

# State of Delaware Child Protection Accountability Commission Data Utilization Committee

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MONDAY, JULY 25, 2016 – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

## **In Attendance:**

Rosalie Morales	Office of the Child Advocate
Susan Kong	Division of Family Services
Ashlee Starratt	Investigation Coordinator's Office
Brittany Willard	CPAC Data Analyst
Rachael Neff	Family Court
Kecia Blackson	Child Placement Review Board

**I. MINUTES – 4/25/16** – Approved with no changes.

## **II. REVIEW OF AUGUST 10, 2016 DASHBOARD**

At the next CPAC Commission meeting, the Committee will prepare a presentation highlighting the trends in the August 2016 dashboard. The data will be presented through June 30, 2016, so the report to the Commission will be current.

### **Dashboard 1.0 Caseload**

#### **1.1 DFS Investigation Caseloads**

- Statewide numbers have been increasing over the course of the quarter. All regions are over the caseload standard, but University Plaza was the highest (19.3) at the end of the quarter.
- Rosie said that 27 positions will be reallocated to DFS as a result of CPAC's letter to the Joint Finance Committee.

#### **1.2 DFS Treatment Caseloads**

- Statewide treatment caseloads have been at or under the standard this quarter. Beech has been over the standard this quarter and had the highest caseloads throughout the quarter. University Plaza has stayed under the standard for the past 8 months. Kent has been over the standard for the past 4 months. Sussex is far below the standard where there is only one worker over the standard.
- The Committee recommended examining the number of children on treatment caseloads in the home vs. out of the home. A Treatment vs. Permanency report has previously been given to Mike Peyser and may be something we want to revisit.
- It was noted that the investigation caseloads in Sussex are high, while the number of children entering during the quarter was low.

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## Dashboard 2.0 Processing of Child Abuse Cases

### 2.11 DFS Hotline Reports Received During Quarter

- Hotline reports have increased every quarter over the past year. The number that has been screened in to investigation has also increased, but has maintained a similar proportion.

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

- In the past year, there has been an over 200 case increase in screened in cases. There is an increase in the emotional abuse/neglect cases screened in in the 6/16 quarter.

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

### 2.21 Cases Opened During Quarter

- There were fewer cases opened this quarter. There were also fewer referrals. The decrease in referrals occurred after the IC requested that the DFS extra-familial cases be filtered differently.

### 2.22 Cases Opened By Maltreatment Type During Quarter

- Sex abuse is consistently has the highest number of cases. Ashlee said that the sextion called “MDT contact” was added to capture the workload of IC. Brittany will get the proper language for a footnote for this.

### 2.23 Intra-Familial and Extra-Familial Cases Opened During Quarter

- There were no identified trends for this chart.

### 2.24 Open Cases at End of Quarter (IC Caseload)

- The caseload trendline is decreasing.

### 2.25 IC Cases Closed, Civil Outcomes – Status of DFS Involvement

- Very few cases are founded by DFS. Ashlee explained that IC admin discontinued was included in this chart, because IC does not track the case through its closure. It will impact the total cases closed if not included. Both Abridged and Tier 1 closures are captured under the Abridged category.

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### 2.26 IC Cases Closed, Civil Outcomes – Outcomes for Child

- Most children remain in the home with no DSCYF custody. A category of “Not Applicable” was added to this chart, which captures IC admin discontinued, child deaths, and case with no DFS involvement.

### 2.27 IC Cases Closed, Criminal Case Outcomes

- Most cases are prosecution declined followed by LE unfounded. Criminal investigation or AG decision greater than a year and greater than 2 years are IC closure reasons. Therefore, the line separating the criminal outcomes from the IC closure reasons will be moved above the criminal investigation or AG decision categories.

## 2.3 CAN Panel Cases Opened

- There were 9 total cases for this most recent quarter.

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

- This chart was not updated for the most recent quarter.

## 2.5 Children’s Advocacy Center

### 2.51 CAC Case Types

- The Committee identified a possible decline in intra-familial sexual abuse and an increase in extra-familial sexual abuse between the 3/16 and 6/16 quarters. Brittany will look into this.

### 2.52 Incidents Received by Referral Agency During Quarter

- Kent has a high proportion of the CAC referrals. New Castle has a lower than expected proportion. Based on the population distribution of the counties, we should expect around a 60-20-20 percentage breakdown (New Castle, Kent, and Sussex, respectively). DFS referrals seem to be increasing in NC but remain fairly low in Sussex.

### 2.53 CAC County of Alleged Abuse of Incidents Received During Quarter

- Kent County has the highest number of incidents. Ashlee will work with the CAC to compare the percentage of sexual abuse cases in New Castle, Kent and Sussex counties and the age of the children.

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## 2.54 Ages of Youth Interviewed

- Most of the youth interviewed are between the ages of 4 and 8. Age 7 has the highest proportion of interviews. The Committee identified a sharp decline after the age 11 for CAC interviews.

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

### 3.11 Ages of Children Entering DSCYF

- There is a small decline in the 6/16 quarter from the 3/16 quarter. The numbers for entries are still high, at 125, with the majority of the entries occurring with children in the 0-4 age group. There has been a decline for the 13-17 age group.
- This chart did not count the children that exited at the PPH. Brittany will add these youth back in since they did enter DSCYF custody.

### 3.12 Ages of Children in DSCYF Custody at the End of Quarter

- There were 725 youth in care at the end of the 6/16 quarter. This number has been steadily increasing over the past 4 quarters. The number of youth in the 13-17 age group has represented the highest proportion of youth in care, followed by the 0-4 age group.

## **3.2 Legal Representation**

### 3.21 Representation of Youth in DSCYF Custody at End of Quarter

- Overall, less youth have been waiting long times for representation.

### 3.22 Number of Days from Filing of Petition until Child is Represented

- A footnote will be added that children that went home at the PPH will not be added into this chart.
- This chart includes all youth in custody. The 4% that waited more than 40 days for representation will not change until those children are no longer in custody.

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

- Family Court hearings are below the guidelines.
- Timeliness measures are no longer federal guidelines as there are different data guidelines. This chart will still remain in the dashboard.

## **Dashboard 4.0 Permanency Outcomes**

### **4.1 Outcomes for All Children**

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

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- There were a large number of adoptions, but this exit reason is second only to reunifications. Susan will check the 3/16 number of adoptions with DFS data.
- Family Court has 81 closures for the quarter. Brittany will work with Family Court to resolve the issue.

## 4.2 Adolescents (13 – 17)

### 4.21 Adolescents Entering DSCYF Custody during Quarter

- 36 youth aged out in the 6/16 quarter. Brittany will look into the number of youth exiting to guardianship since the federal law changed.

### 4.22 Age Profiles of Youth with Goal of APPLA as of August 2014

- As of the 6/16 quarter, there were still 2 youth that were 14-15 with a status of APPLA. Both youth should be 16 at the time of the next quarterly report.

### 4.23 Youth with APPLA Vs. Another Permanency Goal By County

- No trends were identified.

### 4.24 Youth with Goal of APPLA at End of Quarter

- Overall, the proportion of youth on APPLA has been declining.

## **Dashboard 5.0 Extended Jurisdiction**

### 5.11 Youth on Extended Jurisdiction during Quarter Sorted by County

- It is difficult to identify which youth are entering EJ and in a timely manner for the quarterly reports. In the 6/16 quarter, 2 youth were discovered to be on EJ that entered in previous quarters. Brittany is working with DFS and Family Court to try to streamline the process.
- Kent and New Castle have the highest number of youth on Extended Jurisdiction. Sussex has remained low for the past few quarters.

### 5.12 Youth on Extended Jurisdiction During Quarter Sorted By Representation

- CASA has the majority of youth on EJ.

### 5.13 Youth Entering Extended Jurisdiction during Quarter

- It is hard to determine these numbers and for now the chart is inaccurate. This chart should be removed.

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## 5.14 Median Length of Stay of Youth Exiting Extended Jurisdiction during Quarter

- This is another chart that is difficult to determine the numbers in a timely manner.
- Brittany will ask the CPAC Permanency Committee which charts in this section are relevant. The dashboard will be updated to reflect the recommendations from the Permanency Committee.

## **Dashboard 6.0 Dual Status Youth**

### **6.1 Dual Status Youth**

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

- These charts did not update, so the information is still from the previous quarter. Brittany will update these charts.
- Susan will discuss editing the query for these charts to give the Committee information that is specific to the youth in custody.

#### 6.21 OCA Clients with Juvenile Justice Involvement at End of Quarter

- There was an increase in the 6/16 quarter for the percent of clients with JJ involvement.

#### 6.22 Status of Criminal Charges for OCA Clients in Juvenile Justice System at End of Quarter

- Adjudications have been increasing and number of youth with dropped charges has been decreasing.

## **Dashboard 7.0 Education Outcomes For Children in Foster Care**

**The education charts have not been updated since the previous meeting.**

## **Dashboard 8.0 Re-Entry**

### 8.1 Re-Entry

- This chart was not able to be updated by DFS for the most recent quarter because of software malfunctions.

**The dashboard was approved with revisions and additions that may be made after the CPAC Permanency for Adolescents Committee meeting.**

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## III. DASHBOARD PROPOSED CHANGES

### **Dashboard 7.0 Education Outcomes For Children in Foster Care**

- 7.12 Percent of Students that Took the SAT on the SAT School Day
- SAT was given on a school day to all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students for free. In 2013 and 2015, there was a disparity between non-DSCYF and DSCYF students that took the SATs.
- 7.13 Median Score of SAT Test-Takers
- There is a disparity between the median scores of DSCYF and non-DSCYF students.
- 7.14 Percent of Students that Enrolled in College Based on 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Enrollment
- There is a high disparity in 2013 and 2014 for college enrollment between DSCYF and non-DSCYF students.
- 7.15 Percent of Students that Enrolled in College Based on SAT Test-Takers
- This chart assumes that all kids that entered college took the SAT on the school day.

**The Committee decided to wait to add these charts to the dashboard until after feedback is received from the CPAC Education Committee.**

## IV. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date will be October 24, 2016.

## V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There being no public comment the meeting was ended at 11:00 am.