

Florida Children and Youth Cabinet Workgroup on Multi-System Children and Youth

Report on Interagency Agreement To Improve Coordination and Services

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Committee Actions

- Organizational Meeting May 17, 2012- Established Goals and Processes
- Collected and Analyzed Existing Interagency Agreements
Many addressed services to Adults, Data Sharing, Other Administrative Issues and Interfaces with non- Cabinet Agencies
- Drafted Agreement Focused on Services to Children and Youth, Served by More than One Cabinet Agency
- Working Meeting July 10, 2012- Reviewed Draft Agreement, Identified Available Funds and Services by Agency
- Revised Agreement and Included Chart on Services and Funding

Interagency Agreement to Improve Coordination and Services to Children and Youth Served by More than One Agency

Agencies

- Agency for Health Care Administration
- Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Department of Children and Families
- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Department of Education
- Department of Health
- Guardian ad Litem
- Office of Early Learning

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Guiding Principles

- Services should be family based and provided in the least restrictive setting, with residential placement a last resort.
- Children and families with multiple needs require integrated work with multiple agencies.
- Each agency must pay its fair share of the costs for services, consistent with its mandates.
- Agencies should seek to minimize state costs.

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Structure for Service Issue Resolution

- Local
- Regional
- State

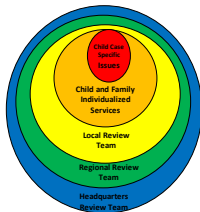
Regular Meetings * and Reports

- Local- Monthly
- Regional- Monthly (convened by DCF
Regional Directors for SFY 12-13)
- State- Quarterly

Emergency/Crisis Meetings *

- May be called by any agency, at any level, at any time

* Via teleconference/video conference and Skype type media



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Issue Resolution Process

- Child specific issues are resolved locally whenever possible
- Issues not resolved locally are referred to Regional Teams
- Issues not resolved regionally are referred to the State Team

Reporting Process

- Reports on the number and type of cases and issues are needed to properly address policies and procedures systemically
- Local reports are provided to regional teams monthly
- Regional reports are provided to the state team monthly
- State reports are provided to the Cabinet quarterly

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Children Who Benefit from Regional Review Team Evaluation include, but are not limited to those who have:

- Been dually diagnosed with mental health and developmental disabilities
- Committed sexual offenses against a sibling, been court ordered into the dependency system and cannot return home upon release from DJJ detention
- Significant health issues, and are within six months of aging out of foster care
- Complex medical, behavioral and/or developmental disabilities whose parents are neglecting them or are unwilling to care for them

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Service and Funding Matrix Developed and Attached

Agency	Eligibility	What Can Be Provided	Cost Sharing Principles
AHCA	ENTER	ENTER	ENTER
APD	ENTER	ENTER	ENTER
DCF	ENTER	ENTER	ENTER
DJJ	ENTER	ENTER	ENTER
DOE	ENTER	ENTER	ENTER
DOH	ENTER	ENTER	ENTER
GaL	ENTER	ENTER	ENTER
OEL	ENTER	ENTER	ENTER

Next Steps

- Cabinet Member Suggestions/Comments
- Legal and Programmatic Review
- Finalize Agreement
- Implement
- Annual Reviews with Determination of Region Leads

