

Child Welfare Partners Committee (CWPC) Meeting Notes

Division: Division of Family Well-Being & Protection

Meeting Topic: October 2026 Child Welfare Partners Committee Meeting

Facilitator: Linda Dettmann

Date: 10/8/26

Time: 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm

Location: Microsoft Teams/321 E 12th St. Des Moines (Lucas Building)

Meeting Participants

Child Welfare Partners Committee Members

Agenda Topic and Items

- **Quick CWPC Orientation**

Members completed introductions as we have two new members attending, Kelly Hannan CEO of Ellipsis and Jenni DeBoer, Senior Director of Program Operations at Boys Town. Kristie provided some background/history on the CWPC. Kristie talked about the public/private partnership role and how we use CWPC.

- **FCS Implementation, Quality & Data**

Kristie explained that she learned during the Coalition board meeting that of the FCS referrals that are coming in, a high percentage are agency cases with removals. She shared that therefore, the referrals for Family Interactions are very high and provider staff travel long distances to complete them. Lori shared that she along with Janee and Kristin Konchalski will be attending the next FCS meeting. Mary Beth shared that she wants to pull data on Four Oaks' mileage prior to the beginning of this contract to compare.

- **Prevention, Intercept & the Child Welfare Continuum**

Janee provided an update on Intercept. She shared that 4 HHS team members traveled to Arizona this month. Angie McCann (Project Manager), PJ West (Home Visiting), Diane Wilson (Community Access) and Chandra Jennings (Behavioral Health Program Manager). There will be 8 staff directly working with families, a program manager and supervisor overseeing the project. There will be 4 use cases that have CINA assessments. Intercept is expected to launch in early Spring. The referrals will come from District 5 and the family must live in Polk County.

- **VISION/Data Readiness**

Janee shared that there are 2 phases of the VISION work. The first phase has a target date of completion by December 14th. This phase will include all information/data held in FACS being migrated/pushed into the cloud. VISION will be a read-only environment for staff at that time. There are 5 AI use cases that will also roll out and a Map my Day function. Phase 2 is expected to be completed in May 2027. Future Phase 3 will be adding a Provider Portal and a Foster Parent Portal. They will be working on other integrations with other entities (Department of Ed, Court Systems, Vital Statistics, Medicaid).

- **Shelter & QRTP Sustainability/Future Vision**

Kelly Hannan shared that the shelter providers are meeting regularly and looking at acuity of youth and length of stays. She shared that their goal is to have a proposal to HHS soon. Members agreed shelters need to do something different. There is also 2 ½ years left in the QRTP contract therefore it is good timing for a proposal.

- **Crossover Work**

Chad provided an update on HHS/Juvenile Court crossover work and upcoming stakeholder engagement. He sent an email out on August 25th to share updates to providers. There will be 3 listening sessions held at the end

of October. Georgetown will be facilitating those. There will be 4 sites- Webster City, Linn County, Des Moines and Ottumwa. JCS is working with Kayla Powell to get youth and family engagement.

- **CFSR/ A Home for Every Child**

Janee shared that CFSR is state led and looks different this year. Stakeholder interviews will take place in the first week of November. The PIP will also look really different. ACF focus is on A Home for Every Child. Iowa's data is due mid-December. Only 19 states have their data uploaded so far and there are 10 or less measures. See the link below for the ACF state data web page.

<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Facf.gov%2Ffa-home-for-every-child-dashboard%23home&data=05%7C02%7CAmy.Hance%40acf.hhs.gov%7C1a3bae178b9549e30ba208df23075031%7Cd58addea50534a808499ba4d944910df%7C0%7C0%7C639268186454402696%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoitWFBpbCIsIlIdUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FZsoRzJrED2tPANyGDVbPzej7NtL96kGdfhEeeeKW3E%3D&reserved=0>

- **HHS Updates**

Janee shared that the HHS Table of Organization is undergoing some changes. As there will be a new governor and new HHS Director soon, there were no other updates to share at this time.

Next Meeting:

December 10, 2026, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm