

# Meeting Notes

**Division:** Division of Family Well-Being and Protection

**Meeting Topic:** August 2025 Child Welfare Partners Committee Meeting

**Facilitator:** Kristin Konchalski

**Date:** August 14, 2025

**Time:** 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm

**Location:** Lucas Building- 321 East 12<sup>th</sup> St. Des Moines/Microsoft Teams

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## Meeting Participants

Travis Heaton, Chad Jensen, Steve Kremer, Mylene Wanatee, Mary Beth O'Neill, Emily Blomme, Kristie Oliver, Nicki Enderle, Janée Harvey, Kristin Konchalski

## Agenda Topic and Items

### Membership Discussion

Members reviewed and discussed the provider membership applications that were received. Members selected Shawn Hollenkamp from Woodward Academy, Kim Scorza from Crittenton Center, and Sara Persons from CFI. The committee still needs to select a new co-chair to replace Emily Blomme when she leaves.

### BHIS as a pass-through from Medicaid update

This decision is with HHS leadership. It will mirror the PMIC process of a 14-day passthrough window or BHIS approval.

### Shelter Liaison Update

All service areas will have one except EISA. Interviews are occurring currently, and positions will be offered soon. Travis Heaton will serve as SAM lead over these folks to ensure consistency and same approach statewide. Kati Swanson shared an update with Kristie Oliver and Kristie will share that with shelter providers.

### Medicaid transition: Detention and Shelter

Most recent point in time survey showed 28% of youth in shelter came from detention. One possible reason for a small number of youth is to “turn on” Medicaid after a detention stay, especially if the youth is needing to be placed in an out of state facility, as Medicaid can’t bill during detention. The Coalition will determine if it should be on their legislative priorities. Coalition to ask Medicaid to clarify if fix requires practice, policy, or statutory change.

### **IHH Transition impact on programs**

Identified concerns regarding the lack of connection with child welfare and the concerns that without IHH staff some on the ground services will get delayed (post-adopt youth, youth in QRTP or PMIC needing assistance transitioning to Hab services, MCM calls currently rely heavily on IHH Case Managers to complete tasks). Medicaid is coming to broad CPS meeting to discuss concerns. CWPC members will continue to raise these concerns in REACH meetings and meetings with other key HHS leadership.

### **FCS RFP- Sellers and Dorsey**

FCS group is meeting tomorrow to discuss the recommendations regarding Family Preservation Services. The meeting will be recorded.

### **Kinship-working through transition**

FCS agencies are concerned about the transition on RRTS contract and the potential of losing staff or not having a smooth transition. HHS is meeting internally and will be meeting with RRTS and FCS staff soon to start putting together ideas for a transition plan.

### **RRTS- workgroup updates (forms, licensing & training)**

Updates were given on both workgroups. Training group received 240 responses to foster parent survey and will begin focus groups in September. The licensing group is working through system efficiencies and reduction of forms.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 9, 2025- 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM

In person-Lucas Building/via Teams