

June 2010 Braam Oversight Panel Preparation Meeting

Updates by Denise Revels Robinson, Children's Administration Assistant Secretary

2106 Washington State Child Welfare Transformation Design Committee

- Since the last Braam Oversight Panel meeting, the Washington State Transformation Design Committee has met twice, March 22-23 and last week June 14-15.
- A copy of the January - March 2010 Quarterly 2106 Transformation Design Committee (TDC) Report is available on their public website along with the June 14-15 meeting materials. The website is used to keep folks informed as to the work and progress of the committee: <http://joinhandsforchildren.org>
- In January 2010, the TDC made recommendations to the Legislative Children's Oversight Committee. The legislature passed SSB 6832 that did the following:
 - Add a foster youth to the transformation design committee
 - Extend the deadline for CA's conversion of current contracts to performance based contracts by 6 months (7/1/2011)
 - Extend the time for transfer of cases from CA to supervising agencies by six months (12/30/2012)
 - Clarifies that nothing prohibits Tribes from entering into performance-based contracts even if the state or federal agencies otherwise continue to provide services
- Selection of demonstration sites will be an agenda item for the September 2010 Transformation Design Committee meeting.

Performance Based Contracting Update

- David Del Villar Fox is now Children's Administrations lead for 2106 and our performance based contracting (PBC) work.
- We are working with national consultants on performance based contracting (PBC) that are providing technical assistance, guidance and lessons learned from other states' experiences.
- Children's Administration is in the process of restructuring our contract service system by converting, consolidating and reducing the number of contracts issued, while ensuring a consistent array of services for children and families.
- Children's Administration is also working on making internal changes, strengthening our infrastructure, capacity, and competencies to implement and manage performance based contracts.

2010 Legislative Session - See Hand-Out: 2010 Legislation Impacts on Child Welfare



Children's Administration Updates – Continued

CA Funding by Private Philanthropy Group

- Susan Dreyfus, DSHS Secretary and Denise Revels-Robinson, Children's Administration Assistant Secretary were invited by a private philanthropy group to discuss their plan and vision for child welfare reform in the state of Washington.
- The philanthropic group agreed to provide DSHS \$400,000 to help implement HB2106 and transform child welfare in Washington.
- Phase 1 involves Partners for Our Children (POC) completing a statewide assessment of services for children and families. The assessment will identify service capacity, access to services, strengths of service providers, service gaps, and provider financial capabilities.
- Phase 2 provides 90-day start-up funding for private agency and CA staff training and assistance for private agencies to build capacity for expanded front-end and preventive services.

Children's Administration Budget Update

- There was no reduction to Family Preservation Services or to foster care maintenance payments.
- Included in the final enacted budget:
 - An 8% increase in the adoption support caseload at a total biennial impact of \$11.6 million.
 - An increase in federal funding in anticipation of an extension of the ARRA grant.
 - A reduction in compensation for contracted supervised visit transportation.
 - A reduction in Behavioral Rehabilitative Services by \$3.2 million in the 09-11 biennium, but not ongoing.
 - A reduction in Crisis Family Intervention by 12.5%.
 - A temporary layoff reduction and an FTE reduction. The level of the FTE reduction is still being negotiated. DSHS will close on ten (10) days, with the exception of certain activities that are exempt from reductions. Temporary layoffs are one of many strategies used to balance the state's budget and is estimated to save \$40 million in state general funds expenditures across state government.

Federal Child and Family Service Review (CFSR)

- Washington State's Child and Family Service Review (CFSR) On-Site Review will be conducted September 13-17, 2010.
- The locations of the on-site reviews were selected with stakeholder input and consultation from our federal partners and include: King County, Spokane County, and Whatcom County.
- The CFSR process is a great opportunity to strengthen collaboration, to learn, and to identify and make practice and system improvements that will improve outcomes for children and families.

Technical Assistance from the National Resource Center on Child Protective Services

- Children's Administration is working with the National Resource Center (NRC) on Child Protective Services to improve child safety practice in Washington.
- The primary focus is the development and implementation plan to re-design the Safety Assessment and safety planning processes. Improvements will help ensure the tools and practices are state of the art in helping social workers keep children safe.