

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

Thursday, October 12, 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

**Members not in attendance:** Mary Beth O'Neill

**Summary of Meeting:**

**SAM/JCS/Provider Meeting**

Provider committee members agreed as did Chad, Lori and Jana that the meeting was productive and went well. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, and it was held in September. They will be meeting quarterly ongoing.

**Shelter Protocol**

Providers discussed communication and the need for transparency between HHS field staff and provider staff. Janee shared that having specific circumstances to discuss would be beneficial. She stated that CWPC meetings are a good space to discuss any issues or concerns. Providers agreed and will try to narrow down specific cases. Regarding the shelter to statewide system, a salary survey was done and dissatisfaction was cut by 50%.

**Young House Development Plan**

Chad shared that there are two people from his team that are trying to assist Young House with their development plan. Young House has done an assessment and they won't be able to reopen until they move over to Burlington. Providers had a discussion on if there are any other providers who have capacity or interest in opening more beds. Chris shared that Ellipsis is working on adding more beds.

**FCS update**

Natalie shared that Dawn Kekstadt, Bureau Chief of Child Welfare and Community Services and Sara Buis, HHS FCS Program Manager met with the FCS providers. On the topic of Motivational Interviewing, they will be going with the consensus amongst the providers. Providers are putting together a "gold package."

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 9, 2023-1:00 PM- 3:00 PM  
In person @ Ellipsis North (Johnston) /via Zoom