

Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council
Special Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, January 9, 2009
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Members Present: Pastor Archie Ivy, Judge Mary Triggiano, Dr. Earnestine Willis, Supervisor Willies Johnson, Jr., Judge Mike Skierawski, Colleen Ellingson, David Hoffmann, Linda Davis, Jennie Dorsey, and Mary Sowinski for John Chisholm.

Also Present: Nancy Wettersten, Mark Campbell, Cyrus Behroozi, Mary Pat Skelly Bohn, Janel Hines, Frank Gaunt, Cathy Swessel, Wanda Montgomery, Kenneth Munson, Lance Jones, Tiffany Stark from Rep. Grigsby's office, Jermaine Reid, Larry Reed, Crocker Stephenson, Saleem El Amin, Gail Zellner and Dr. Michelle Urban.

BMCW Transition and Contract Update
Medical Reviews - Mark Campbell

The medical reviews will be a two-part process:

Part One – Medical Evaluation

- BMCW has begun health evaluations of children 3 and under who have been in out of home care 10 months or less.
- Physicians through CPC and urgent care facilities with special training will be conducting the evaluations.

Part Two – Case Reviews

- At present, there are 17 reviewers with an additional 7 to be added.
- Cases will be reviewed to determine how well needs of children and families have been identified and are being met.
- Review caregiver capacity.
- Review background checks.
- The process will be tested by the 3rd or 4th week in January. It will be refined and ready to go by February.

Comments/discussion:

- Linda Davis and Health Committee would like to meet with Mark Campbell and team.
- Need to include medically fragile children over age six.
- Non-licensed kinship children are not included in this evaluation. Children in court-ordered placements are included. We cannot require evaluations for children in voluntary kinship placements.
- Judge Triggiano asked that information regarding evaluations be shared with judges at Children's Court.
- The Bureau has the authority to order evaluation for children in the legal custody of the Bureau. The Bureau will get a court order for children not in the custody of the Bureau whose parents refuse to have their child(ren) evaluated.
- Information regarding the evaluation will be provided to all Partnership Council members.

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- Recommendations will be made regarding immunizations, dental care and further routine medical concerns.
- A roll-out report pulling critical data and individual case-specific information will be shared with BMCW, CFCP and LaCausa.
- Four children out of 70 were referred to 220-SAFE as a result of the medical review.
- Region 1 is participating in a pilot program to ensure children are seen at the CPC within 5 days of entering out of home care.
- The Bureau is working to partner nurses with case managers to help ensure safety of children. The Bureau will be engaging the health committee to help determine how to best use the services of these nurses.
- Reviewers and Ongoing Case Managers will be going into homes together.
- Mark Campbell will provide regular updates to the Executive Committee and Partnership Council.

BMCW Transition – Cyrus Behroozi and Mary Pat Skelly Bohn

- Cyrus expressed thanks on behalf of the Division and Department to Denise Revels Robinson for her dedication and professionalism in protecting children and the leadership she provided to the Bureau.
- Listening sessions have been happening throughout the Bureau.
- Bureau contracts are being reviewed to ensure consistency.
- Meetings have been held with CART. Meetings with stakeholders will continue.
- Cyrus thanked Mary Pat Bohn for accepting the position of interim Bureau Director. Mary Pat expressed her appreciation for all the support she has received.
- It is Mary Pat's intention to work with everyone who is part of the Bureau to enhance the work we do.

LaCausa Contract Transition – Cyrus Behroozi

Cyrus expressed his thanks to Hugo Cardona, Frank Gaunt, Darlene Kuhn and the staff at LaCausa for their work and dedication. LaCausa will continue to provide services until a new vendor is in place.

- Bill Fiss, retired Division of Children and Families Deputy Director, will manage the transition. The transition process will include regular community meetings. Subcommittees will be established. The Partnership Council and Executive Committee will receive regular updates.
- The transition team will work to ensure that children are safe and that the services are not disrupted.
- The Department and Bureau will continue to provide as much communication as possible.

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Hugo Cardona expressed his appreciation to the Partnership Council for its help to LaCausa. LaCausa have and will continue to provide the best services to children and families.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Zellner