

## **Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council**

Friday, March 29, 2019

DMCPS 635 N. 26 St.

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**Present: Dr. Michelle Bria, Willie Johnson, Jr., Victor Barnett, Steve Gilbertson, LaTonya Johnson, Christine Holmes, Jessie Rodriguez, Dr. James Topitzes, Delvyn Crawford, Maria Rodriguez, Veneisha McKinney-Whitson, Libby Mueller (for DA John Chisholm)**

### **Notice**

First, the notice of the meeting was published on the DCF and DOA websites on March 20, 2019 and in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on March 27, 2019. Second, the notice was faxed to the newspaper of record for the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin State Journal, on March 27, 2019.

The notice was emailed to the Partnership Council stakeholders including any media who had requested such notice on March 25, 2019. Finally, the agenda was posted on the front door of the DMCPS building at 635 N. 26<sup>th</sup> St. on March 20, 2019. This satisfies the requirements for notice under Wis. Stat. 19.84(1)(b).

### **Minutes**

Minutes from April 2018 meeting approved.

### **Settlement Data Presentation – Rick Miracola, Bureau of Performance Management**

Rick Miracola presented Settlement Agreement data.

### **Eric Thompson Response to Report**

Mr. Thompson pointed out areas of improvement especially in regard to safety and well-being. Numbers regarding placement stability, permanency and adoptions within 24 months are trending in the right direction.

Areas of concern include placement stability for children from birth to four years, the size of worker caseloads and staff turnover all of which continue to remain a problem.

### **Response from Ongoing Agencies – Alison McMorrow SaintA and Susanna Leggio Children's Hospital of WI – Community Services.**

The representatives from SaintA and Children's Hospital provided information regarding issues concerning their agencies. This led to a general discussion of how to deal with problems of caseload size and staff retention.

### **Presentation of Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) – Fredi Ellen Bove**

Fredi Ellen Bove explained the new Family First Act and how this new federal law will impact DMCPS and its partners.

### **Division Updates - Charmian Klyve DMCP Administrator**

We will have a lot of work to do to turn around service array and figure out how to adapt to Family First. We need to be creative in bringing services into the home to ensure kids are safe. The whole community will need to help with this. How do we move forward together?

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**Establishing 2019 Future Meeting Agenda Items, Dates and locations – Dr. Michele Bria**

June 21, 2019 – meeting will be held at Journey House

September 27, 2019 – meeting will be held at DMCPS

November 15, 2019 – meeting location to be determined.

**Community Input**

No requests to speak.