

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

Thursday, September 14, 2023
In Person/Zoom Meeting

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

Members not in attendance: Emily Blomme, Janee Harvey, Ana Clymer

Summary of Meeting:

Transition of Graduated Sanctions

Chad Jensen discussed the transition of graduated sanctions to JCS. He discussed how initially they did not have the infrastructure in place. Chad stated that they created a lean group and pulled in Doug Wolfe, HHS Foster Care Transition Program Manager to discuss some of the key functions. He said they had to onboard new staff which was quite a lift over the last 1- 1 ½ years. Chad stated that they worked on an MOU with the Department and made minor changes to the contract through an amendment. Chad said they are working on a new contract for next fiscal year.

Chad discussed the new CISR contract with the delinquency specific beds. He said some of their facilities had significant challenges, but they were unique circumstances. He said from his perspective the transition went well.

Cost Reporting

Chris discussed that the QRTP providers through the Residential Workgroup have identified some of their leaders and finance staff to determine how to capture these costs/expenses in replace of cost reports. She said the group will be working on making a proposal to HHS. Kristin Konchalski, QRTP/Shelter/SAL HHS Program Manager is working on the exception to policy.

CWPC membership

Daniel Harder from Boys Town submitted a letter of resignation from the committee in August. Ana Clymer will also no longer be serving on the committee as HHS decided not to renew their contract with ISU-Child Welfare Research & Training Project. The cultural equity alliance work will be moving in-house to HHS. The committee decided that the two members will not be immediately replaced at this time and further membership need discussions will take place.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 12, 2023-1:00 PM- 3:00 PM
In person @ Ellipsis North (Johnston) /via Zoom