

1624 Meeting Minutes – December 3, 2013 – Calvary Chapel South, Jr. Office, Kent

Attendees:

Gerald Donaldson, Garth Gill, Yossi Banai, Tess Thomas, Ivana Rozekova, Mary Pagni-Leavitt, Stephanie Allison-Noone, Doreen Holze

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY	DECISIONS	ASSIGNMENTS	DUE DATES	LEADS
1624 Meetings	<p>Gerald Donaldson was introduced as the newly elected Region 4 (Region 2 South), 1624 representative.</p> <p>Discussion was held on when the state-wide meetings take place and when the region meetings take place.</p> <p>Discussion was also held about how helpful it is to care givers to be able to attend support group meetings to gain information and to find out how other care givers have dealt with situations.</p> <p>State-wide meetings can be attended via video conferencing in some CA offices.</p>				

DLR Document	Although Talya Miller's term has ended as the R2 South rep, Talya will continue working with DLR on a document she started with Gia Wesley.				
Affordable Care Act	Foster parents are concerned about foster children not being covered under the ACA. Foster parents won't be covered, but foster children still be covered. Income levels play a part in coverage. Gerald Donaldson will provide Stephanie with the name of the individual that attended their support group that spoke on this topic.				
Coats	Gerald Donaldson asked about coats for foster kids. Stephanie will talk with Marilyn Hatfield about coats for foster kids with relative care givers.				

<p>Mockingbird Hubs</p>	<p>Stephanie spoke about nine Mockingbird HUB homes that are being added. There are monthly meetings and the structure using involves sharing a meal, child care is provided and various topics are discussed.</p> <p>These meetings help develop a respite care system for foster parents, as children get to know the other children in the constellation.</p>				
<p>Foster Parent Training</p>	<p>Foster parents would appreciate having trainings closer to where they live. It took one foster parent an hour and a half to get from Bellevue to Kent to attend a training.</p> <p>Also, child care is not provided at these training sessions.</p> <p>A suggestion was made to rotate training sessions between Kent, West Seattle, north Seattle and Bellevue.</p> <p>One training that foster</p>				

	<p>parents would like to have is on law enforcement, and having law enforcement personnel attend the training to talk about the legal process and what happens when the police are called.</p> <p>Also, foster parents appreciate when they are spoken to as adults and not talked down to during training sessions.</p>				
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Website	<p>There was a discussion on how helpful it would be for foster parents to be able to go to one web site to get all the information foster parents need, including a FAQ sheet, updated forms, etc.</p>				
Hub Homes	<p>Hub homes need data collection and comparison groups of foster kids placed in hub homes compared to foster kids not placed in hub homes to determine what the placement disruption is in each – hub and non-hub homes.</p> <p>Finding locations to hold support groups has been very challenging. 1. Most organizations charge for the use of their space; 2. Many people do not want to meet in a religious facility; 3. Facilities aren't open/available in the evenings.</p>				

New Administration	Stephanie shared that Regional Administration Dr. Joel Odimba and Deputy Regional Administrator John March will be moving to Region 3. Natalie Green will be the new RA for Region 2; Boleshia Johnson will be the new DRA for Region 2.				

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