

Circuit 17 CFLA

April 5, 2012 Meeting

8:45 – 10:45 AM

- I. Welcome Introduction
 - CSC Web posting documents – CSC are doing it not ready
- II. Approval of Minutes from 2/1/13
- III. GAL Program update - Linda
 - April 20 event @ 7-1pm. Appointed 94 kids in March and 1687 kids since March 31. 642 volunteers. A lot closer than ever been. Gov Scott will be signing the normalcy bill into law.
 - Walter – Florida youth shine played a huge part with the Normalcy bill to get passed
- IV. ChildNet Update – Silvia
 - Number 1 again
 - Sexual Exploitation of Children Conference
 - April 25 @ Nova University 8am – 5pm, its free. AM - Cyber safety by FDLE, PM - Human Tracking by FBI & HIS. All invited – level 2 background screening is needed to attend. 10 volunteers are needed. Check on the website to register. Secretary will be doing the opening remarks. Internet explorer issue need to use Google chrome
 - A lot of removals
 - High number since last year. A lot in January and March. 152 kids – highest level. Large increase in inappropriate removal. Larger increase in WPB. Drugs, DV, sexual abuse reasons for removal. Tracking data on monthly basis but it influx between substance abuse and DV
 - Monica - tracking data question on removal surge – Are you looking into deeper level in the data? Yes, we are looking deeper, monthly report are done.
 - Kim G. – How is it going in relative placement vs. licensed placement, with the surge of kids is it bumping up licensed placement?
 - Working with BSO now, about 60% relative placement and 40% licensed placement. When a child in brought we identify the relative
 - Kim Welles – SEZ expanded now – C19 is now with region since February 1st. United for family contract is sent out for bidding. July 10 initial negotiating and further negotiating through September.
 - Received an Innovation Award – Path Award of the Robert Stempel Social Work in FIU
- V. DCF Update – Kim G
 - Not a lot going, Kim W talked about SEZ expanding
 - Child Abuse Prevention Month, activities going on for that, been going around cities accepting proclamations. Pinterest pin wheel for child prevention month can be shared

- Monica – flier every year in April, 4/13, 11am to 3pm. Family fun event at the Park. Workshop for parents, entertainment for kid, deferent activities, perfect place for promoting
- Kim G. – piggy backing on ChildNet
 - Deborah Polston, wife of Fl. Supreme Justice Ricky Polston, designated by the Governor to be the human trafficking advocate for the state. They have 6 adopt kids after mother doing HT. She will be touring the state and will be here in S. Fla on or about May 9th. Will help those who are struggling. You be getting an invitation from us for the Locking Arms meeting for providers to talk about working together. The four Ps: Partnerships, prevention, prosecution...Hoping to do May 9th in the afternoon in WPB, middle of our region. We can share with her which she can take around
 - Foster recruitment flyer, we talked about this last month. Wendy sent flyer to Walter. Everyone is a recruiter. It's on Facebook. Helping with ChildNet

VI. Human Tracking Update - Cassandra Evans

- The four Ps are something good to showcase. All need to stand united on the issue of human trafficking. Safe Harbor Strategic plan handout from Broward STARS committee. We don't make plans and leave it on the shelves. Handout is outdated since yesterday due to meeting. Structural has changed. Jamal Johnson is trainer. STARS Committee, moving chairs. Cassandra is the chair for STARS. Co-chair Sarah and Co-Chair Andrea to record. 4 elements – adding other element GAPS. 4 tiers will be added towards the back of the page. Changes - Identification column, BSO, last block has been expanded
- Sara
 - In the next meeting we will talk about the GAPS. Everything that was done here was done with no funding. All was done with these agencies.
 - What we like to see is DESM specific case management for those community kids, that way if the kids do show back up immediately they can link with missing exploited children and be provided with services. That will take secure funding. County stepped up for funds for civil citation. Miami has outreach program, Broward done nice to have it but it needs to be funded
- Cassandra
 - Funding stream
 - Need to train, more people less trainer currently. Discussion about charging fee. Fee of \$50 for training. Smaller fee \$25 to train. All the materials will be given. To maintain the fidelity of what we deliver to the community.
 - Bill comes into law
 - What's the impact of that? We will look at the changes and will report to DCF.
 - Silvia – What's the number of kids found thru DJJ pilot?
 - Cassandra – 2012 - 98 HT calls, 7 investigation
 - 62 investigations
 - 55 of 62 included kids that were victim
 - 28 of 55 are community kids

- 27 of 55 are depend
- 49 of 55 mental illness found
- 82 percent had DJJ involvement
- Kim G. - Put notes in bullets for people and break down data. Still unclear on defining cases
- Sara – a lot of data are provided from Nova. BSO has all the info
- Walter – characteristic you talked about, Does it run for non dependent or dependent?
- Kim W – We should discuss in 3 data points, Jack and kids coming in DJJ, kids in foster system being staffed, and allocation and treatment that’s come through the hotline.
- Silvia – anybody concerned as HT needs to be called via hotline, the hotline must be the main point.
- Emilio – is fine we collect all the data, fine we need to have services and program for these kids. It’s a community issue. How do we fund it? We have here at the table DME, ChildNet, DCF, DJJ, BSO, CSC, ELC, School board, United Way, Broward County
- Emilio – There’s funding, it’s not coordinated funding. Issue – how to resolve the problem. Have a funding mechanism to pool all the resources
- Siliva - Is there a trend that are targeted? If so, will prevention will be done
- Cassandra - Prevention is definite a key. We had all of those points discussed. I want the prevention column just as long as the others
- Walter - STARS will be looking for funds? Yes - Cassandra
- Monica - Is there a grant structured? If the committee can present at the Funder’s Forum. Neiko - I was thinking of FF
- Cassandra - Pilot project info, if it doesn’t work we can change it to have it work. Tool is tipping kids off. Hoping that the department takes feedback on how strongly this tool will work for us
- Sara - Department decided to piggy back on shared hope. Jack has integrated. It was written just for female. Changed for both gender and sexuality. May answer questions to the fund. Kids are very guarded, not willing to share information. Kids have a runaway history. Calls are based from the guardian not the kids. We are able to tweak this tool. Assessing the kids, strictly on DJJ tool giving them Share Hope International. We don’t only ask for runways we also ask for kids who were kicked out
- Kim G - Tyson Elliott has left DCF as human trafficking coordinator and now is at DJJ as HT coordinator. Noel Thomas is now DCF HT coordinator
- Cassandra – to have a who’s who directory from Kim W.
- Silvia - Is there a flow chart? Cassandra - yes, once STARS updated we will be provided. Strategic Plan, directory and flow chart will be provided next meeting
- Kim W – Safe Harbor Plans. DCF replicated in WPB and C19, Belle Glades Community. Farmers are teaching them. Church buses are used to transport people from Homestead to Belle Glades. Camps are set up. It’s been an experience. Thank you to the STAR committee.

VII. Henderson Update - Sherry

- Been at Henderson for 18 years. Saw same kids in and out. Need to change that. Stop practices to stop pulling kids from school for therapy. Saw 30 year olds visiting their kids

at ChildNet one day and thought I may have helped them before. Taking what really works and sharing it. FSU graduates hired. Focus on training. Turnover has changed. Target any children that are facing problems. Most kids are cross over kids involved from different agency. Expanding to WPB. The YES team funded by DCF. Another great 24/7 system.

- Lift Program. Medicaid funded. For kids who has mental issues to get the right trained therapy. Graduates talked to calm down. Program created to target the gap
- Silvia - Trauma training, is it trauma specific training. Sherry – yes it is.
- Judge Brown – The child who verbally vomited, did he get treated on the spot. Yes he did right there.

VIII. Keeping Siblings Together – Felicia Chambers

- Invited by Kim G. program focus on children facing residential separation while involved in foster care or kin care with absent parents. Did a pilot program. The points of realizing children are children. Start thinking to collaborating with Boys and Girls. These kids have no voice. Talk about the changes and try to reach out through the building and start collaborating with different agencies. All of us need to come to the basic that we were all children. Hopefully, over the next few years we will have children involved on weekly basis.

IX. New/Old Business

- We asked FaithNet to present and are not ready to present. Need to invite more people and present. We will need to have several people to come and present to see what's available in our county. We need quality component. Children lack spiritual connections with the world. Like to pursue that. Florida United Children's Methodist Home in Enterprises, Florida trying to find a way down here to set up desperately needed home. The program is called Open Hearts.
- Sherry - Cultural preferences are talked. To go to church with the family
- Walter - Is there anyone who wants to part to create a presentation on what's our resources are? Let me know and judge brown
 - Kim G - Already on the path. Will be happy to pull a group together. We already have a list with information.
 - Is alright to ask Kim to coordinate this effort on behave of this group? Walter and Judge brown will join

Ideas for next meeting send it to Walter

May 3 – next meeting