

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
Office for Children and Families
EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

To: Directors, Public Children Services Agencies
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From: Jessie M. Tower, Office for Children and Families, ODJFS

Subject: Executive Leadership Committee Meeting Notes from July 28, 2005

Date: August 8, 2005

I. Welcome and General Comments

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The following individuals were in attendance:

Crystal Allen	Judy Chavis	Timothy Stolitca
James Beard	Terry Miller	Rhonda Reagh
Jack Edwards	Fred Williams	Paul Fraunholtz
Rick Smith	Joe Pilat	Jessie Tower
Susan Williams	Carrie Anthony	Leslie McGee
Rhonda Abban	Dennis Blazey	Cynthia Scanland

- **Child Care:** Yesterday MIS published a list on the ODJFS website of all active and inactive homes. That list has been removed from the web site, and we are taking steps to ensure that only active homes are published on the web site.
- **SETS Access:** Letters have been sent out identifying employees that will have SETS access restricted. The effective date of the restriction is August 1, 2005. There are approximately 865 PCSA employees who will be restricted from the use of SETS. The purpose of this change is to achieve compliance with the federal Title IV-D regulations. Questions regarding the list should be directed to the attention of OCS. Questions regarding IV-E eligibility and programming issues should be directed to the attention of OCF.

II. Review of Previous Month's Minutes

The minutes of the June 16, 2005, meeting were approved without question. Rick Smith advised that in the future, the Office for Children and Families will complete and distribute the minutes of each meeting to members of the ELC within two weeks of each meeting.

Upon review of the members, the minutes will be published on the web and distributed to all public children services agencies.

III. Old Business

A. *AdoptOhio Formula*

OCF provided an update from the ELC Subcommittee that was convened to review and recommend a model for the AdoptOHIO formula.

For SFY 2006, there is \$4.1 million dollars in TANF and Title IV-B funds. During SFY 2006 the funds will be allocations instead of incentives, and they must be used for contracting or for incentive payments for development of two parent families or single parent needy families or development of recruitment campaign that can be closely linked with the development of two parent families or single parent needy families.

The focus of AdoptOHIO is to:

- Increase in overall number of adoptions
- Increase and meet the CFSR 24 month measure
- Increase in adoption of children ages 9 and older

With this goal in mind, the ELC Subcommittee presented two models (Model A and Model B) for review and consideration. The ELC reviewed and discussed the two models and recommended that the department adopt Model B.

Model B allocates the funds as follows:

- 55% Average number of children, ages 9 and older, in PC at least one day of the SFY during the last three state fiscal years.
- 45% All PC children less than 16 months not in adoptive placement
- 32 agencies allocated \$6,000 or less is excluded from receiving funds.

PowerPoint presentation is attached.

Crystal Allen shared a PCSAO paper outlining the need for increased funds for the AdoptOhio allocation, calling for ODJFS to dedicate additional TANF funding for this purpose.

B. *CAPMIS Training Plan*

OCF expects to train 4800 staff statewide. The goals are (1) train Ohio's PCSA supervisors and caseworkers on the philosophy and concepts of CAPMIS; specifically safety and risk assessment, effective service planning, assessment of safety throughout the life of the case, and effective safety planning, and (2) train on the use of the CAPMIS tools and inform participants about the new screening guidelines.

Orientation to CAPMIS for Managers and Supervisors will be held November 2005 through February 2006. Statewide implementation training will be February 2006 through October 2006.

PowerPoint presentation is attached.

C. Kinship Care Rules

OCF provided an updated version of the Kinship Permanency Incentive Implementation Workplan. The clearance period expired July 27, 2005. OCF staff will review the clearance comments and respond accordingly. The projected date for public hearing is October 7, 2005. In order to meet this date, staff will need to finalize everything by mid August 2005. The implementation date is January 1, 2006. A copy of the workplan is attached.

IV. Other Business/Discussion

A. Proposal Submitted to Research Consortium To Improve Child Welfare

PCSAO provided an update on their proposal which was submitted to the Program Committee of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund. The proposal is for the authorization of funding to support research activities to prevent child abuse.

B. Access to Better Care (ABC)

OCF provided an update on the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council (OFCF) Regional Forums. The 2006-2007 Biennial Budget (HB 66) reflects a significant investment resources and demonstrates a clear commitment to the highest priority of enabling every child to success. The budget also demonstrates the need to invest now in those areas that leverage the most progress in improving the lives of children and families. To that end, the OFCF will hold a series of regional forums in the very near future to seek input from its local partners. The forums will provide an opportunity to take the first steps toward successful implementation of the ABC Initiative. The agenda includes sharing information on current activities and funding to support the ABC continuum of prevention, early identification and intervention, and improved treatment. In addition, the forums will provide information regarding the county allocations for non-behavioral health needs.

C. SACWIS Organizational Assessments

OCF provided an updated on the Organizational Assessments. Twenty-three organizational assessments have been completed. Five reports have been released to the respective county agencies. Recently, OCF met with the contractor and expects to see an increase in the number of reports released to the counties.

D. Communication with OACCA

OCF has communicated to OACCA that we will not establish a Foster Care Licensing ELC Subcommittee to address operational matters, since those matters are not within the scope of the ELC. In the alternative, OCF has established Quarterly Foster Care Licensing Meeting to address the foster care licensing operational matters. OCF reported that the first quarterly meeting was held on July 11, 2005 and was well received, with almost 200 participants. Agenda topics included HB 117 rules implementation, review of the proposed rules resulting from the five year rule review, adoption assistance and FRED. The evaluation results were positive and comments were that agencies would like to continue with the quarterly meetings. To that end, OCF has scheduled its next quarterly meeting for Monday, October 17, 2005.

V. Next Meeting Date, Time, Location

Meeting adjourned: 12:00 noon.
Next Meeting: August 18, 2005, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 255 East Main Street,
3rd Floor, Columbus, Ohio.