

MINUTES  
PROVIDER ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

<b>Date: April 10, 2012</b>	<b>Meeting Time: 12:30 am</b>
<b>Location: Arrow Child and Family Ministries 1605 Cromwell Bridge Road Baltimore, MD 21234</b>	<b>Meeting Adjourned: 3:00 pm</b>

**Participants:**

Member	Present	Absent	Member	Present	Absent
Carnitra White, DHR/SSA	X		Joe Leshko Arrow Project, Inc.	X	
Paul Brylske, Kennedy Krieger Institute	X		Terry Manning, Children's Guild	X	
Andre Cooper		X	Walter McNeil, Challengers Independent Living, Inc.	X	
Tom Curcio, Board of Child Care	X		Mark Mittleman	X	
Ted Dallas, DHR Secretary		X	Diane Nelson, MAGIC		X
Zachery Dingle Jumoke, Inc.	X		Shelley Tinney, MARFY		X
Carol Fenderson		X	Hattie N. Washington, Aunt Hattie's Place		X
Mark Greenberg, Catholic Charities	X		Stanley G. Weinstein	X	
Darlene Ham, DHR/OLM	X		Cleveland Williams, Williams Life Center	X	
Audrey McLendon, DHR/SSA	X				
Guest/Other Organizations Participants					
Mark Lardner, DHR	X		David Ayer, DHR/SSA	X	
Donna McCarter, Neighbor to Family	X		Carrie Knebel, CONCERN	X	
Trina Payne, MARFY	X		Maisha Davis, Arrow	X	
Eric Fenwick, Aunt Hattie's Place	X				

**AGENDA**

**Agenda Item:**

**Decision Summary:**

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Advisory Board – IV-B plan</li> <li>2. CANS update</li> <li>3. Membership</li> <li>4. Rate Setting Process</li> <li>5. Announcement:</li> <li>6. Foster Family-based Treatment Association</li> </ol>	<p><b>ADVISORY BOARD – IV-B PLAN</b></p> <p><b><u>DISCUSSION:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new Child Welfare Advisory Board will be formed in the Social Services Administration. The purpose is to review and provide advice on the IV-B report. The Board will meet quarterly with the first kick off meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>DECISION:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carnitra White asked the PAC to select 2 representatives from the membership and send the representatives' contact information to Audrey McLendon at <a href="mailto:amclendo@dhr.state.md.us">amclendo@dhr.state.md.us</a></li> </ul> <p><b>PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT PLAN (PIP)</b></p>
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**DISCUSSION:**

- Carnitra White reviewed the strategies of the PIP: 1) Supervision, 2) Permanency, 3) Family Centered Practice and 4) Resource Development and Support, the work completed and the work planned.
- Mark Lardner reviewed the progress made with implementation of CANS, the barriers and the plans to use the new caseplan with private and public partners. The caseplan would review the assessment made and whether the assessment rating matches the services provided.

**MEMBERSHIP**

**DISCUSSION:**

- There was discussion as to when members would rotate off the PAC and how new members would be invited / chosen. Joe Leshko provided a handout with a suggested membership rotation. Carnitra White and Darlene Ham referred to the guidelines for membership. Considerations for organizations' memberships include geographic location, size of organization and minority representation. The representative should be the individual with the authority to speak and make decisions on behalf of the organization. Copies of the Guidelines will be sent to membership.

**DECISION:**

- Joe Leshko, Paul Brylske, Walter McNeil, Zach Dingle and Cleveland Williams will review the guidelines for membership and send letters out to providers asking for interested organizations to submit recommendations for representatives.
- The PAC meetings are open and guests are welcome to attend. Audrey McLendon will request RSVP's for meeting attendance going forward.

**PLACEMENT STABILITY**

**DISCUSSION:**

- David Ayer reported that there are around 50-60 youth with 6 or more placements. The case details will be sent to the local departments of social services to review the background and determine why the placement changes occurred. A review will be conducted to ascertain what could have prevented the multiple placements.
- Dr. Weinstein commented on the seriousness of these cases and noted that approximately 500 children and youth had more than 2 placements within the 12 month period.
- The Case Management Entities provide wraparound services to assist the youth. Other questions to consider: Are the multiple placements similar placements? If the placement

did not work the first time, why are they placed in a similar placement? What can we do to improve the selection of placements?

**RATE SETTING**

**DISCUSSION:**

- Does it make sense to review at this time?
- What should we review?

**DECISION:**

- May 2 Shanda Crowder will come on board with DHR as the new SSA Chief of Staff. She will lead the discussions on rate setting.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

**DISCUSSION:**

- Youth are coming to the attention of the child welfare system who have been involved in human trafficking. This population presents unique issues that require special resources. DHR would like to begin conversations to determine the type of resources needed to serve this youth. A bill recently passed that clarifies that persons who are exploiting persons through human trafficking will be investigated for sex abuse. At least two of the providers have experience with this population and the resources needed.
- A conference will be held on this issue:  
Governor's Conference on Combating Human Sex Trafficking in Maryland  
May 21-22, 2012  
8:30AM – 5:00PM  
Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville Campus, registration available at:  
<http://www.goccp.maryland.gov/events/registration/combating-human-sex-trafficking-conference-registration.php>

**DECISION:**

- A small work group will be initiated to start these conversations and review the services needed. Mark Greenberg with Catholic Charities volunteered to be part of the work group. Other volunteers should contact Audrey McLendon by April 20th.

**TRAUMA FOCUSED GRANT**

**DISCUSSION:**

- Will be issued by the Federal Government
- This grant would provide funding to train providers and develop resources for evidence based programs for trauma focused populations.
- University of Maryland is considering applying for the grant in partnership with DHR. No decisions have been made.

	<p><b>DECISION:</b> If your organization is interested in being part of the discussions, please contact Audrey McLendon by April 20<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>LETTERS TO EXERCISE CONTRACT OPTIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letters will be sent to exercise options on the current contracts. Please review, sign with blue ink and return to DHR in a timely fashion.</li> </ul> <p><b>FOSTER FAMILY-BASED TREATMENT ASSOCIATION (FFTA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Treatment Foster Care Public Policy Institute and Advocacy Day, May 7-8, 2012, Arlington, VA</li> <li>• FFTA 26th Annual Conference on Treatment Foster Care July 22-25, 2012 Sheraton Atlanta Hotel Atlanta, GA</li> </ul>
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Action Items / Next Steps	Timeline	Persons Responsible
Please select 2 PAC representatives from the membership for the SSA Child Welfare Advisory Board. Submit the representatives' information to Audrey McLendon.	April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Leshko
Review the <b>guidelines for membership</b> and send letters out to providers asking for interested organizations to submit recommendations for representatives.	Prior to April 20th	Joe Leshko
Small Work group forming to address the resources and services needed for the victims of <b>Human Trafficking</b> .	Prior to April 27, 2012	Please contact Audrey McLendon to volunteer for the work group.
<b>Trauma Focused Grant</b> If your organization is interested in participating in discussions for the proposal, please contact Audrey McLendon	Prior to April 20, 2012	Please contact Audrey McLendon

**Agenda for Next Meeting:**

- PAC Membership
- Rate Setting Process
- Please send additional agenda items to Audrey McLendon by June 6, 2012

<p><b>Next Meeting:</b> June 12, 2012, 12:30 – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Please RSVP to Audrey McLendon at <a href="mailto:amclendo@dhr.state.md.us">amclendo@dhr.state.md.us</a> by June 6, 2012</p>	<p><b>Location:</b> Board of Childcare 3300 Gaither Road Baltimore, MD 21244</p>
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