

Child Protection Accountability Commission

Education Collaboration Workgroup

April 14, 2015

2:00 pm-3:00 pm

Appoquinimink:118 South Sixth Street in Odessa: Board room

Attendees: Camille Keshishian (CASA), Kathie Herel (PIC), Susan Veenama (UD), Rachael Neff (Family Court), Kittie Rehrig (Appo), Eliza Hirst, (OCA) Jackie Mette (Family Court/Casey)

The minutes were approved.

Update on Compassionate Schools: Jackie Mette provided an update on the Compassionate Schools training, which was held on March 27th. Deb Boyer attended and connected with Ron Hertel who conducted the training.

Update New Student Orientation: Jackie, Kittie, Eliza, Aileen Fink, and Heather Alford met in February to discuss building out the new student orientation based on the information from APPO. Jackie, Kittie, and Eliza will follow up to make a new student orientation template for all school districts. Kittie explained that the issues are often more with academic and attendance with new students. However, tracking tools can help the school monitor student progress.

Casey Family Court Demonstration Project:

Jackie is conducting a longitudinal study looking at two school districts (Brandywine and Woodbridge). OCA and CASA will also look at how kids are doing before they entered care, during care, and after (when feasible). Eliza will use the same format as Jackie so the information is comparable. Jackie also indicated that on April 24, two data experts are coming to DE to analyze the data to see what it tells us. Information about placement changes, court records, CPRB files will also help the team understand the education outlook for youth in foster care. The main purpose of this study is to see whether youth in DFS custody do better or worse upon entering care.

The group then explored the possibility of using the Ed Insight Dashboard for a summary of how kids are doing for court review hearings. The problem of using the Dashboard snapshot is that not all schools use it and not all people in the schools have access. Also the Dashboard does not pull from all potential data sources. For example IEP+ and ITRACKER may not feed to the dashboard. However, a snapshot would be really helpful to have such information for court. Jackie and Eliza will flesh out and report back. We also discussed that the Kids Department may need to be an LEA to help streamline the flow of information. (Kittie explained that alternative schools can't become an LEA. As such, they cannot use Dashboard either—This may be something worth exploring at a later point since so many of our youth are involved with alternative programs.)

Rachael asked if best interest meetings are tracked by Dashboard. Jackie explained that Jen Davis from DOE created a field for best interest meetings in E school to begin tracking best interest meetings. This issue will be followed up in the MOU workgroup.

Information Sharing

Kittie mentioned that there is a statewide interagency consent form, but there has not been any training on confidentiality in a long time. The group agreed it would be helpful to have additional training because confidentiality is often a barrier to information sharing. Jackie agreed to help revamp the draft template. The group also discussed the idea of putting this information sharing issue in the FAQ and developing a PowerPoint presentation on confidentiality for the CPAC education committee as a starting point. Eliza will add that component to the existing FAQ and circulate. Jackie mentioned that the West Sussex Summit will be held in October, and that may be a good place to do a training on the various confidentiality laws. Eliza will follow up with Michele Marinucci from Woodbridge SD, since she coordinates the summit. Jackie will also follow up with school district/ or state wide counselor/nurse meetings and Linda Wolfe.

To Do List:

- Eliza and Jackie will meet with Kittie about the expanding the New Student Orientation template over the summer.
- Eliza will follow up with Michele Marinucci about presenting at the Western Sussex Summit on Confidentiality and Information Sharing.
- Eliza will update the FAQ with information sharing points.
- Jackie will follow with Linda Wolfe about training school counselors and nurses on confidentiality/information sharing.

**Next meeting: Wednesday May 27, 2015 at 2:00 pm at Appo School District
118 South Sixth Street in Odessa: Board room**