

**Child Welfare Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**9-26-07**

**Members Present**

Arlene Happach  
Margaret Berglind  
Nancy Ronquillo  
Rick Velasquez  
Zach Schrantz  
Jim Jones  
Trisha Fox  
Yvonne Zehr  
Barbara Jones Green  
Robert Bloom  
Richard Calica  
John Schnier  
Mary Shabazian  
Chuck Redeker  
Elizabeth Wagner  
Mark Nufer  
Karen Rousey

**Via Teleconference**

Roberta Bell  
Keith Langston  
Cynthia Moreno  
Elizabeth Richmond  
Barb Piwowarski  
Mary Debose  
Mary Hollie  
Dixie Peterson  
Dan Pennell  
Judy Zaleski

**DCFS Staff Present**

Erwin McEwen  
Denice Murray  
Kendall Marlowe  
Michael Byrd  
Doug Washington  
Bridgette Glickman

## **Call to Order**

### ***Director's Report/Update***

- SACWIS protocols evaluating DCFS cases with the goal of moving into QA structure
- Organizing QA group statewide to look at evolution of using performance based contracting
- QIC Grant Update
  - Convened National Summit
  - Illinois ahead of the curve and very innovative
  - Found that most states do not collaborate with POS the way Illinois does, or allow full case management responsibility
  - Our issue is no longer reform but how to deal with certain issues in innovative ways - post adoption, trauma based approaches, accepting challenges

### **Subcommittee Reports**

#### ***Public Awareness (Handout)***

- Update on FKOK Campaign – Community Engagement
- Committee continues to work on “collective responses” to media inquiries
- Looking for opportunities to message effectively about Illinois accomplishments in child welfare and practice improvement
- Want to advance Danny Davis/Tim Johnson Waiver Pilot Re: subsidy
- MIT, Chapin Hall, etc. studies
- Want to have a full CWAC discussion about POS/Public Messaging on next agenda
- Subcommittee needs more members

#### ***Infrastructure/Performance Based Contracting***

- Good performance improvements
- Agencies getting credit for education protocol
- Streamlining protocols through SACWIS
- HMR Foster Home Availability Data base is shrinking
- Want data base to reflect if home is a reunification home
- POS will be penalized if they go around the school placement rule
- Agencies need to understand the benefit of HMR licensing

#### ***SACWIS***

- AP protocols now using SACWIS data – making great progress
- Agencies will be able to transfer data
- Next release will be December 17, 2007 – completed product
- Seven agencies will pilot Bridge
- Agencies using SACWIS remotely/VPN

- Broadening scope of SACWIS committee

#### *Front-End/Intact Family*

- All agencies now connected to SACWIS
- Data sharing will be helpful; will keep individual agency information confidential
- DCFS can now log on and read POS Intact cases
- Data report is a monthly snapshot

#### *Training (Handout)*

- Burgos on-line training had a large number of no-shows
- SACWIS Training for ILO/TLP staff
- Demonstration of “How To” Tools on D-Net/SACWIS screens
- Demonstration on on-line Mandatory Reporter training
- Update on Core curriculum and Foster Parent on-line Curriculum

#### *Comprehensive High End Treatment*

- Streamwood opening downstate
- Medicaid conversion implementation
- Want to exchange info through Intranet in referral system
- New staff monitors in unit

#### *Finance and Administration*

- Expanded FAS group related to Performance Contracting
- Issues re: treatment is different than issues related to hospitalization
- Penalty structures are around intake, mismatches

#### *Older Adolescents/ILO*

- Focused on QIC Project
- Looking at available data and use for outcomes

#### *Education*

- Working on recommendations from various subgroups

#### *Other Business*

- How to move SACWIS to other programs in POS
- IOWA is starting a CWAC based on our model
- Need to look at SACWIS in terms of Best Practice – especially relating to confidentiality issues

**Meeting adjourned**