

# State of Delaware Child Protection Accountability Commission Data Utilization Committee

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2015 – 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

## **In Attendance:**

Melody Caulfield	Family Court
Rosalie Morales	Office of the Child Advocate
Mike Peyser	Division of Family Services
Ashlee Starratt	DSCYF, Office of the Secretary
Amanda Sipple	Office of the Child Advocate
Brittany Willard	CPAC Data Analyst
Fran Purnell	Department of Education
Rachael Neff	Family Court

## **I. MINUTES – 6/16/15**

Minutes were approved, pending a minor change. Mike Peyser asked that the final meeting minutes be sent to the committee.

## **II. INTRODUCTION TO DATA ANALYST**

Brittany Willard introduced herself as the new data analyst. She stated that she started on August 17, 2015 and that she has begun by approaching the dashboard with a new set of eyes. She commented that if there are any issues with the way the data is being presented or represented, to contact her individually. If anyone has issues with giving and sharing data, she can assist. Brittany will be following the timeline that was approved at the last meeting. Thus far, she has had the pleasure of meeting with most organizations (Investigation Coordinator, Child Death Review Commission, Family Court, and Department of Education). She has a meeting scheduled with the CAC and hopes to meet with DFS soon. These meetings are to understand what data is currently being sent and what other data points could be looked at.

## **III. CPAC RESPONSE**

Data Analysis process was approved. The CPAC Commission meetings have been restructured for 2016 to accommodate the schedule and ensure the most up-to-date data.

Mike Peyser recommended that the committee meets late in January. Brittany will develop a proposed calendar of submissions for data.

We will present quarterly trends at each CPAC meeting. A larger presentation will be annually. CAN Panel was added and the agenda will not allow for 2 presentations on data at the CPAC Commission meetings.

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## IV. REVIEW OF OCTOBER 14, 2015 DASHBOARD

At the next CPAC Commission meeting, the Committee will prepare a presentation highlighting the trends in the October 2015 dashboard. The data will be presented through June 30, 2015, so the report to the Commission will be a quarter behind.

### **Dashboard 1.0 Caseload**

Brittany made a few changes to the presentation of the dashboards and reported on the observed trends. Mike Peyser suggested that the proposed changes be captured in a document separate from the dashboard and discussed at a later meeting date.

#### **1.1 DFS Investigation Caseloads (DFS data)**

- 1.12 – The data is presented over quarters and by location. Most noticeable of this data is that Kent consistently has the highest number of cases.

### **Dashboard 2.0 Processing of Child Abuse Cases**

#### 2.11 DFS Hotline Reports Received During Quarter (DFS data)

- OCA is now able to add the screened out cases for the last 2 quarters.

#### 2.12 DFS Hotline Reports Screened In (Investigation) During Quarter Sorted by Primary Maltreatment Type (DFS data)

- The numbers for this chart are exactly the same for 3/15 and 6/15. Mike will review with his staff and send the revised data. *\*Please note this error was corrected before the dashboard was disseminated to CPAC for its Quarterly Commission Meeting.*

### **2.2 Investigation Coordinator (“IC”)**

#### 2.21 Cases Opened During Quarter (IC data)

- Quarter after quarter, a significant number of intra-familial cases are being opened.

#### 2.22 Cases Opened By Maltreatment Type During Quarter (IC data)

- Serious Physical injury/ sexual abuse increased; however, this is a result of when the cases are being opened by the IC. Data entry is a workload issue.
- Currently, the referral date is used to pull the data, but the date of IC input should be used. Brittany will work with IC to fix this.
- The total number of cases opened needs to be fixed.

#### 2.23 Open Cases by Maltreatment Type at End of Quarter (IC data)

- Quarter of 6/15 showed no extra-familial serious physical injury or death cases.

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## 2.24 Open Cases by Maltreatment Type at End of Quarter (IC data)

- Extra-familial cases opened are remaining consistent. Intra-familial cases are increasing.
- Extra-familial cases – data dumps received by DELJIS are not being used, because the cases are listed by complaint number rather than individual children.

## 2.25 Civil Case Outcomes for Cases Closed During Quarter (IC data)

- Instead of “Cases Closed,” the title will be changed to “IC Cases Closed – Investigation Outcomes” to avoid confusion.
- The IC combines the number of Tier I investigations (family assessments of low risk cases) and abridged cases. The Tier II investigations (full child protection investigations required by statute) are captured by the IC under the following categories: founded, unfounded and pending. Ashlee and Mike discussed Tier 1 and abridged standards and how Tier 1 is defined vs. abridged.
- 9/14 will be updated, (currently says 9/15)

## 2.26 Case Outcomes for Children Exiting DSCYF Custody During Quarter

- Also to avoid confusion, the name of this chart will be titled, “IC Cases Closed, Response Outcomes – Outcome for Child”
- 9/14 will be updated, (currently says 9/15)
- Ashlee/IC will clarify categories to include DSCYF custody while the child remains in the home.

## 2.27 Criminal Case Outcomes for Cases Closed During Quarter (IC data)

- The title of this chart has been modified to say, “IC Cases Closed – Criminal Case Outcomes”.

## 2.3 Child Death, Near Death & Stillbirth Commission Cases Received (CDNDSC data)

- It was questioned why there may be 5 unsafe sleep deaths in 12/14 quarter and if there was anything that could be attributed to the spike.

## 2.4 DOJ Child Victim’s Unit: Cases Received During Quarter (DOJ data)

- Data Received from Kent and Sussex may not be accurate. They are not recording numbers accurately per DOJ.

## 2.5 Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC data)

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- The “% intra-familial” and “% extra-familial” should be moved above “total incidents” on the data table in each of the CAC graphs.

## **Dashboard 3.0 Children in DSCYF Custody**

### 3.11 Ages of Children Entering DSCYF (OCA/CASA data)

- There was a spike in the quarter ending 3/15 in children entering care, specifically for the 0-4 age group.

### 3.12 Ages of Children in DSCYF Custody at the End of Quarter (OCA/CASA data)

- The number of children in DSCYF custody has increased.
- It was discussed that we may want to look at this chart for more quarters to assess the trends.

## **3.2 Legal Representation**

### 3.21 Representation of Youth in DSCYF Custody at End of Quarter (OCA/CASA data)

- There was no discussion related to this chart.

### 3.22 Number of Days from Filing of Petition until Child is Represented (OCA/CASA data)

- Generally, the child is represented in court at the PPH. However, representation can be delayed waiting for order to be signed.

### 3.3 Guidelines and Actual Median Timeline for Family Court Cases Closed During Period (Family Court data)

- Melody will provide an update for Figure 3.3.
- This chart will be included in the presentation to CPAC once the updated data is received.

## **Dashboard 4.0 Permanency Outcomes**

- Rosie clarified that OCA prepares all the charts under this section.

## **4.1 Outcomes for All Children**

### 4.11 Permanency Outcomes and Median Length of Stay of Children Exiting Custody During Quarter (DFS Placement Only) (OCA/CASA data)

- It was noted that there was an increase in reunification in 12/14 quarter.
- There was also an increase in total number of children exiting care.

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- Mike commented that this could be because of the holiday season and the push to reunify the families for the holidays.

## 4.2 Adolescents (13 – 17)

### 4.21 Permanency Outcomes of Adolescents Exiting DSCYF Custody during Quarter (OCA/CASA data)

- There was no discussion surrounding this data.

## 4.3 APPLA (11 – 17)

### 4.31 Age Profiles of Youth with Goal of APPLA as of August 2014 (OCA/CASA data)

- There was no discussion related to this chart.
- This chart will not be included in the presentation to CPAC.

### 4.32 Youth with Permanency Goal of APPLA by County as of August 2014 (OCA/CASA data)

- The Committee noted that although the population was lower in Sussex County the percentage of youth with the permanency goal of APPLA was higher.
- This chart will be included in the presentation to CPAC.

### 4.33 Youth with Goal of APPLA at End of Quarter (OCA/CASA data)

- There was no discussion related to this chart.
- This chart will not be included in the presentation to CPAC.

## **Dashboard 5.0 Extended Jurisdiction**

### 5.11 Youth on Extended Jurisdiction during Quarter Sorted by County (OCA/CASA data)

- There was no discussion related to this chart.
- This chart will not be included in the presentation to CPAC.

### 5.12 Youth on Extended Jurisdiction during Quarter Sorted by Representation (OCA/CASA data)

- There was no discussion related to this chart.
- This chart will not be included in the presentation to CPAC.

### 5.13 Youth Entering Extended Jurisdiction during Quarter (OCA/CASA data)

- It was recommended that the title be revised as “EJ as a % of Youth Who Aged Out During Quarter.”

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- The group discussed whether recent training on EJ will impact the number of youth entering EJ.
- This chart will be included in the presentation to CPAC.

## 5.14 Median Length of Stay of Youth Exiting Extended Jurisdiction during Quarter (OCA/CASA data)

- The Committee noted that 5 youth no longer consented to EJ at the end of the fourth quarter of FY14.
- This chart will not be included in the presentation to CPAC.

## **Dashboard 6.0 Cross-Over Youth**

### **6.2 Cross-Over Youth**

#### 6.11 DSCYF Involvement by Division for All Children at End of Quarter (DSCYF Venn Reports)

- No Discussion surrounding this data.

#### 6.12 DSCYF Involvement by Division for All Children in Out-of-Home Placement at End of Quarter (DSCYF Venn Reports)

- No Discussion surrounding this data.

### **6.2 OCA Clients (Ages 11-17) in DSCYF Custody**

#### 6.21 OCA Clients with Juvenile Justice Involvement at the End of Quarter (OCA/CASA data)

- There was no discussion related to this chart.

#### 6.22 Status of Criminal Charges for OCA Clients in Juvenile Justice (OCA/CASA data)

- There was no discussion related to this chart.

## **Dashboard 7.0 Education Outcomes**

### **7.1 Comparison between Children in Foster Care and All Students**

- The 2015 school-year data has not been received yet. It is not expected until October, and some data may not be prepared until January 2016. There was no discussion on any of the Education Charts.

#### 7.11 Two Year Comparison of Attendance Rates for Children in DSCYF Custody (DOE data)

- No discussion on this chart, data has not changed for this CPAC meeting.

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7.12 Two Year Comparison of Special Education Rates for Children in DSCYF Custody (DOE data)

- No discussion on this chart, data has not changed for this CPAC meeting.

7.13 2014 Discipline Rates for Children in DSCYF Custody (DOE data)

- No discussion on this chart, data has not changed for this CPAC meeting.

7.14 2014 In-School Suspension (ISS) Rates for Children in DSCYF (DOE data)

- No discussion on this chart, data has not changed for this CPAC meeting.

7.15 2014 Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) Rates for Children in DSCYF Custody (DOE data)

- No discussion on this chart, data has not changed for this CPAC meeting.

7.16 Two Year Comparison of Expulsion Rates for Children in DSCYF Custody (DOE data)

- No discussion on this chart, data has not changed for this CPAC meeting.

7.17 Four Year Comparison of Graduation Rate for Children in DSCYF Custody (DOE data)

- No discussion on this chart, data has not changed for this CPAC meeting.

7.18 Two Year Comparison of Children in DSCYF Custody Proficient in Math (DOE data)

- No discussion on this chart, data has not changed for this CPAC meeting.

7.19 Two Year Comparison For % of Children in DSCYF Custody Passing Algebra 1 (DOE data)

- No discussion on this chart, data has not changed for this CPAC meeting.

7.20 Two Year Comparison of Children in DSCYF Custody Proficient in English/Language Arts (DOE data)

- No discussion on this chart, data has not changed for this CPAC meeting.

## **Dashboard 8.0 Re-Entry/Re-Occurrence of Maltreatment**

8.1 % of Children Who Re-Enter Care in Less Than 12 Months (DFS data)

- It was noted that the 6/15 quarter showed the highest spike in recent years.
- Mike pointed out that although it is a spike, the 11.4% is still well below the standard of 15%.

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- Melody asked that Mike provide the total N for this group, he agreed that he could provide that for context for the CPAC commissioners.

### **V. NEXT MEETING DATE**

A meeting date was not discussed.

### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There being no public comment the meeting was ended at 1:00 pm.