



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana Committee/Task Force Minutes

Committee/Task Force:	Child Services Oversight Committee		
Date of Meeting: (MM/DD/YYYY)	5/29/19	Time:	1:00pm
Minutes Prepared By:	Victoria Szczechowski	Location:	Indiana Statehouse, Rm. 404

5. New Business/Presentations

Topic	Main Points	Recommendations/Decisions
Progress Report on DCS Implementation of the CWG Assessment	To improve employee retention, DCS is providing leadership development academies that will begin in 2020. Additionally, cohort sizes for case managers have decreased to 25 or fewer, and regional trainings are being provided in Knox and Jackson Counties rather than only in Indianapolis. The supervisor to case worker ratio is currently 1 to 8.32, with the goal being 1 to 5. An organizational cultural shift to focus on safety rather than fear is also underway. The FCM advisory council has been meeting since last fall. DCS attorney caseloads are also going to be set at no more than 60 cases per attorney, per the recommendation of the Indiana Bar Association. Additionally, services for older youth have been extended to age 23.	
DCS Data Report	Reports to the DCS hotline are stable, with 242,944 calls made in 2018. Calls are answered in less than 1 minute 91% of the time. Calls from law enforcement are answered within 14 seconds on average. At the end of April 2019, there were 19,094 active cases. 76% of the children were placed in out-of-home care. Case numbers overall are declining. Family Case Manager turnover has also shown a downward trend, with 2017's turnover rate at 31.1% and 2018's turnover rate at 25.3%.	



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Committee Discussion and Member Updates	<p>Leslie Dunn, CASA/GAL: CASA is working to provide training on psychotropic medications and their effect on kids as well as to establish CASA programs in three counties that do not currently have one, including Posey County. Madison and St. Joseph Counties have the highest number of kids waiting for CASAs.</p> <p>Jolene Bracale, IDOE: DCS' Education Services Program, established in 2012, has 14 education liaisons stationed regionally across the state. IDOE also trains staff on child abuse and neglect, including on human trafficking.</p> <p>Michael Moore, IPDC: The Council is working with DCS to facilitate training programs on court processes.</p>		
6. Action Items (Include recommendations/queries for Executive Committee)			
Action	Responsibility		Due Date
7. Adjournment			
Action			Time
Chairwoman McNamara adjourned the meeting.			3:15pm
8. Next Meeting			
Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)		Time:	
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Topics/Objective(s):			