

DFS Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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Date:	December 21, 2023 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Membership		Present	Absent
CAC Members:	Dashun Jackson	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	
	Patrick Barkley, Deputy Director	X	
	Lisa Martinez, Deputy Director	X	
General Public	Marla McDade Williams, DCFS Administrator	X	
	Brandon Ford, Silver State FQAC	X	
	Gwynneth Smith, Chief DA	X	
	Loretta Littau, CEO FtoABridgeInc	X	
	Dave Johnson, Foster Parent	X	

Agenda Item I:	Call to order and welcome	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 8:34am by Chair DaShun Jackson and roll was called. 	
Agenda Item II:	General Public Comments	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda item V – Ombudsman’s report. 	
Agenda Item III:	Approval of November 16, 2023, Minutes	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DFS CAC November 16, 2023 – No Quorum informal meeting. 	
Agenda Item IV:	Mental Health Crisis in Foster Care:	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marla McDade Williams, DCFS reported the State is currently in the development stages for Extended Foster Care (18-21yrs old.). Ensuring timelines are met and submitting a budget item that’s consistent with funding for the state for implementation. A workshop is scheduled for regulations for Nevada code changes for Extended Foster Care. Regulations for Qualified Residential Treatment Center programs from a child welfare perspective. DCFS will oversee licensure and system problematic. Families First Prevention Services Act plan (FFPSA) and One budget item that will be moving forward 	

	<p>will Collaborate Pathways ensuring accountability stature compliance funding proposal for 2025 legislative session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marla McDade Williams shared DCFS awarded a contract with Magellan for care management to developing a provider network. Magellan will be providing services to Elko and Clark County in February as a pilot program. It's a pilot program since it's being funded by ARPA funds. The priority population is children currently in institutional care out of state. • Brandon Ford shared he met with Magellan; he would like to share some highlights from that meeting they are limited due to the scope that DCFS provided them. Testing is not covered thru this funding but feels that is what is needed. Can you provide more information or expand on what Magellan is doing on their evaluations. There is an extensive credentials and training to be in the network with Magellan due to all the certifications. • Marla McDade Williams shared Magellan has an obligation to ensure assessments are completed to assess what the needs are. • Ali Caliendo shared she appreciates Marla for attending and providing information. Who would be the expert from DCFS to be able to answer additional questions. • Marla McDade Williams shared the lead in DCFS on the CME is Dr. Antonina Capurro. • Donna Smith inquired where the youth will be placed after they are brought back to Nevada from out of state institutions? It concerning that Magellan is charging providers a \$8,000 training besides the allocated funding in their contract with DCFS. • Marla McDade Williams shared she will need to follow up with Dr. Capurro about what the plan is after bringing youth back to Nevada.
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Agenda Item V:	Department of Family Services Report Out	(Information only)
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	<p>1. Prevention: Wonswayla Mackey shared DFS has an implementation team for (FFPSA) Families First Prevention Services Act. The team is broken down into two 1. Communications and 2. Training. The department is working with Nevada Partnership for Training, on the training requirements for FFPSA. We will be having a FFPSA training beginning with Executive Leadership, managers, supervisor to line staff. Safe at Home is getting resubmitted as an amendment for FFPSA.</p> <p>2. Intervention, Accountability, Policies and Procedures: Jill Marano reported DFS has been improving by engaging with staff. The Deputy Directors have increased site visits, having coffee and conversations, being more accessible to staff and biweekly DFS Huddles with Executive Leadership (30 minute) meetings.</p> <p>Jill Marano shared the department has revamped the recruitment strategies in the last year focusing on the recruiter time, the department has contracted out training for Foster Parent recruitment. Those staff are now recruiters they have been divided by geo zones to make it easier for them to engage in various community. We used to be at 13 homes per month and now we are at 18 homes per month getting licensed.</p>
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	<p>Jill Marano shared DFS Visitation unit was streamline into becoming the WRAPS team since we contracted out our visitation. The WRAPS team can provide resources after placement by reaching out to families after a couple of weeks of placement, transportation, and other resources.</p> <p>Jill Marano shared another resource the department has is the Foster Parent Champions and she would like to give kudos to that team.</p> <p>Jill Marano shared on policies and procedure the department is working on Guardianship.</p> <p>3. Transitional Aged Youth Supports & Independent Living: Lisa Martinez shared the department continues to partner with the State and with other jurisdictions. The department will be participating next week in a public workshop that the State is facilitating. DFS Staff will be going to Carson City in January to assist with the implementation plan regarding Extended Foster Care.</p> <p>Lisa Martinez shared regarding Transitional Aged Youth the department has made some changes regarding the partnership with Youth Villages. We had two LifeSet units (17 yrs.) but made the change to make it one unit. To be able to assist our Independent Living unit which deal with 14-17 years old which we have a greater need.</p> <p>4. Education: Patrick Barkley shared the department has been meeting with CCSD and Leslie Murdock Congrove our liaison. The department has not seen influx of suspension but the length of suspensions. The department has started tracking expulsions from Child Haven the length of time suspension, the reason, and the school.</p> <p>Donna Smith shared her own experience of her son when an IEP got expelled for a length of time.</p> <p>Ali Caliendo shared the kinship side of the program is experiencing an increase of request on the respite care and thriving after with this same issue of expulsions.</p> <p>5. Ombudsman’s Report: Jill Marano shared the Ombudsman office sits outside of DFS. DFS does not have the decision making or authority to make changes on any reports. The Ombudsman November report was provided.</p> <p>Donna Smith would like the Ombudsman office to participate in the January CAC Meeting.</p>	
Agenda Item VI:	CAC Discussion and/or Recommendations on the Top 5 (For Possible Action) Priorities (delineated in Section V)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donna Smith shared on behalf of CAC member she has sent the CRP Report to DCFS. 	
Agenda Item VIII:	Informational Items/Announcements (Information Only)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jill Marano shared she has invited District Attorney to discuss open meeting law with CAC members. Donna Smith shared with the CAC members the 2024 National CRP Conference in San Diego on May 20-22, 2024. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donna Smith shared for the next meeting to focus on CAC Membership, New officers, and Vacancies for 2024.
Agenda Item IX:	Next Meeting Date
	Next meeting will be Thursday, January 18, 2023 @ 8:30am via Microsoft Teams.
Agenda Item X:	Comments by General Public
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Johnson verbalized some concerns about Ombudsman office.
Agenda Item XI:	Adjournment
	Meeting adjourned at 10:00am.