

December 2010

Braam Oversight Panel Meeting

Children's
Administration

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Updates from Children's Administration

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Monthly & Quarterly Informational Reports

Presentations by Regional Administrators

- CHET Screen Completions by Barb Geiger for Nancy Sutton
- Shared Planning Meetings to Address CHET Screen Results by Randy Hart and Ken Nichols
- Monthly Visits by Randy Hart and Ken Nichols
- Youth on Runaway Status by Marty Butkovich
- Adequate Foster Parent Support by Jeanne McShane
- Sibling Separation by Myra Casey





Juvenile Detention Action Step Update

Steve Hassett

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Action Step

Information on children in Juvenile Detention Facilities

“The Department will maintain information on children in foster care who spend time in juvenile detention facilities and will annually compile information on the number of these children, their lengths of stay in detention facilities, and the reason for the hold. The CA will use this information to design and implement practice and system improvements in DCFS and to advocate for system improvements.”

Update on Progress

Second workgroup meeting held on November 15th, 2010.

The agenda included the following:

- BRS providers discussed their practices for involving/notifying Law Enforcement
- Division of Licensed Resources (DLR) discussed Licensing WAC requirements regarding Safety and Supervision for Licensed providers
- King County detention discussed their data and clarified data questions. They confirmed Length of Stay (LOS) is actually the same as the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) LOS data. The original King County data included non-detention stays which increased the LOS considerably.



Update on Progress

Workgroup Meeting (continued)

- AOC provided overall raw data to CA, but will need to be queried to obtain useful information for the workgroup.
- Developed more detailed data questions that need to be answered.





Next Steps

- Finalize data questions
- Meet with data experts from AOC, King County, and CA to determine if workgroup's questions can be met with data and and if it is possible to obtain the data
- Obtain further data regarding the CA foster youth population:
 - Placement at time of detention stay
 - Legal status of youth
 - Disproportionality
- Obtain new data
- Schedule next meeting to review data

