

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

April 22, 2015

Present:

Angela D'Fantis
Sarah Henery
Mary Pat Bohn
Collen Ellingson
Rebecca Kiefer
Allison McMorrow
Marla Seay
Clarissa Thurman
Gene Thurman
Maria McDermott
Sara Koefel
Recorder:
Rachael Kumm

Call to order.

Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI):

Meetings were held with key stakeholders. Brainstorming session held in February to develop brand statement. 4 barriers identified:

1. Consistency in confidentiality policy.
Sarah Henery is chairing the committee to develop consistent policy. Met on 4/20 to begin reviewing laws to determine the limits of information sharing for all involved (foster parents, visitation workers, etc.).
2. Discouraging foster/kinship and biological parent relationships.
3. Discouraging foster/kinship parents from participating in court.
Foster/Kinship parents should be able to voice concerns and observations to court about child progress and interactions with biological parents.
4. Visitation
Logistics of supervision, transportation, communication between foster/kinship and bio parents should be outlined through policy.

Steering Committee will be meeting at BMCW May 7th. First round of recommendations from each sub-committee will be presented. There was discussion about timelines for goals with the QPI.