

**1624 Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2011 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Office**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY	DECISIONS	ASSIGNMENTS	DUE DATES	LEADS
Introductions	Attendees introduced themselves.				
Region Consolidation	Stephanie Allison-Noone spoke about the regional consolidation. There are now three regions; Regions 3 and 4 will be combined to form Region 2. The regional business offices will be co-located.				
Foster Parent handout	<p>Talya Miller presented the Foster Parent handout and DCFS issues sheet.</p> <p>Rubin Reeves of DLR, stated that he has started attending foster parent hub meetings to present information on how DLR conducts investigations. Celeste Carey asked if this information could be presented at private agency groups as well. Gia Wesley and Rubin agreed to do so.</p> <p>Gia spoke about First program.</p>				
	A foster parent stated that she is against DLR and other /state workers doing foster				

	<p>parent trainings. She was asked about ideas for solutions for trainers. The foster parent suggested that foster parents do the trainings.</p>				
<p>DLR Issues</p>	<p>A concern was expressed that current process with investigations, concern for criminal process how Foster parent know their Miranda rights in case of potential criminal process.</p> <p>Gia discussed the investigation priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Safety for children</li> <li>2. In an investigation – getting child’s interview before giving caretakers information.</li> </ol> <p>Usage of First program liaisons and there is continued discussion regarding investigations at the statewide levels.</p> <p>The timeframe is 45 days for DLR. DLR is being held accountable to the time frames.</p>				

	<p>Foster Parent discussion regarding:</p> <p>WAC Codes – out-of-date, need to be looked at (where do you start with that?).</p> <p>Previous allegations made by foster child, and behavioral history of the child isn't being provided to foster parent when they are called about placement.</p> <p>Make sure the foster parent talks with the assigned social worker regarding the Children being placed;</p> <p>Ask questions about the child(ren)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Past</b> allegations made against foster parent.</li> <li>2. Known behaviors of the child</li> <li>3. Ask any additional information that would help you provide care and supervision of the child in your home. (More information)</li> <li>4. Read ISSP</li> </ol>		Region 4 1624 liaisons	April 18	Talya Miller
	Solution Process :::				

	<p>Process on DLR – Valid finding – due process for care givers.</p> <p>What is the Dispute resolution process for care givers with Valid Findings</p> <p>Administrative Law Judge</p>		to bring dispute resolution process for DLR investigation to statewide 1624 meeting	Statewide 1624 meeting	Tess Thomas
Relative Care Givers Guardianship/RGAP	<p>Relative Care giver discussed lack of funding being provided to relatives to provide for children in their homes.</p> <p>Gia discussed RGAP, relative guardianships, assistance program, TANF coverage – guardianships</p> <p>John March clarified the Guardianship/RGAP process qualifications. Where to find information and process for caregivers parents. Title 13 guardianship</p> <p>Discussion regarding Permanent Plans for children Foster Guardianship verses adoption. Foster Parents expressed concern they are being push to adopt children.</p>				

	Adoption Support - Adoptions				
Questions	<p>Foster parents discussion regarding medically fragile children would like to have social workers identified with the agency who have the ability to work with medically fragile children. Department should provide social worker with special training to work with medically fragile children. Enable social workers to obtain necessary services for the medically fragile children to enable them to be in foster care not in residential care facilities.</p> <p>Management approval for services lagging behind hindering care givers abilities to obtain necessary services to care for children in their home. (not the social worker's fault paperwork submitted to mangers)</p>				
Respite	Discussion:				

	<p>Stephanie Noone provided updates on respite information requested from the December 1624 meeting. Foster parents can accrue a maximum of 14 days of retention respite; accrual stops at 14 days. Retention respite is not a service that requires DCFS worker approval. Retention respite for state licensed foster homes is monitored by regional management staff. John Allen, the Placement supervisor, receives the retention respite paperwork and approves for payment. Retention respite paperwork identifies where to send the paperwork for payment processing. Retention respite for CPA foster homes is monitored by each perspective CPA.</p>				
Next Meeting	<p>The next R4 1624 Meeting will be on Thursday, June 2, 2011.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The meeting will take place in the <b>King South</b> office in <b>Kent</b>.</p>				

