

**ELC Screening Workgroup
Meeting Notes
January 23, 2004**

Member	Represents	Present	Member	Represents	Present
Crystal Allen	PCSAs	X	Mike Ring	ODJFS	X
Cathy Appel	PCSAs	X	Faye Weddington	PCSAs	X
Tara Taylor	PCSAs		Dave Thomas	ODJFS	X
Rhonda Reagh	PCSAs	X	Sandy Haigford	PCSAs	
Max Bucey	PCSAs	X	Wendy Holt	PCSAs	
Brenda Bloom	PCSAs		Kathy Art	PCSAs	
Sarah Hay	PCSAs		Bob Kubiak	PCSAs	X
Roy Kasicky	PCSAs		Rick Morris	PCSAs	
Fran Rembert	ODJFS	X	Marsha Coleman	PCSAs	
Helen Stulley	PCSAs		Andrea Reik	PCSAs	
Leslie McGee	ODJFS		Julie Mogavero	PCSAs	X
Randi Lewis	ODJFS	X	Rich Opre	PCSAs	X
Buzz Long	PCSAs	X	Colleen Gerwe	PCSAs	X
Dean Sparks	PCSAs		Jo Ellen Deal	PCSAs	
Marcia Naugle	ODJFS		Lynn Stewart	PCSAs	X
Marlene Preston Rombach		X	Kristin Gilbert	ODJFS	X
Brad Price	PCSAs	X	Ann O'Leary	PCSAs	X

The third meeting of the ELC Screening Workgroup was held on January 23, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. at the OCF Offices. Following round robin introductions, the meeting was convened by Assistant Deputy Director Michael Ring and Crystal Allen, PCSAO.

First item on the agenda was a presentation on the status of the Supreme Court Subcommittee by OCF Deputy Director Barbara Riley. General discussion and questions and answers were entertained at the time by Barbara. A follow-up on the RFP process and timeline was conducted by OCF staff, Kristin Gilbert. Information on the Subcommittee was disseminated at the time as well. Following further discussion and questions and answer period, the group moved onto other items.

Next agenda item was a presentation by Fran Rembert, Dave Thomas and Marlene Preston-Rombach on agency screening results collected from recent CPOE Stage V results. Aggregate data was drafted onto a matrix and disseminated as a part of this presentation (please see attached handout). Further clarification of agency practice in this regard was presented by Marlene Preston-Rombach. Following questions and answers the group moved onto other agenda items.

As possible starting points for the workgroup's future work and direction, OCF staff presented a previous 1999 ODHS Screening Policy and Procedure that was developed, put in clearance but never initiated. This was disseminated to the workgroup, by David Thomas, for their review and discussion.

Following Dave Thomas' presentation, Crystal Allen presented a summary of the PCSAO Standards on Effective Practice regarding agency screening. Questions and answers followed. It was noted that the PCSAO standards had been cross-checked with both ODJFS rules, ORC and COA accreditation standards for consistency. We agreed to have further review and discussion of COA standards as it relates to screening at future meetings. Questions and answers for clarification followed the presentations.

The workgroup then discussed their starting point and direction for activities from here. It was the general consensus of the group to have the following goal/objective/charge:

Goal: Improve and enhance the safety and well-being of children.
 Objective: To identify, develop and implement a uniform, consistent statewide policy and procedure for the receipt, screening and response to referrals of cases made to PCSAs in Ohio.

The goal, objective and workgroup activities will be part of the system response in regards to the CFSR findings and results, and should correlate with goals, objectives and action steps built into the PIP. The lack of uniformity and consistency in how county agencies respond to the reoccurrence of maltreatment on ongoing cases was the reason this ELC workgroup was formed.

A smaller workgroup, also partly inclusive of frontline direct staff, was asked to begin to look at the data and draft/modify current rules, standards, etc., into a new Policy and Procedure. The group was asked for volunteers and the following list was provided:

Michael Ring, OCF
Leesa George, Hocking County CSB
Faye Weddington, Scioto County CSB
Brenda Bloom, Greene County CSB
Crystal Allen, PCSAO
Sue Wasiniak, Licking County DJFS
Dave Thomas, OCF
Richard Opre, Cuyahoga County DCFS
Brad Price, Mahoning County
Wendy Holt, Clark County DJFS
Lori Yedliza, Trumbull County DJFS

A short question and answer period ended the agenda items for this meeting. It was stated that the issues related to the FAPM, PIP Targeted TA, and current OCWTP training on screening be included in this workgroup's activities as well. Following Q/A and hearing no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.