

Missouri State Foster Care & Adoption Board  
Governor's Building, Room 460  
200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101  
Tuesday, March 7, 2023

**Introductions/Meeting Information – Dana Lopez**

**Board Members in attendance:** Dana Lopez, Crissy Mayberry, Craig Stevenson, Joe Yearn, Kenya Willis.

**CD:** Lauren Masterson, Melissa Selsor,

**Guests:** Rhiannon Franklin, Courtnie Scott-Cammarata, Renae Beushausen, Julie Murray, Kenya Willis, Kathy Haddar, Kelly Kuda, Steve Archer, Vickie Stoneberger, Sarah Angelo, Kathy Velasquez,

Welcome and Introductions

Dana Lopez

Approval of Minutes from December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Meeting. Note to add changes to the meeting, including noting that a of the September meeting Joe Yearn and Kenya Willis are added as members of the board. Crissy Mayberry made the motion to approve the minutes. Joe Yearn seconds the motion and the motion to accept the minutes passes.

Practice Alert Update Safe Sleeping Updates

Melissa Selsor –

This practice alert regarding safe sleep policy update. The policy now includes pack and plays and play yards as approved sleep settings. The CD -117 has been updated to reflect that.

ARPA/Human Trafficking Training

Melissa Selsor

CD is working on an RFI. Request for Information. Once the RFI is complete there will be an RFP for training for foster parents, youth and workers. There are still a lot of questions to be ironed out before determining items such as what the training will incorporate, what will be the capacity all before determining whether it will be a required training. There is also some policy development for youth on the run that includes steps to take when there is suspicion or a need to assess for suspected trafficking. More questions came from the board regarding this topic and Melissa shared there is a team involved in the topic that could speak to this group. The group is asking for Heather's group to speak to this group about what information is available. There was some resent training and assessment tools developed for workers to help them assess the needs of the child more efficiently. The training that came out for workers did have a portion for parents and they are looking to make that available online for resource parents. Refer to Memo from January. CD-23-04

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ACF/NPR update      MPRM

Lauren Masterson

The Childrens Bureau and Youth – MPRM NPRI – This is a second tier for licensing for relatives. There is one track for foster parent Licensing. There are non-safety waivers for relatives. There is current discussion for another tier for licensing. This reflects the relative licensing in Missouri. No decisions have been made at this time. We currently hold relatives to the same perspective as foster, this would help to support relatives and would not require the same as foster families. Discussion around non safety waivers, would those be standard waivers or case by case? The relative would have to meet the same safety guidelines. A question regarding elevated needs placement. Relatives do receive the same elevated needs, relative treatment foster homes are intended to be short term. As part of the CFSR one the things they talk about is utilizing the waivers. Information can be shared with Melissa if there are concerns that everyone is not using the waivers.

Reasonable and Prudent Parenting

Dana Lopez

SW Region met regarding conflicting information from the team. The families paid vacation arrangements and then a bio parent said she did not want the child to attend. Committee members said that there have been conversations and heard these same concerns. The understanding is there is not a need to receive approval unless its going out of state. There appears to be a need for some training with team members surrounding prudent parenting. The FST members can request a review through CD and see if there were any procedural errors that occurred for these types of situations. If a case manager is making the decision (to remove prudent parenting from the process/decision) there is an alternative care review board and those type of concerns can be taken there. The decision could not be enforced until the review was complete. There is a form on E forms and it is submitted to their local regional office. If there are issues it can go to Melissa for support in getting the form to the right location. Any licensed provider can access the CS-70. Further discussion included whether there is a need to explain more to the bio parents, if there is additional information that needs to be shared with professionals, etc. Lauren spoke about sharing information regarding Prudent Parenting with DLS, OSCA and CM. When it comes to training CD is looking into a foster parent portal where training and payment information will be stored. This will also go on the ARTS meeting as well. FCARS—Agencies can access funds for RPP refresher.

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Pre-Service Curriculum Update

Melissa Selsor

MO CARES – the regulations have to be promulgated (Chapter 60). There needs to be a change to the regulations first. CD is hopeful that this will occur within 6-9 months, hopeful this summer more will be able to move forward with the curriculum. The competencies have been updated, the Division decision is to roll the competencies and curriculum at the same time. The curriculum is out and licensing teams have the ability to review it. You can access this through NTDC online. CD is encouraging their teams to get use to us. There will be a skills facilitation training class. Required for new resource development team members. FAC has been training for over a year. The adoption training will be revamped. MO CARES has a lot of adoption information included. MO ARC (the adoption training) is 6 hours virtual/in person and 1 hour online—subsidy part. There are some federal regulations that we have to meet and that's what the MO ARC focuses on. There are conversations about when that training happens. When is the best time to have that training. Maybe when they complete the adoption assessment. CD is trying to get the training closer to the time of the family finalizing adoption.

Show Me Healthy Kids

Craig Stevenson & Lori Masick

Lori Masick from CD shared that she works with MOhealth Care for foster care, subsidy and aged out youth.

A new contract will be effective mid-March for health care. Discussion surrounding. Psychotropic medications which is not a part of the MoHealth pharmaceutical side.

As of February, there were 52000 kids in the Show Me Healthy Kids plan. The average age an enrolled child is 11 years.

Redetermination – Due to the pandemic kids on Medicaid March 2020 through today have remained on Medicaid. The state will go through to redetermine everyone on Medicaid. Most of MO Health kids are exempt. The aging out population and the kids that returned home during this phase, who remain on Medicaid will be redetermined as well. Typically, the general Medicaid is redetermined yearly. FSD will process through this in monthly intervals. With all those children who turned 26, and aged out of subsidy, MO Health kids will run un against FSD to see who is opened. When there is a match at FSD, CD and MO health will closed. FSD will being doing varies reasonable efforts, working with CD, MHK, to locate those folks. 1.4 million Missourians are on Medicaid. The roles will be reduced by 2-300k.

Craig shared he is working to get out some of the hiccups with residential providers payments. He is working with questions regarding billing and claims, transitioning in and out, utilization management., etc. He would like to schedule a meeting with each FRC. He suggested round table meetings. He will facilitate stakeholder advisory councils which are made up of 6 state agencies, 6 foster and adoptive parents, youth, coalitions, and medical providers. Kathy advised there was an issue with billing for family and individual. There were also questions regarding the psychotropic Pristiq. Mo Health Net will not approve, the case manager can elevated to the health information specialists, there are variety of reasons that may prevent the medication from being

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approved. The worker needs to be contacted when the foster parent comes out of pocket for a medical expense so they can contact the MHN. If the pharmacy may refund, they can place a claim.

There's an algorithm (clinical edits) and list of possible events that can prevent the med from being covered, The pharmacy can see what the issue is, and they have the ability to contact the provider to ask about this. Maybe helpful for the Center of Excellence to come to speak to the mandatory review process, maybe helpful to understand their role and when they are involved. There are situations where medical non psychotropic meds is not covered, Lauren will share information with Lori.

Is there a way to get some tips/ reminders for resource providers? They should not be dispensing fees or co pays. Also there are two cards the Mo healthy kids and MO health net. You only use it for pharmacy not MO health. Suggestion for information to be entered into the system.

#### TFC Update

Lauren Masterson -

Lauren shared they just finished up with the RFP for rate setting for level one and two for treatment. PCG finished the assessment, shared with the committee. They are in the process of making final decisions regarding rates structure. She advised there will be a better update by the next meeting. They are working to increase capacity through a contract process for payments. The contract we have in place is for reimbursement and does not have capacity building on the front end. Still have 8 providers, have recently received requests for training for agencies and families. Denise Goodman provided a proposal, with continued work on assessment and evaluation branding and communication. CD doesn't do TFC internally. 8 different agencies run their own program. A lot of questions in the communities that need clarification. That's why there is a need for a statewide communication plan so stakeholders, partners etc. are clear. As opposed to regional responses. Hopeful that it will include focus groups and additional communication. Families need supports and there is not a lot of level of care specialist that process the referrals. They utilize the RCSTs. Each circuit has its own specialist. There will be an update to policy. They have pulled all the pieces of policy into one section. Emphasized that anytime a case manager becomes aware of the need they should immediately notify the specialist. This includes when there are issues with lack of cooperation, with making requests for elevated needs, when information needs moved up the management line. There has been significant growth with TFC homes. Number of TFC placements has increased as well. In the communication and branding the hope is to include more feedback from the TFC providers. TFC agencies only receive reimbursement when children are placed. They receive room and board, 5 million was appropriated to increase capacity and they are developing a contract to place the front end for recruitment, training and development. AFCRSTC – debate about these funds being used but they are not used for child specific.

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Daycare Updates

Jordanna Boyd

Sharon Barsby

Effective April 30<sup>th</sup> there will be some updates including building a new childcare data system. They are partnering with Worldwide Technology. Hoping to aid case managers. They will provide authorizations for protective care childcare, the foster parent would submit the custody letter (some what of an application) request the hours, no income verification or schedule. A question was asked: What would that look like for subsidy families? Still working through that, not sure what they will receive in their contract but looking for what the best way. Looking to be independent from FACES and FAMIS. They are just now starting to working with the vendor. They are looking closely at the federal regs and working with DLS to determine what they need. The suggestion to use the DCNs. There will be a practice point that will come out to provide some clarification. January 2024 is what they are aiming for. There will be some additional changes that will come about beforehand. The outdated policy updates and some other items on May 1<sup>st</sup>. will mainly affect the expedition of children in foster care. Some low-income items will be addressed as well including child care for job search. For kids under 4 if income or school load they can get authorized. There are some circuits going 4 days.

Open Forum

All

Vickie- Free photos for kids for the heart gallery will be available in 3 places including Rolla, Jeff City. Kids can get free photos and there will be videographers. In 2021-2022, 51 adoptions finalized, and 66 kids placed.

Kin Conference – see flyers. pre-registration for the conferences will hopefully go live April 1<sup>st</sup>. hoping to have more child enrichment. Activities. Dana offered to bring ponies and horses.

Office of Child Advocate—advocates for everyone.

Kathy – brought concern regarding transporting for visits, or transporting siblings, because some are unwilling to transport siblings, there is a CTS contract for transportation. It can be a relative. The other option is transportation available through show me healthy kids. Car seats aren't provided, and kids can't be transported without them. MissouriBuys.com was a suggested resource. Committee. asked to have someone come to speak to the committee about the CTS. Some contractors are getting supervision rates transportation.

Joe- Asked to receive more information regarding shared bedrooms for trans youth.

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**2023 Meeting Dates**

Tuesday, March 7th

**Tuesday, June 6th**

**Tuesday, September 5th**

**Tuesday, December 5th**