

Foster Parent 1624 Statewide Consultation Team

Meeting Minutes – 01/23/12

ATTENDANCE:

Headquarters (Region 3 South): Becky Smith, Bernice Morehead, Myra Casey, Amy Gardner, Sarah Blanchette, Meri Waterhouse,

Region 1 North: Marty Butkovich, Cindy Gardner, Ginger Schutt, Connie Morlin, Laurie Palmquist

Reg. 1 South: Victoria Erwin (by phone),

Region 2 North: Debra Ellsworth, Shala Crow, Kathy Johnson, Kathy Ramsay, John March, Yen Lawlor, Joel Odimba

Region 2 South: Talya Miller, Tess Thomas (by phone)

Region 3 North: Darcey Hancock, Nancy Sutton, Joshua Hinman, Elizabeth Griffin-Hall

FPAWS: Mike Canfield, Beth Canfield (both by phone),

Guests: Cheryl Rich - CA, Carrie Kendig - CA, Rich Pannkuk - CA

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Welcome: Bernice Morehead				
Minutes: October Minutes Approved on 12/12/11 at Agenda Building Conference Call				
Work Groups Reporting (Old Business)				
1. RFTI Training Schedule	This report/discussion was moved New Business under the Region 3 North topic.		N/A	1/23/12
2. Encrypted E-Mail	Meri Waterhouse provided follow-up on encrypted e-mail concerns. CA's Information Tech. staff (ISSD) have recommended CA's staff utilize "Encrypted Account" as this process offers ability for ISSD to provide technical assistance to both foster parents/care givers and CA staff. Staff should not utilize the Encrypted Password setting, as no technical assistance can be offered by ISSD for that security. Information on accessing help for an encrypted account email is contained in the agenda for this meeting. Becky will send out info and instructions to regions on using Encrypted Accounts for confidential information.			

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3. Caregiver Standards:	This group will schedule one more meeting to bring the workgroup together and will report back at next video conference meeting. <i>(Myra Casey – lead, Amy Beth, Talya, Tess & Barb Geiger)</i>		April 2012		
4. Working with External Partners	Talya Miller briefly addressed group; meetings have been initiated group will report back at next video conference meeting. <i>(Stephanie Allison-Noone – lead, Joel Odimba, Talya)</i>		April 2012		
New Business:					
When is Grief Counseling Available for Foster Parents? (Reg. 1 North)	<p>Reg. 2 So. offers counseling when critical incidents occur. Reg. 3 offers counseling on an as needed basis, with brief intervention focused on transition and loss. FPs asked to use any health insurance coverage first. Region provides 3 session maximum through CA contracted provider. This service is an Exception to Policy (ECP) and can be approved by the Area Administrator (AA)</p> <p>Suggestion: create a list of providers that can be utilized, solicit suggestions from FPs, utilize providers working with child (FPS). This suggestion was not followed up by an action decision.</p> <p>CA will write an informational article for the Caregiver Connection on Grief and Loss; CA understands the issue and can</p>		Meri Article for Caregiver Connection (projected date: March 2012)		

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	offer support to FPs when this occurs.			
Liabilities in caring for infants withdrawing with prescribed Methadone (Reg. 1 North)	<p>Myra Casey responded to group. Dr. Ashland, Regional Medical Consultant for CA Region 1N, DSHS/ADSA has expressed concern about local NICUs discharging babies on methadone. Medical protocols have not yet been worked out to receive these babies into foster care. He is recommending whenever possible we not receive these babies into foster care. CA agrees and plans to present the concerns to CA leadership to create statewide protocols and then work with hospitals towards resolution. This issue may need to be decided on a case-by-case basis in making the best decision for the infant with the medical provider and discussing the issue and needs with the caregivers.</p> <p>Meds for all children must be stored and locked per DLR requirement.</p>			
Communication between CA staff and foster parents (Reg. 1 South)	Per Becky Smith a reminder will be sent out in an all staff memo to ensure caregivers are notified timely. Social work staff should make every effort to be timely in returning calls and	All staff memo from Becky February 15, 2012	February 15, 2012	

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	correspondence.			
Relative Searches (Reg. 1 South)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social workers do some of the initial work in talking to children and parents • Relative search staff are assigned in each region; they take on more challenging searches requiring the use of outside data systems • Question raised on Paternity testing, as this may take some time to forward testing info to social worker. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paternity test work is contracted through the Prosecuting Attorney's office. • <i>Copy of CA policy 45273 on Relative Search is provided</i> 			
Placement Consolidation & Placement Issues (Reg. 2 North)	<p>Shala Crow presented background on topics to group. Carrie Kendig presented to group on CA's efforts in this area. Goal: Best placement for that child & siblings First placement should be the best placement. Providing training in February for placement coordinators and social workers who do placement work. Region 2 South has a good working system that can be modeled across state.</p>			

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RFTI Training on Special Topics (Reg. 3 North)	<p>Jan Hinkle Rodriguez, RFTI Supervisor, shared information on current training availability. PRIDE Pre-Service is priority training. RFTI staff do offer training both night and weekends for Pre-Service, Parenting Plus and special topics. However, of consideration, is limited training staff time is available to increase scheduling. RFTI continues to review scheduling to see if expansion is possible. A new Training Partnership with the University of Washington, University of Tacoma, Eastern University and Children’s Administration has been developed. This Partnership, as it develops, will be able to broaden and offer more training resources for foster parents across the state in the future.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could FPs with professional degrees help by doing some of the training? <i>(See response in Report to Team Column)</i> 2. Are RFTI trainers doing Train the Trainer for this (special topics) curriculum? <i>(See response in Report to Team Column)</i> 	<p>Marjorie provide report</p>	<p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could FPs with professional degrees help by doing some of the training? Special Topics trainings are provided by any person that has professional qualifications for training a specific topic through a contact procurement process. Notices for those procurements are announced. 2. Are RFTI trainers doing Train the Trainer for this (special topics) curriculum? Special Topic Trainings are provided by either contracted providers as above or directly by the RFTI trainers. 	

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	<p>Share periodic updates on training from RFTI at the 1624 state meetings.</p> <p>RFTI could send updates to Meri for distribution to the 1624 Team.</p>			
Impacts Special Legislative Session (Reg. 3 North)	<p>Rich Pannkuk, Director Fiscal gave overview report on special legislative budget from November 2011 which resulted in an inactive budget. Also review of current forecast budget. Legislature will consider budget reductions in February. These won't fully be known until Governor takes final action.</p> <p>BRS providers concerned about level of support.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CA has ability to pull data on the # of youth in BRS and the loss of BRS providers <p>Meri obtain data from BRS</p>	<p>Feb. 13, 2012 (Debriefing Mtng.)</p>	
2011 CAFPT Successes (Reg. 3 South)	<p>Meri and Amy Gardner have produced a list of CAFPT (1624) Successes</p>	<p>Meri: e-mails list to group after meeting</p>		<p>Jan. 23, 2012</p>
Respite Issues (Reg. 2 South)	<p>Region 1 South has developed a work group and will provide information at next meeting</p>	<p>Reg. 2 staff and FP reps from region Stephanie Allison Noone</p>	<p>April 2012 meeting</p>	
DLR Policy: Immunizations for FPs children (Reg. 2 South)	<p>Licensing renewals have raised concerns on this practice.</p> <p>DLR Management has reviewed current policy and practice. The foundation for</p>	<p>DLR is reformatting the medical consent form and practice directives with a 30 day time frame to finish this work.</p>	<p>March 2012 Agenda Building Call</p>	

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	<p>this policy is child safety.</p> <p>Current DLR discussion on change in practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain statement from medical provider that indicates their children are up to date with their immunizations. They will continue to keep them up to date on their immunizations. • For FPs who have religious beliefs/philosophical or personal objection, or that has a medical condition which makes immunizations not advised: the FP will contact licensor to request a “Stop Placement”, any time the family has been exposed to an illness that has an immunization available. They are to submit written confirmation to the licensor from a medical professional that indicates the period to contract this illness has passed so the stop placement may be lifted. <p>What if birth parent refuses immunization?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA must find a FP who is will accept placement of a child without 	(Myra)		

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	immunizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • parents can sign an agreement for immunization, or • CA can seek a court order to immunize the child 			
Foster Parents and Public Disclosure	<p>Meri Waterhouse shared information on Public Disclosure related to FPs provided by Barbara McPherson, Public Disclosure Program Manager.</p> <p>See e-mail from Meri attached to the January agenda. Foster parents should be informed that e-mail correspondence is disclosable. Information that would be redacted is included in the above mentioned e-mail. All staff and FPs should be encouraged to ensure their communications are professional and that identifying information should only be sent through encrypted e-mail.</p>			Jan. 23, 2012
Update on FTDM	<p>Cheryl Rich CA's new Family Engagement Program Manager reported on updates to FTDM Meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 facilitators hired across state • Mandatory training for all social workers met compliance by 12/31/11 • Standardized review of facilitation has been developed and will be reviewed for needed changes 	<p>Meri will send out list of FTDM Supvs.</p> <p>Reg. 1 No: Lily Haken</p> <p>Reg. 1 So: Nicole Labelle</p>		Jan. 23, 2012 Feb. 3, 2012 w/ requested bios.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracking done on time frames for FTDMs • CA must respect parents wishes if they state they don't want FPs to participate in the FTDM • If foster parents have concerns about FTDMs please use the CA chain of command: Swkr, Supv., AA, Depty, RA • Private agency FPs or their agency aren't being invited to FTDMs • Provide list of FTDM Supvs. in Regions. 	Reg. 2: Ronda Haun Reg. 3: Peggy Devoy		
<p>Debriefing Conference Call: Monday, February 13, 2012 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Conference Call Dial-in Number: 1-605-477-3000</p> <p>Participant Access Code: 186895#</p>				