

CCFS Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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Date:	October 17, 2024 8:30 am – 10:00 am
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Membership		Present	Absent
CAC Members:	Ali Caliendo	X	
	Brandon Ford	X	
	Christopher Merritt	X	
	David Johnson	X	
	Dashun Jackson		X
	Donna Smith	X	
	Judge Margaret Pickard		X
	Kimberly Abbott	X	
	Pamela Roberts	X	
County/Department Management:	Jill Marano, CCFS Director		X
	Wonswayla Mackey, CCFS Deputy Director		X
	Lisa Martinez, CCFS Deputy Director		X
	Stacie Dastrup, CCFS Deputy Director	X	
Public:	Sarah Schaerrer, Deputy DA	X	
	Betsey Crumrine, DCFS Deputy Administrator	X	
	Gwynneth Smith, Chief DA	X	

Agenda Item I:	Call to order and welcome	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 8:32 am by Chair Donna Smith and roll was called. 	
Agenda Item II:	General Public Comments	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Agenda Item III:	Approval of September 19, 2024, Minutes	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAC September 19, 2024, Minutes - Approved 	
Agenda Item IV:	Discussion and vote on 2025 CAC Priorities	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee discussed the priority categories for 2025: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prevention 2. Intervention, Accountability, Policies & Procedures 3. Transitional Aged Youth Supports & Independent Living 4. Education 5. Mental Health Kim Abbott proposed organizing priorities into three main groups. This restructuring aimed to clarify reporting and focus on specific needs within each group. 	

- CAC Members agreed to gather data on the types of referrals made for parents and the quality of referrals, including the need for trauma informed services.
 1. Services to Biological families
 - Implementation of Family First Prevention Services
 - What prevention services are being offered.
 - To how many parents
 Families in the system
 - Interested in Referrals from case plans for parents (identifying the type of referral).
 - Number of families reunified.
 2. Services to children
 - How many children are in the system. Information is listed on the Statistical Reports.
 - Teens and aging out youth and Higher level of care youth.
 - Mental Health access to care.
 - CCSD schools of origin.
 3. Services and supports for Fictive Kin and Caregivers.
 - Placement
 - Efforts around customer and communication.
 - New licensing requirements and new process.
 - Respite – Inability to find respite and the lack of providers specialized for certain population.
- Kim Abbott suggested focusing on high-needs youth, including those with mental health issues and developmental disabilities.
- CAC Members discussed the role of Foster Parent Champions and the potential for them to act as help desk to streamline communication. Would like to invite Foster Parent Champions lead for a presentation.
- CAC members raised concerns regarding the Visitation centers being outsourced. The safety issues that arise in relation between biological parents and foster parents.
- CAC members discussed about the Ombudsman office reporting and resolution.

Agenda Item V:	Clark County Family Services Report Out	Information only
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- PREVENTION:**
- Stacie Dastrup shared there’s no new updates on FFPSA.
- INTERVENTION, ACCOUNTABILITY, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**
- Stacie Dastrup shared updates on new policies:
 - DRC Referrals – how workers need to refer children to DRC.
 - Record Retention – preserving records when there is a destruction order.
 - SSI/RSDI Referral process – eligibility purposes.
 - CAC Members requested access to these policies for better understanding.
- TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH SUPPORTS & INDEPENDENT LIVING:**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stacie Dastrup shared she will now be overseeing this program. No new updates. <p>EDUCATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stacie Dastrup shared that nearly 80% of children are attending their school of origin, that's up 2% from July.
Agenda Item VI:	Information Items/Announcements (Information only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donna Smith reminded CAC members to complete the online training from the DA's office by the end of the year. Three committee members need to renew their terms, with forms due soon for them to be submitted for the January agenda. Stacie Dastrup shared interviews for the Director's position were scheduled to begin, with a Town Hall for CCFS staff is planned for the end of the month. CAC members shared concerns were raised about the lack of public involvement in the interview process.
Agenda Item VII:	Next Meeting Date November 21, 2024
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting will be Thursday, November 21, 2024 @ 8:30am via Microsoft Teams.
Agenda Item VIII:	Comments by General Public
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
Agenda Item IX:	Adjournment
	Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am