

State Meeting- 9/5/2023

Called to Order- 10:06am Dana Lopez

In attendance: Steve Archer, Craig Stevenson, Dana Lopez, Melissa Selsor, Kathy Haddock, Pamela Foster, Joe Years (attending via WebEx), DeAnna Alonso, Carol Fisher, Joanna Pacolo (attending via WebEx), Crissy Mayberry, Vickie Stoneberger, Rhiannon Franklin, Renae Beushausen

Review and Approval of Minutes from June:

Motion to accept- Criag Stevenson Second- Joe Years

Memo Updates-

Rate Increases- TFC with level 1 & 2 rates, Level A, Level B, Traditional, and stipend increases- went out in the newsletter- legislature approved and passed

Action Item- Melissa Selsor will email the presentation and rules regarding TFC 1 & 2 (will revisit in December)

Memo- Adoption Tax Credit- relates more to private adoption-

Memo- Background Checks- info was kept for 6yrs now it is good for lifetime- shouldn't have to re-fingerprint as long as in good standing and unless adopting

Memo: Missing Children- Foster Parent HAS to notify the CW and LEO within 2hr of child(ren) missing- outlines CW expectations with a timeline- Up to AGE 21-

Melissa Selsor will follow up with Jenna Ray to see what efforts have been made to disseminate information o LEO regarding age of children to follow up

Action Item- Reach out to DESE to discuss the assistance for Foster Children in Education and how the districts work to support the best interest of the children and how to navigate the transportation piece- Melissa Selsor

Emergency Amendments-

1-Defining a Relative- blood relative or a person non-blood related who has an established relationship or has resided with for 9months or more (preference is to blood relative even over foster parent where the child resided for 9+months when considering adoption staffing)

30 Days to Family referral- Can we get an action item to include JO including discussing Runaway obligations Marsha Hazelhorse to be reached and discuss the lack of consistency in family finding- Action Item- Craig Stevenson and DeAnna Alonso

Emergency Placements- not being picked up but left as placement without follow up

2- Marijuana- All foster parents household members and guests shall not use or possess illegal substances, vapor, tobacco or marijuana products that emit smoke or vapor in the home while

the child is placed in the home- in vehicle or presence of the child. **Action Item- check with Jim and look into other states seek definition of Impairment**

3- Missing Child-foster parent must notify the CW immediately when missing

New Curriculum will be rolled out with current competencies- Melissa and Lauren- visiting to answer questions-skills training and train the trainer required for new trainers- NWKC is FEB and by June state wide using the curriculum.

Second Hand Smoke- taken out of curriculum- to make adjustments- should it be included- leave separate from the curriculum- will be required within 90days of licensure

CPR- removing COA requirement- required within 90days skills practice offer frequent options

New Members:(Boards and Commissions Director-Kyle Aubashaun 573-751-3222)

NE- Craig Stevenson- and one opening

NW- 2 openings (Joe recruiting)

KC- 2 openings

STL- 2 openings

STL County- 2 openings

SW- 1 opening and Dana Lopez

SE Crissy Mayberry and 1 opening

Vote offices in January/new year meeting

ACRB- centralized location for email-monitored by Melissa Selsor and sent out- placement shouldn't change till ACRB is made unless a safety concern is established

ACRB-like process for bioparents check on this -Melissa Selsor

Adoption Training- replace Spaulding- looking at federal mandated hours- federal guidelines provide topics required to cover for adoption training- curriculum is being developed- articulate training requiring online training with engagement- evaluating the curriculum and deciding what can be in-person/virtual and what can be articulate and looking to roll out in 2024- skills facilitation to training others for trainers

Memo- Childcare update from DESE-immediately approved till 13- contracts will continue as stated till end of month of 13th birthday- DESE ending the day before 13th birthday

No work schedule or anything required.

13+ requires developmental delays to access services

Certain services through adoption subsidy contract previously approved at the state level can now be accessed locally with approval- 18+ retroactive additional respite hours personal asst behavioral or medical personal care asst medical equipment under \$10000—same process— circuit manager, field support manager, regional manager

Action Item- Vickie Stoneberger -Adoption vs Guardianship will be sent out

Clarification on Policy- first steps bring it to the regional director- take to Lauren and talk to Angie to disseminate info at regional director meetings- Reissue practice alerts and discuss with director to re-communicate and share with Marsha Wetzel to get information to contract agency to build rapport in expectations in practice

Can use askcd@dss.mo.gov or CC for concerns/issues/etc to be add to newsletter

**Dana will send out “no longer on the board” notification
Craig and Pamela will follow up with Kyle**

Open Forum:

DeAnna- Kin/Foster Conferences for 2024- CMFCA transitioning to external and internal to transition DeAna’s role to President externally and opening up internal Director position-thinking about opening conferences to professionals as well as foster parents- ribbon cutting for jefferson city headquarters happened 2 weeks ago- not opposed to moving locations for conferences- would like more people from around the state on committees for conferences-

Crissy- clarification of policy- information to file taxes- fst not happening

Pamela- agency workers and fostering- call Lauren

Kathy- respite resources and seeking respite providers- TBRI practitioners to make training more available- mandated reporter training that is articulated 2 hr needs- (December update on that) Missouri Child Aware for children with sexual abuse and training for preventing future abuse