

**Foster Parent 1624 Statewide Consultation Team  
Video-Conference Meeting  
Minutes January 25, 2016  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

AGENDA TOPICS	Consultation	Action Items
<b>Welcome by:</b>		
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>		
Independent Facilitator for state 1624 meetings	<p>Jennifer Strus – contract in process with NW Resource Associates – Robert Hunner, facilitator begins April 2016</p> <p>Jennifer Strus – requesting info from fiscal if CA can reimburse for mileage &amp; day care for state reps to attend state meeting (related - Boards &amp; Commissions legislation)</p>	Finalize the contract with SRIC and they will begin facilitating meetings and taking notes in April.
Alliance ability to pay for foster parent’s childcare during trainings	Jennifer Strus and Jenny Heddin, Fiscal on capacity to cover the cost of child care at this time.	Jennifer will follow up with Rep. Kagi this week about legislation that would allow FP to be reimbursed for mileage and childcare.
Overpayment Issue	<p>Jennifer Strus –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• send info/letter to FP reps on team about updated overpayment info;</li> <li>• share draft of overpayment policy from fiscal</li> <li>• contact OFR to share communication with people who are no longer foster parents</li> <li>• Debriefing comments: Foster Parents are concerned Jennifer indicated they should not pay, yet they are incurring interest on the reported overpayments. Has this been resolved?</li> </ul>	<p>All FP will receive a letter detailing the overpayment policy.</p> <p>FP with overpayments will receive a letter that deals specifically with their overpayment situation. ( option to dispute, make payments or forgiveness)</p>

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Prudent Parenting Confusion***** <i>(see also new items Regions 2 No. &amp; 2 So.)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quick Reference Travel Guide updated 12/15</li> <li>• Updating Caregiver Guidelines for Fos. Child. Activities</li> <li>• Training request submitted to Alliance for mandatory eLearning training for caregivers and CA staff on Prudent Parenting.</li> <li>• Updating guidance for staff on writing case plan/court report to include steps to ensure caregivers follow reasonable and prudent parent standard to determine child has regular and on-going opportunities for developmentally appropriate activities.</li> <li>• Monthly Health &amp; Safety Visits with child and caregiver require discussion on child’s activities and what needs caregiver has to make those happen. Works must document those in their case notes. Anticipated travel should be discussed at this time.</li> <li>• Practice Tip submitted for CA staff on Prudent Parenting. “Did you know that foster parents and caregivers can allow a child in their care to participate in normal childhood activities based on a “reasonable and prudent parenting standard” without prior approval of the CA worker or department? Normal childhood activities include extracurricular and social activities and may include overnight activities up to seventy-two hours. See Caregiver Guidelines for Foster Childhood Activities and the Travel Approval Quick Reference Guide for more details.”</li> </ul>	CA-work on prudent parent policy.  New visitation policy will roll out in the next month or two.  CA-Discuss the ability to address FAQs with the Alliance to add to the prudent parent eLearning.
Transitioning Children and Caregiver grief/loss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place info in Caregiver Connection about access to brief counseling through regions when caregiver is grieving loss of child. (March edition pending)</li> <li>• There was a concern expressed about DLR needing access to their report prior to them being able to foster again. The clarification was made that this request would not apply to all FP and could not be accessed without a consent from the FP</li> </ul>	CA HQ-Will communicate how to access brief counseling to the regions.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
<b>Reg. 1 North – Topic 1: No Topic submitted</b>		

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Reg. 1 North – Topic 2: No Topic submitted		
Reg. 1 South – Topic 1: No Topic submitted		
Reg. 1 South – Topic 2: No Topic submitted		
<p><b>Reg. 2 North (joined with Reg. 2 South)</b>  <b>Topic 1: Prudent Parenting</b>  *****  Information on this is not reaching CA staff and causing barriers to travel under 72 hours and overnights without background checks. In the CA policy there are old documents in place and outdated materials that are confusing the CA staff. How can we educate CA staff about Prudent Parenting? How do we educate foster parents that a court order trumps Prudent Parenting and how do they get a copy of the court order to be aware of what is ordered?</p>	<p><i>Coordinate with Prudent Parenting Old Business and Reg. 2 South – Topic 1</i></p>	<p><i>Please see section above</i></p>
<p><b>Reg. 2 North - Topic 2:</b> Some caregivers received documents stating the foster parent monthly invoice process will be changing in February. They have shared it with other caregivers which caused</p>	<p><i>The information about Individual Provide One(IPOne) does not apply to any payment coming from CA. CA is not a part of IPOne. Authorizations from Children’s Administration will continue to be authorized through FamLink and the payment processed by SSPS.</i></p> <p><i>The letter received by some foster parents in your area only pertains to Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) including Medicaid Personal</i></p>	<p><i>Meri sent out information clarifying this topic prior to the meeting.</i></p>

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<p>anxiety over payment and how to sign up with IPOne instead of SSPS as it states in their letter that they are replacing all SSPS payments. Does this pertain to DDA or MPC children (Developmental Disability Admin. and Medicaid Personal Care) only or will our caregivers need to do something additional to receive payment each month if one of their foster children are DDA or MPC? See attached flyer that was mailed out to some caregivers to see what they are referring to. Would it be possible to get clarity on what will be changing and for what foster children? Can we get this information added to the Caregiver Connection?</p>	<p><i>Care (MPA) payments. In addition, CA transferred the MPC program a number of years ago to DDA. CA no longer makes MPC payments; these payments are handled by DDA. The MPA payments are processed through IPOne.</i></p>	
<p><b>Reg. 2 South – Topic 1: Prudent Parenting *****</b><i>(joining with Reg. 2 North for discussion)</i></p>	<p><b><i>Coordinate with Prudent Parenting Old Business and Reg. 2 North – Topic 1</i></b></p>	<p><i>Please see the prudent parent section above for action items.</i></p>
<p><b>Reg. 2 South – Topic 2: Insufficient Child Care Options.</b> There is an inadequate supply of day care providers who will accept the CA payment rate. Request to brainstorm ways to recruit and how to effectively</p>	<p><b><i>Reg. 3 South Topic 1 is joining on this issue</i></b>  <i>Meri requested Rep. from DEL to attend – there has been no confirmation. Discussion suggested that caregivers are challenged in some areas with lack of providers – especially for infants. Private payers in abundance and providers who won't accept DSHS subsidized child care.</i></p>	<p><i>CA- will develop a one page information sheet on Childcare.</i>  <i>Jenny will contact DEL and see what data is available to</i></p>

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search child care lists.		<i>identify areas where there is a need for childcare providers and a lack of providers.</i>
<b>Reg. 3 North - Topic 1:</b> Discussion on <b>regional team successes</b> in locally addressing foster parent issues.		
<b>Reg. 3 North - Topic 2:</b> No additional topic		
<b>Reg. 3 South - Topic 1: Insufficient Child Care Resources</b> (joining w/ Reg. 2 South on discussion) There is no available day care for infants in the whole county. Polled local office on phone – this is an issue for over 5 offices. Reasons: – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hourly rate is exceptionally low,</li> <li>• new regulations/restrictions have prevented providers from becoming licensed,</li> <li>• existing homes are full.</li> </ul> This is a huge systemic issue. What can we do? Can we have our own DCFS day care? Can we pay more for children	<b>Reg. 2 South – Topic 1 is joining on this issue</b>	<i>See section above for action items.</i>

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<p>needing a daycare? (this actually does happen on a case by case basis). We are sending children out of county, just because there is no available day care – this is costing the department extra money, impacting visitation, as well as not being a preferable placement.</p> <p><b><i>Jennifer is requesting rep. from DEL attend meeting</i></b></p>		
<p><b>Reg. 3 South - Topic 2: Foster parents need more services/resources for high needs/behaviorally challenged/aggressive children.</b> Kids are being sent home from school more and more often, and especially if the foster parent works, this is difficult at best. There needs to be a “back-up” plan of what to do when this happens. Shouldn’t schools be responsible? What if kids are on IEP or 504? Discussed MOU’s between DCFS and all school district. Is this addressed in those?</p>		<p><i>Region-Empower FP to ask for an IEP meeting to modify the behavioral plan. Encourage FP to contact the regional education advocate (treehouse). Invite the education advocate to FP support groups and other events.</i></p> <p><i>CA-HQ- Put information in the caregiver connection about education advocates.</i></p>
<p><b>FPAWs – Topic 1: Adoption support information</b> needs to be shared with a family at the</p>		<p><i>CA-HQ- will provide Adoption Support information on FPAWS website.</i></p>

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beginning of any conversation of a possible adoption. The family needs to know what to expect early in the case, to make an informed decision on whether or not they can be available for that child. If they are not able to adopt they need to know how they can support a transition to a home that can.		<i>Jennifer will send out Communication to staff encouraging the sharing of adoption support information with FP when adoption is identified as the permanent plan.</i>
<b>FPAWS-Voting on Charter (added at the meeting)</b>	<i>A discussion about the possibility of electing former foster parents as FP reps.  The decision was already made about this topic. ( Jennifer and FPAWS met and decided they would try this for two years and revisit it at that date)</i>	<i>Any concerns or questions can be sent to FPAWS.</i>
<b>FPAWs – Topic 2: Add chain of command approval</b> to process when moving a child from a caregivers’ home, unless it has been court ordered. It would be important during the process of moving a child the caregiver knows and understands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• why move is happening, and</li> <li>• how to best support transition, to assure the least amount of moves for a child and retention of foster parents.</li> </ul>	<i>This is being tabled until Jennifer is available but wanted to bring up the topic.</i>	<i>FPAWS will address this topic with Jennifer at a later date.</i>
<b>CA: Amended DLR WACS</b> DLR is proposing amendments to WAC 388-145-1325 (2), 388-145-1400 (1), 388-147-1325 (2),		<i>Krissy will submit the CR 101 for the WAC amendments in the spring of 2016.</i>

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<p>388-147-1420 (1), and 388-148-1635 (1).The purpose of the proposed WAC changes are to cite the correct background check WAC which was changed on February 15, 2015 to 388-06A. The WACs referenced above will be changed from 388-06 to 388-06A. There will be no other changes to these WACs. The proposed text is attached to the agenda email.</p>		<p><i>Submit any comments or suggested language changes to Krissy Wright via email (<a href="mailto:Kristina.Wright@dshs.wa.gov">Kristina.Wright@dshs.wa.gov</a>)</i></p> <p><i>The WAC on homeschooling will be tabled and discussed at the next meeting when Jennifer is able to attend.</i></p>
<p><b>CA:</b> Discussion CAFPT (1624) Team Facilitation and possible revisions needed to charter</p>	<p><b><i>First portion of topic combined with #1 in Old Business.</i></b></p>	
<p><b>CA:</b> Jennifer Strus – info on hiring FP liaison in Constituent Relations</p>		
<p><b>CA:</b> Pending legislation – development of an on-line dashboard allowing staff and FPs to track licensing progress, delays, etc.</p>	<p><b><i>This is not related to any legislation. It was an idea Jennifer had to make tracking the licensing progress via the web. Jennifer is looking into the cost of a dashboard.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>There were ideas for other places a web portal would be useful. Being able to access court dates, submit case notes, read Famlink.</i></b></p>	
<p><b>Debriefing /Agenda Building Conversation</b></p>	<p><i>Multiple recurrent conversations (issues) frequently come to 1624 with lack of resolution and/or understanding (i.e. lack of notice about court hearings, delayed reimbursements, etc.).</i></p> <p><i>Suggestion: 1624 team creates list and pick one topic to focus efforts of the state 1624 team (with two suggested formats):</i></p> <p><i>*focus the entire meeting on one or two identified recurrent topics</i></p>	<p><i>Explore adding this to the updating the charter workgroup.</i></p> <p><i>Continue to explore the idea of the reps meeting ahead of time to consolidate topics. (the decision about reimbursement impacts the</i></p>

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	*allocate 20 minutes to focus on one topic (allowing the rest of the meeting for new issues)	<i>ability to make this pre-meet happen. FPAWS is exploring other funding options) Dedicate time at the next meeting to define an issue and how to determine when it is ready to present to 1624.</i>
<b>Next State CAFPT (1624) Video Conference Meeting: Monday, April 18, 2016 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.</b>		