

DFS Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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Date:	July 17, 2023 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Membership		Present	Absent
CAC Members:	Dashun Jackson	X	
	Andre Bailey	X	
	Matthew Cox		X
	Donna Smith	X	
	Shelia Parks	X	
	Judge Stephani Charter	X	
	Ali Caliendo	X	
	Pamela Roberts	X	
County/Department Management:	Jill Marano, Director	X	
	Wonswayla Mackey, Deputy Director	X	
	Margaret LeBlanc, Deputy Director		X
	Patrick Barkley, Deputy Director	X	
	Lisa Martinez, Deputy Director	X	
General Public:	Dr. Cindy Pitlock, DCFS Administrator	X	
	Dr. Antonina Capurro, DCFS Medical Epidemiologist	X	
	Dawn Yohey, DCFS Clinical Program Planner	X	
	David Johnson (Harris), Foster Parent	X	

Agenda Item I:	Call to order and welcome	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 8:35am by Chair DaShun Jackson and roll was called. 	
Agenda Item II:	General Public Comments	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Agenda Item III:	Approval of May 18, 2023, Minutes	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DFS CAC May 18, 2023, Minutes – Approved. 	
Agenda Item IV:	Mental Health Crisis in Foster Care:	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCFS's Dr. Cindy Pitlock, was present to report out. She introduced Dr. Antonina Capurro, DCFS's new Medical Epidemiologist. DCFS was awarded more than \$20 million from ARPA funds. CME is a Care Management Entity that will handle the care coordination which includes intensive care coordination, wraparound intensive in-home treatment, emergency and planned respite and peer-to-peer services. DCFS contract will go to the Board of Examiners Meeting on August 8, 2023. The contract has already gone through an 	

RFP process. Contract negotiations are happening. The contract has been awarded but not publicized until the approval from the Board of Examiners is confirmed. It will be a six-month implementation phase with the new vendor before going live in February 2024.

Donna Smith asked for someone from DCFS to return to the August CAC meeting to provide more details and updates on the contract that's in negotiation.

Dr. Antonina Capurro invited the CAC members to attend a formal lunch with the new vendor.

Jill Marano asked DCFS 2 questions. **1.** What population will the CME serve? **2.** Since DFS has children in various places in the community, what would be the transition of services or would there be an opportunity to roll them in with their current providers under the additional CME services?

Dr. Antonina Capurro mentioned the vendor will be serving children statewide. They will be focusing on all the children with a high-risk complex behavior health issue that might be coming into the system. The vendor will be expanding the current providers network and will bring their own team but also working with the current system.

Donna Smith inquired to DCFS about the target population and how will families be notified about this program?

Both Dr. Pitlock and Dr. Capurro shared that this will be a pilot program that will be serving all children no matter what type of insurance. Once the contract has been approved, all the information about the CME and other details will be public. Due to confidentiality reasons, nothing else can be disclosed.

Agenda Item V:	Department of Family Services Report Out	(Information only)
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1. Prevention:
 Jill Marano shared that DFS submitted the Families First Prevention Services Act plan (FFPSA) to the State.

Wonswayla Mackey shared that DFS is collaborating to include Safe at Home to help with prevention services. DFS started with an implementation team and their role will be FFPSA, getting trainings, preparing all internal communication for staff through our communication team. The programs that will be included are: 1. Family Check Up 2. Parents as Teachers 3. Parent Child Interaction Therapy 4. Motivational Interviewing 5. TBRI.

Wonswayla Mackey shared DFS is in the development stages of their WRAPS team who will provide wrapping resources for placements. It will be supplemental to the Kindship team and Foster Parent Champions.

2. Intervention & Accountability:
 Wonswayla Mackey shared DFS is working with the communication team to get the new initiatives out internally and externally to the community partners. DFS recruitment team and the communication team have been helping with advertising and utilizing the media like radio stations and the news to spread the word about the need for Foster Parents.

	<p>Jill Marano shared that she will have a presentation on August 8th for the Board of County Commissioners about Foster Parent Recruitment. DFS needs approximately 400 new foster homes with 100 of those homes needing to be specialized homes or therapeutic care level homes. 300 of the homes are regular homes. Since new DFS recruitment initiative, the department has gained 15 new homes.</p> <p>3. Transitional Aged Youth Supports & Independent Living: Lisa Martinez shared DFS has continued to work with DCFS on the Extended Foster Care policy on a weekly basis. DCFS also has various subgroups going monthly to address the services array. Internally, DFS is trying to increase their Independent Living staff, due to promotions and retirements. The department is having early conversations with national child welfare exports to help them with the Independent Living program structure. With the increase in foster parent payments, the youth that are part of the Independent Living program also saw increase in payment.</p> <p>4. Education: No Updates besides the school bills being monitored.</p> <p>5. Policies and Procedures: Wonswayla Mackey shared the policies and procedures DFS is updating:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extended Foster Care 2. WRAPS Team placement stability and preservation. 3. New CSEC legislation and their partnership with Social Services housing quarterly policy. 4. Parent Capacity Progress Assessment policy was amended in June of 2022. DFS is working with DCFS to add one additional element to help their field team. <p>6. Ombudsman’s Report: Wonswayla Mackey shared Ombudsman Reports were provided for May 2023 & June 2023.</p> <p>7. Legislation: Wonswayla Mackey shared that DFS is working on school bills in regard to children being expelled due to behavior issues. Meetings have been requested to discuss how they will be handled between DFS and CCSD.</p>	
Agenda Item VI:	CAC Discussion and/or Recommendations on the Top 7 (For Possible Action) Priorities (delineated in Section V)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donna Smith and Shelia Parks would like more information on residential, WRAPS team and status of the FFPSA plan. 	
Agenda Item VIII:	Informational Items/Announcements (Information Only)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Agenda Item IX:	Next Meeting Date	
	Next meeting will be Thursday, September 21, 2023 @ 8:30am via Microsoft Teams.	
Agenda Item X:	Comments by General Public	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Johnson commented he had a bad experienced with getting Licensed as a foster parent, he would also like more information about WRAPS program. 	
Agenda Item XI:	Adjournment	
	Meeting adjourned at 10:07am.	