee have a member from the charter schools
 - 4 Vacancies exist (Child Fatality, Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, Community Based Child Welfare Provider, Department of Health)- Committee members to consider recommendations to fill these roles
5. Member updates on agency training/activities
 - **American Institutes of Research, Trauma-Informed Care: Change the Culture to Change the Outcome, October 14, 2014**, National Press Club
 - **OSSE- November 7, 2014**, It Takes a City: Bridging Schools to Resources for Enhanced Student Outcomes
 - **28th Annual District of Columbia Courts Adoption Day, November 22, 2014**
 6. D.C. Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Co-Occurring Training Series
 - **2014 4th Annual DC Summit: Evidence-Based Programs for Children, Youth & Families, October 8, 2014**
 7. D.C. Child and Family Services Agency New Trauma Systems Therapy Blog
 - TST blog information sent out to committee by Chair Phil Lucas
 8. Opportunity for Public Comment
 - Recommendation: committee should set priorities and activities for next year
 - Recommendation: meetings should highlight key initiatives/areas of learning/need- 2 partners to be featured at each meeting
 - April is Child Abuse Prevention Month- committee will start planning, Mayor's proclamation will be requested and should come with action plan
 - Recommendation for April- Family Celebration Day- celebrate reunification of families, information sharing, community involvement, summer resources for children, etc.

9. **Next Meeting: December 2, 2014 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at CFSA**

- Yuliana Del Arroyo will provide feedback on the “It Takes a City” Conference
- Joyce Thomas will discuss the overlap of domestic violence and child maltreatment, related trauma and identify needs

10. Adjournment

If any questions/comments, please contact Roni Seabrook at (202) 724-7076 or roni.seabrook@dc.gov.

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