

Adoption & Out of Home Care Committee
Of the BMCW Partnership Council
Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2014

Present:

Alison McMorrow
Wendy Rewolinski
Maria Seay
Maria McDermott
Anne Novotny
Arlene Happach
Collen Ellingson
Angela D'Fantis
Sara Scullen
Julie Brown
Chris Holmes
Recorder:
Rachael Kumm

- Call to Order
- Discussion on Florida's Quality Parenting Initiative
 - Youth Law Center Quality Parenting Initiative – revamping the quality of parenting of children in care of state.
 - Retooled foster parenting programs in 2 groups – CPS and Foster Parents
 - 3 meetings to lay out model
 - Values & tools
 - General expectations of the foster parenting job
 - How can it become more attractive and increase volunteers
 - Website included has webinars and tools
 - ‘Just-In-Time’ training for specific refreshers when foster parents need them
 - Creation of Partnership agreement
 - Terms between foster parents and agencies
 - Mutual accountability
 - Alignment of system around quality parenting
 - Review assessment of current policy and practices
 - Using research to guide practice decisions
 - Outcomes
 - Increase in volunteer foster parents
 - Stability of children in out-of-home care
 - Foster parent satisfaction
 - Foster parent and birth parent collaboration
 - Built-in evaluation tools at the beginning of initiative
 - Accountability of Foster Parents and changing expectations of both sides