

**Child Welfare Partners Committee (CWPC)  
Meeting Notes**

Thursday, November 9, 2023  
In Person/Zoom Meeting

**Members in attendance:** Kristie Oliver, Mylene Wanatee, Chris Koepplin, Janee Harvey, Lori Frick, Jana Rhoads, Natalie Clapp, Linda Dettmann, Chad Jensen, Nicki Enderle, Mary Beth O'Neill

**Members not in attendance:**

**Summary of Meeting:**

**Updates on Data Points for Quarter 1**

Janee shared her screen to show youth in shelter and QRTP data. Chad shared that he has seen a higher utilization of shelter across the state because detention centers are full. Legislation was passed on adult waivers which has created some of the back log. Janee shared that Young house is still not open and LSI is having some significant struggles. QRTP stays are typically 6 months or less. However, it appears that 80-85% are PSB youth and these youth can remain in QRTP for 12-18 months. Often courts are reluctant to take a risk with these youth. There is a stigma around the PSB youth's likelihood to re-offend. Kristie shared that there is a PSB meeting scheduled and Kristin Konchalski, QRTP/shelter/group care Program Manager is looking at Performance Measures.

**Innovative/Pilot Updates**

Mary Beth shared updates regarding the Therapeutic Foster Care Program Pilot. This pilot will take place in the Cedar Rapids Service Area. She shared that they have 3 families completely ready to accept children and 2 families that are in pre-service training. These families will be ready in 2-4 more months. There are also 1 or 2 families that are in training to provide respite. She shared that she has not seen any HHS referrals yet. Mary Beth, Jen and Emily are planning to meet to discuss some youth in shelter with SED (serious emotional disturbances) who may be eligible for a therapeutic foster home. Janee shared that HHS payment is \$50 a day to hold the beds. If a placement is made, the provider receives \$150 a day.

Chris shared that Ellipsis and Four Oaks as well as a few other providers are working on a discharge plan respite care pilot. She shared that it will be a 10-bed program. Their ability to schedule drop in respite will be helpful for staffing purposes.

Mary Beth discussed the SAL & Life Skills (SALSA) project. She shared that the aftercare team is going to jump in and provide some support to youth. There is an informational meeting scheduled with HHS. Workers will be providing life skills training. HHS will still have to provide housing for the youth; however, the aftercare team can help with resume building, job searches, and Casey Life Skill Assessments.

**CCWIS Update**

Janee shared that the Child Protective Services Team has town halls scheduled next week. She explained that they are held quarterly. She said the team will be seeing a demo on the new VISION system. Lori offered for Matt Haynes, Bureau Chief of Child Protective Services Support and Training to present at the December meeting. Providers requested a copy of the last

CCWIS presentation done by Tim Bartleman back in February in order to prepare questions for Matt. Linda will request the power point and send out to all members.

### **Legislative Priorities**

Janee shared that pre-files are always collected in August/September. Director Garcia works through all of the proposals. Janee shared that Iowa's definition of caretaker is very broad and we are looking to adjust.

### **FCS Administrative Burden**

Kristie explained there has been a lot of frustration on the provider side because data being entered in Jarvis is not precise. Sara Buis, FCS Program Manager made some adjustments in Jarvis to fix the inaccuracies on the Power BI. In turn, contractors received an email that information had to be entered within 24 hours. Janee explained that the service request went in on June 28<sup>th</sup>. FCS providers have created a 5-page document on administrative burden. Dawn Kekstadt, Sara Buis and Janee are working on resolutions.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, December 14, 2023-1:00 PM- 3:00 PM  
In person @ Ellipsis North (Johnston) /via Zoom