

OCF ELC
APS/Child Care Subcommittee
Meeting Notes

Present: Rose Handon, Rhonda Childers, Judith Chavis, Tracy Bope, Eileen Dray-Bardon, Arnell Hurt, Tom Roelant, Matthew Murray, Marshall Pierson, Rick Smith, Martha Arter, Kathy Oliver, Sue Steingass, Leslie McGee, Tom Swift, Angelo Serra, Shelly Boyd, Charles McMillon.

Welcome and Introductions: Rick Smith welcomed the group and introductions were made. Loretta Adams sent her regrets as she was attending a conference; Judy Chavis served as her replacement on today.

There was one modification of schedule which allowed the ELI Update to be presented first on the agenda.

ELI Update – Matthew Murray

There were 7,512 ELI authorizations as of COB March 6, 2006.

Amended contracts are based on total compensation for the SFY. Pay cycle 1- 8 will still be based on allocated slot amounts. The opportunity for ELI Contracted Agencies to bill towards maximum compensation will allow the ELI Contracted Agency to bill for more than there allocated slot amount but still being limited to the total contracted dollar amount per SFY. ODJFS suggests to the CDJFS' reviewing each of their ELI Memorandum of Understandings with the ELI Contracted Agencies to make any necessary adjustments per this change. The unit rate remains at \$191.12 per full-time week, \$143.34 per part-time week and an hourly rate that is equivalent of the regional subsidized child care hourly ceiling rate (where the ELI Contracted Agency is located) per rule 5101:2-16-41.

ODJFS will monitor the ELI Contracted Agencies billings according to the new contract. It is the ELI Contracted Agency's responsibility to manage their billings in accordance with their current contract. ODE is working on the re-bidding process. The residing process will be public during the week of March 13, 2006.

Amendments to contracts were mailed out February 13, 2006.

Questions from the Subcommittee:

If someone is needed to talk about program and benefits - could this be done by video conference, desk aide, on a CD or teleconference?

If we've used all slots but dollars are still there can it be expanded – answer is yes.

Benefits should be the same in a four day program versus a five day – some members disagreed.

Every Tuesday an updated sub-provider list is provided to the County Department of Job and Family Services and update on the ELI website. If counties are not able to find a

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sub-provider for an EL I contracted agency, they are to contact the Bureau of Child Care and Development for verification.

APS Update and SFY 2006 Q2 Report – Leslie McGee

There were 10 counties who did not report data in second quarter. APS staff was able to resolve five of those counties; five others have not reported either quarter. Things are reported as going well. Discussion centered on the need to get the word out that makes people aware that it is ok to report abuse on elders and how to do it.

OCAPS reports the more we can educate people, the more we can get legislation involved to mandate APS services. OCAPS came up with \$70,000 per county for one APS worker in each county. Increase more as public awareness reports may be generated.

Rick Smith would like for the next meeting to discuss APS trend data and it to be county specific.

APS Guardianship Issues – The Honorable Judge Tom Swift (guest speaker from Trumbull County)

Judge Swift is a probate judge who helped form a statewide interdisciplinary committee on Elder Care issues. He discussed – SB 105 – which involves three groups:

General membership – anyone can join
Executive Committee – Directors/Executive Directors
Clinical Group – discusses case specific

Judge Swift shared with the group several areas of probate services:

Power of Attorney (POA); Conservator (various types of POA's)
Guardianship

APS and volunteer services with elder populations where additional resources are needed

Judge Swift stated that he would like to see home health aides have background checks. He also shared the Trumbull County Probate website: www.Trumbullcountyprobate.org

Child Care Business Case Justification – Martha Arter & Angelo Serra

Proposed recommendations were to have one eligibility database and interface system for the following:

OWF
Medicaid
Food Stamps
Child Care

OWF: Application – Eligibility – State Payment

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New CRIS-E replacement system for Medicaid would be: Application – Eligibility – Card Issued (once the card is given to the consumer then MITS takes over).

Child Care: Application – Eligibility – then what would we like to see, do we want it to stay the same (what today is – voucher, co-application, return invoice) or change the outcome?

The question we have to ask is – What Do We Want the New IT System to do for us?

Recommendation from the Team: Explore other states that are like Ohio who are similar in demographic. Rick asks us not to limit ourselves. Sub-committee recommended OCF to look at possibly three states that are state supervised/county administered, and then two or three states who are state supervised/county supervised. We need to review, assess and document the functional processes/activities and costs associated with supporting those processes/activities of three or four other states that ODJFS and the ELC stakeholders will identify.

Various questions were raised from the Group concerning a proposed IT/ software system designed to help with the management of child care cost and administrative dollars?

Other questions generated included:

- Will the system be designed to map out core business processes?
- Will the vendor be required to look at the 3299 / CCIDS system?
- Will the system help to analyze personnel cost regarding child care providers?
- Will the vendor help us to identify what other states do before they issue a card and the level of cost associated with that activity?
- Will the system help us to better access and track our outcomes?
- Will the vendor be able to capture what it cost us to do child care business in Ohio today?

The group suggested that they wanted the vendor to give estimates of cost, realizing that the vendor would not be able to visit every county. We've asked how they can come to this.

The recommendation from the group was to seek legislative changes and eliminate the PPI category.

Recommendation was passed to move forward with the Information for Proposal (IFP) with changes.

In vision that by 12/31/06 this will be done and CRIS-E new system will start the IFP awarded 11/1/06. We will write the RFQ to use part of this process for them to use.

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Recommendation is to move ahead with Information for Proposal (IFP) with changes recommend today – group agreed.

Martha/Rick – asked the group for the recommendation of a child care policy person to be on the Statewide Leadership Child Care Committee. The committee meets every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Child Care Market Rate Survey Process – OSU Research Team - Lew Horner and Chris Holloman

In 2004 they surveyed all licensed and Type B providers. 48% of licensed providers responded and 33% of Type B provider responded to this survey.

Feedback was based upon letters mailed – (similar to what was used in the past survey) to explain the importance of the survey and why they were seeking this information. The survey participants were asked to return the surveys by 3/30/06.

Child Care agencies that have more than one center must complete one survey for each center. Charles McMillon stated that the preliminary executive findings of the survey be shared with the group in August 2006. The final report is due September 2006.

Next month's agenda item: Response to the subcommittee identifying a child care policy person to sit on the Statewide Leadership Child Care Committee. APS trend data to be presented to the group.

Next Meeting: April 4, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 255 E. Main Street, 3rd floor video conference room.

Meeting Adjourned.