

**1624 Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2013 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Office, Seattle**

**Attendees:**

Talya Miller, Mary Bird, Andy Duarte, Elizabeth Rich, Michelle Hetzel, Marie Fujii, Stephanie Allison-Noone, Gia Wesley, Doreen Holze

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY	DECISIONS	ASSIGNMENTS	DUE DATES	LEADS
RDS Groups	Each CA office is developing a network of community partners in preparation for the FAR process that will be rolled out in the coming months.				
Placement Capacity	Efforts are being made to increase capacity for				

	placement for children so that hotel stays can be reduced and/or eliminated.				
Youth on the run	There are specific CA workers that will be handling cases with youth on the run. The purpose is to make and keep connection with these youth.				
Improving Information	<p>There is an effort underway to provide more complete information to foster parents when a child is placed with them, so that foster parents have information that is more helpful in relation to the child(ren) being placed with them.</p> <p>This led to a discussion about a report foster parents receive from HQ regarding medical information for children.</p>				

A foster parent thought this report was sent by the social worker, when it actually is generated by HQ. The foster parent felt that all of the information in the report was provided by them to the Department.

There was also a discussion about medical hubs, with the Odessa Brown clinic being one of the hubs. The hubs are the general point of contact for medical for foster children. Then from the hub the children are referred for additional services as needed.

Mocking Bird Project	<p>There is a project underway to establish five new constellations. There will be information coming later about the location of the constellations.</p>				
Other Items	<p>Talya talked about the ongoing project she and Gia are working on between foster parents and DLR.</p> <p>Talya is also working on having a function for foster parents to let them know they are appreciated for what they do for the foster children. A date and time will be announced later.</p> <p>Both Talya and Mary Byrd spoke about ongoing respect issues between social workers and foster parents.</p> <p>There are many reasons for miscommunication, and it is an ongoing everyone on everyone's part to make</p>				

	efforts to communicate and appreciate all parties and their involvement in the lives of the foster care system.				