

1624 Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2009

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY	DECISIONS	ASSIGNMENTS	DUE DATES	LEADS
Foster Parent Representative	Talya Miller talked about developing a description of what her role will be and include as a foster parent representative for Region 4 foster parents.	Talya and Stephanie Allison-Noone will work on this together.	Talya, Stephanie and Tess to meet in January and develop description. Talya is also seeking input from foster parents.	March 2010	Talya Miller, Stephanie Allison-Noone, Tess Thomas
Foster Parents Concerns	Placement – Talya stated she had heard good things about John Allen (supervisor of R4 Placement). John is holding all parties involved responsible for completing paperwork and getting it to the foster parents.	Joel Odimba spoke about placement resources and introduced John March, John Allen’s manager.			
Foster Parents Concerns	Foster parents are having to be relicensed and retaking PRIDE classes. It is time consuming. This is related to Child Placing Agencies foster parents.	Talya is working on scheduling a meeting with Gia Wesley, A.A. for DLR.	Gia Wesley/DLR		Talya Miller
Foster Parents Concerns	The training classes for foster parents has been good, and foster parents appreciate the ability to talk to other foster parents at these training events.				
Foster Parents Concerns	It appears to foster parents	Foster parents should	As workers change on		

	that policies are applied differently on cases, depending on which social worker has the case.	feel free to ask the social worker questions, and can call the social worker's supervisor if they have questions.	cases questions will come up. Foster Parents should share previous experiences with their current social worker.		
Foster Parents Concerns	Medicaid is a problem. It's difficult to find doctors or other trained professionals that will accept medical coupons.	Joel and the other area administrators at the meeting recommended that foster parents ask their social workers for recommendations. Joel also indicating that this is an issue being looked at state-wide.	Providers to be updated on the intranet.		Stephanie Allison-Noone
Foster Parents Concerns	Cases being transferred multiple times to multiple social workers.		Supervisors and area administrators will continue to manage vacancies and minimize the frequency of worker assignments to cases. Social workers will communicate in a timely manner with foster parents whenever there is a change in social workers.		
Tool Box and Resource Book	A question was raised on what the status was on these two projects.	Cora Phillips stated that the Tool Box is currently under review in eastern Washington and she is following	Cora Phillips to follow-up on status of Tool Box. Stephanie Allison-		

		up on the review. Stephanie indicated that the Resource Book had been started and she will follow-up on it.	Noone to follow-up on status of the Resource Book.		
Court Hearings	Are foster parents being heard in court? Foster parents in Region 4 are, but Region 3 seems to be experiencing some challenges.	Joel Odimba will relay concerns to the RA in Region 3.			
Rate Assessors	Joel spoke about the positions being established for rate assessors. These individuals will work with the foster parents in determining the rate that foster parents will be paid for each child.	Foster parents would like a call from their social worker before the rate assessor contacts them. That way they will be prepared for the call.			
Phone Calls	Some social workers are not returning calls to foster parents. An example was a foster parent received a call from a child's grandmother. The grandmother indicated they would be picking up the child for Thanksgiving. The social worker had not contacted the foster parent about this visit and did not respond back to the voice mails left for the social worker.	<p>If the social worker is not returning calls the foster parent can call the social worker's supervisor.</p> <p>If the foster parent cannot reach the supervisor the foster parent can call the area administrator.</p> <p>The foster parent call also press "0", and the call will transfer to the</p>	Bill Barrett will follow-up on this incident.		

		receptionist and the social worker can be paged.			
RGAP	John March spoke briefly about RGAP and guardianships. John had a handout for foster parents.				
Regional Management	Due to time constrains, Joel deferred his updates until the next 1624 meeting.		Topics: Budget – some discussion occurred Rate Assessments – were discussed Conflict Resolution Process for foster parents	March 2010	Stephanie Allison-Noone
THINGS WORKING WELL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Responsive Placement Desk - Improved communication - Specialized training for foster parents - Some area administrators are great working with CPAs and implementing CPA agreements 				
THINGS NOT WORKING WELL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DLR foster parent re-licensing process - Some social workers don't understand the CPA-CA agreement - Getting better diagnoses 				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Consistency in decisions being made by social workers- Caregiver reports as part of the ISSP- Providers receiving multiple mailings, including mailings to deceased providers				
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