

DFS Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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Date:	February 16, 2023 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Membership		Present	Absent
CAC Members:	Dashun Jackson	X	
	Andre Bailey	X	
	Matthew Cox		
	Donna Smith	X	
	Shelia Parks	X	
	Judge Stephani Charter	X	
	Ali Caliendo	X	
	Pamela Roberts	X	
County/Department Management:	Jill Marano, Director	X	
	Wonswayla Mackey, Deputy Director	X	
	Margaret LeBlanc, Deputy Director		X
	Patrick Barkley, Deputy Director	X	

Agenda Item I:	Call to order and welcome	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 8:37 am by Chair DaShun Jackson and roll was called. 	
Agenda Item II:	General Public Comments	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Agenda Item III:	Approval of December 15, 2022, Minutes and January 19, 2023, Minutes	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAC December 15, 2022, Minutes and CAC January 19, 2023, Minutes – Approved. 	
Agenda Item IV:	Mental Health Crisis in Foster Care:	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCFS Dr. Cindy Pitlock and Elvira Saldana were invited; however, DCFS was not present to report out. <p>Jill Marano shared that DFS continues to discuss and acknowledge that there is a Mental Health Crisis in Foster Care with the State. DFS and DCFS have been staffing high profile cases on a weekly basis to identify any barriers and finding solutions for challenging youth. DFS is unclear of the direction that the State is heading with congregate and residential care. The intermediate care facility (ICF) at Oasis is an effective program for kids. They are doing better there than they have in years. The State is interested in expanding and building another program. DFS asked the state if they can support the</p>	

program for the intellectual developmental delayed and was told no due to the State not wanting more institutions. This discrepancy has been highlighted by DFS to the State since there are providers in Nevada.

Donna Smith asked how the CAC members can help. Jill shared that any support from the CAC is welcomed.

Judge Stephanie Charter shared that issue is not only limited to children with mental health needs. Babies that are part of sibling group and the department is not able to find placement for are also being affected.

Jill Marano offered to share a presentation to the CAC members on what DFS is doing to recruit Foster Homes. In the last year, DFS has done over 400,000 dollars' worth of radio and tv ads.

Sheila Parks shared that she did see the DFS PowerPoint that was presented at the Board of Commissioners meeting, as well as the recruitment efforts via advertisements and social media.

Sway Mackey inquired if the CAC members have any recommendations for the CRP Report.

Agenda Item V:	Department of Family Services Report Out	(Information only)
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| | <p>1. Prevention:</p> <p>Sway Mackey shared that DFS, and the State are working on the prevention services plan. DFS is also working with the rural jurisdictions to get the PCIT plan submitted. DFS is working on getting our UNITY system updated once FFPSA comes on board.</p> | |
| | <p>2. Intervention & Accountability:</p> <p>Sway Mackey shared that DFS's Internal Communication within the agency is continuing. Staff are informed about our agency leadership movement and releasing information from the leadership level to supervision level and then to the staff level. Patrick Barkley was promoted to Deputy Director, Jill Marano was promoted to DFS Director, and Tim Burch is Human Services Administrator overseeing both DFS and Social Services.</p> | |
| | <p>3. Transitional Aged Youth Supports & Independent Living:</p> <p>No Updates.</p> | |
| | <p>4. Education:</p> <p>Sway Mackey shared that DFS's education liaison, Dr. Leslie Strasser Congrove is working with the Child Haven zoned schools and ensuring that they have their transitional plans in place. She is working with volunteers to ensure that each child has an Education Decision Maker until the permanent EDM's come on board.</p> <p>Patrick Barkley shared that Dr. Leslie Strasser Congrove went to CCSD, to search and request for Special Ed retired teachers to become volunteers.</p> | |

	<p>5. Policies and Procedures:</p> <p>Sway Mackey shared the department is working on the Adoption Restructure Program policy. It's up and running and a 90 day report out has been conducted. Managers said that training was beneficial and effective with several children being adopted.</p> <p>Judge Stephanie Charter shared she has noticed a great improvement in court by having the centralized adoption unit. The worker knows the case better and is getting the paperwork necessary from the adoption resource.</p> <p>6. Ombudsman's Report:</p> <p>Ombudsman Report was provided for January 2023.</p> <p>7. Legislation:</p> <p>Sway Mackey shared that DFS reviewed bills associated with QRTP and the CSEC homes before submitting them to the Government Affairs department. DFS is only tracking the hearings related to the bills that DFS has submitted.</p> <p>Jill Marano shared DFS has been tracking the Court Improvement Project (CIP) 432 bill and the Qualified Treatment Program. DFS is trying to get clarification on the current statute for Extended Foster Care starts January 1, 2024. The Court Jurisdiction AB350 language goes away in December.</p>	
Agenda Item VI:	CAC Discussion and/or Recommendations on the Top 7 6 Priorities (delineated in Section V)	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheila Parks would like more information about Transitional Aged Youth Supports & Independent Living and Volunteer Education Decision Maker's (EDM's). • CAC Members decided to move CAC Meeting date from 3/16 to 3/23 due to Children's Week to meet Quorum. • CAC Members would like to discuss what should be included in the Statewide CRP Report in next month's CAC Meeting. 	
Agenda Item VIII:	Informational Items/Announcements	(Information Only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Meeting: DFS CAC and DJJS CAC in May meeting. • 2023 Children's Week is March 13 -March 17, 2023. • Children's Advocacy Alliance has a new Director Holly Welborn, weekly Legislative updates will be done. • Foster Youth Graduation the planning arrangements have started they will be reach out for donations and support. 	
Agenda Item IX:	Next Meeting Date	
	Next meeting will be Thursday, April 20, 2023 @ 8:30 am via Microsoft Teams.	
Agenda Item X:	Comments by General Public	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
Agenda Item XI:	Adjournment
	Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am