

## Child Health and Safety Task Force

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### Dr. Doss Update

- Infant wellness committee met last week. Were able to brainstorm who is going to be at the table with us as we continue to work. I think there is some additional diversity that is needed and reach out around some special needs groups. That way the subcommittee better reflects the work that we are doing. Next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>.

Q:

Julie: Were you able to connect with some of the grass roots people?

- Yes, I just wanted to make sure that Jack was on board, and then reach out to those people after.

Sarah: I was thinking about Dr. Thompson at Riley. I think she is under the pediatrics, but she is the child abuse specialist with them and she might be interested.

- I am willing to reach out to her, but I am concerned that we are getting too many Dr.'s on the subcommittee.

### Sandy Runkle – Update

- The surveys have been completed for the statewide child abuse prevention framework. I think we received around 5,000 back. Sounds like a lot but we were a little disappointed. We are looking at what we could try to get a little more feedback. Maybe some kind of focus group, we have also look at this as an option. The focus groups were always a piece of the plan that we wanted to accomplish. So we are still on track with that, it's more so figuring out how it will look. Next stakeholder meeting is coming up, and we will go from there with next steps. The

idea is to keep this fluid as possible, but so we also have as much information as possible. Delaware and Grant county both have a family resource center opening, so this could be helpful. Please just continue to support and participate!

Q:

Julie: When do you think we should present again to the commission. The next one is February 17<sup>th</sup>, after that it is April

- Sandy: I think April will be better. We will have more information to bring to them then.

Chris Daily – Not Present

Ryan – Update

- We have not been able to meet yet. We had something initially on the books, but she has been helping with vaccines and we just haven't really been able to connect.

Sharron –

- We did a lot of work over the holidays and these families are really having a hard time. As you all know Rep. Summers is a great voice for these people in the legislature.
- Angela: we did our out of home value stream, and we had a lot of multidisciplinary participation. Aside from all other things the first two were kinship related and the third was birth and resource related. It was unexpected, because it really was a scope of all out of home issues.
- We continue to have a partnership with ? casey family services? Lorraine Conwell, is getting moved to full time kinship care navigator.
- Julie: I did raise the training for judge's issue. They mentioned that Angela is going to be working on training with judges for their next convention.
- Angela Reid Brown: I do help plan all child welfare related training for our juvenile judges. Definitely all aspects of permanency is going to be address at our conference this year. Sharron I think your subcommittee would be a good fit for me, so if you have room I would like to join your subcommittee.

Julie: I have had some conversations with Sharron and Rep. Summers to waive court fees for Kinship Providers. Rep. Summers refiled the kinship care oversight committee bill as well. There are actually two committees in the bill, and it has some fiscal in there because it says that LSA will pay for it.

Mark Fairchild

- We have COVID to deal with and what it has done to the data. We are looking to be able to pull in some more recent data to get a more accurate look. It has changed what we want to talk to the commission about. I think it makes it a more interesting discussion to have because a lot of the things we wanted to look at to keep people enrolled, the COVID policy freezes are creating a test look at what this would look like. When this really starts coming in to where we can compare, we can look at the impact of enrollment and costs to the state. It is going to be hard to go to far into the data because some of it can be misleading. Like CHIP enrollment has went

down, however this is because most of these kids are now qualifying for Medicaid. The CHIP program are usually workers who do not have access to insurance through their employer.

- Also still working on search engine optimization.
- Working to better coordinate with FSSA to get reps in schools to help get children registered. Getting the schools involved could be a big step in the right direction.
- Still workin with ISDH to get linked in to their OB Navigator.
- We do not see a mass amount of people dropping their insurance and trying to go to a different one. When they do there is a 90 day waiting period. We are one of a few minority states that still do it this way.

Sarah

- We are all in the same boat and trying to get moving after the holidays.

Mark

- Where we left off was doing a communication survey that got great results. I think we need to continue focusing on the gaps in communication.

Christine

- Not much to add, hopefully a more robust report at the next meeting.

Julie Whitman

- If going back to December and anyone didn't get to watch, it is posted. They actually passed a lot of recommendations. If anyone is wanting to train staff on equity issues, there are tools available on the commission website. There are agency protective factors listed as well. There is a sample job description too.
- Hopefully going to have spread sheet added to the website consisting of a bill tracker for all session bills.
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