

State of Delaware Child Protection Accountability Commission Data Utilization Committee

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016 – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

In Attendance:

Rosalie Morales	Office of the Child Advocate
Christine Weaver	Division of Family Services
Ashlee Starratt	DSCYF, Office of the Secretary
Brittany Willard	CPAC Data Analyst
Rachael Neff	Family Court

I. MINUTES – 7/25/16

The minutes from July 15, 2016 were approved. Rachael Neff made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ashlee Starratt seconded the motion. There was one abstention.

II. REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 9, 2016 DASHBOARD

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

Dashboard 1.0 Caseload

1.1 DFS Investigation Caseloads (DFS data)

- Investigation caseloads are still over standard. Christine says to anticipate a difference in 6 months as it relates to the new positions.

1.2 DFS Treatment Caseloads (DFS data)

- Statewide treatment average has been at and above the standard.
 - The Beech and Kent locations are over the standard. Sussex is below standard.
 - The Caseloads/Workloads Committee will reconvene to assess the DFS treatment caseloads.

Dashboard 2.0 Processing of Child Abuse Cases

2.11 DFS Hotline Reports Received During Quarter

- The number of reports decreased by 14.5% and the number of reports screened in decreased by the same amount. Because the most recent quarter included much of the summer and school was not in session, the number of reports dropped.

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

- In the 9/16 quarter, there was a decrease in the physical abuse cases reported.

2.2 Investigation Coordinator (“IC”)

2.21 Cases Opened During Quarter

- The number of extra-familial cases opened increased since the IC is now tracking the reports submitted by DELJIS.

2.22 Cases Opened By Maltreatment Type During Quarter

- The number of serious injury cases is high in comparison to the CAN caseloads.

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

- There was an increase in the extra-familial sexual abuse cases opened in the 9/16 quarter, this was due to the DELJIS report.

2.24 IC Caseload

- The overall caseload is beginning to increase. The caseload for extra-familial cases has increase by 170% and the intra-familial caseload has increased by 28%.

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

- No trends to report.

2.26 IC Cases Closed, Civil Outcomes – Outcomes for Child

- No trends to report.

2.27 IC Cases Closed, Criminal Case Outcomes

- There were more pleas reported in the 9/16 quarter than in previous quarters.

2.3 CAN Panel Cases Opened

- There were 9 cases total for the CAN Panel, but there are no discernible trends.

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

- This chart was not updated for the 9/16 quarter.

2.5 Children’s Advocacy Center

2.51 CAC Case Types

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- The 9/15 quarter was included because at the previous meeting, there was discussion around whether there was a decrease in intra-familial sexual abuse cases. In fact, the 9/15 quarter was a spike and the following quarters are more consistent with the quarters preceding 9/15.

2.52 Incidents Received by Referral Agency During Quarter

- The breakdown in this chart shows a more “normal” distribution than in the previous quarter.

2.53 CAC County of Alleged Abuse of Incidents Received During Quarter

- The alleged abuse breakdown is similar to the referral breakdown, which is what we would expect.

2.54 Ages of Youth Interviewed

- We see a significant decrease in children interviewed after the age of 11. There is some decrease in the 9-year-olds for the 9/16 quarter.

Dashboard 3.0 Children in DSCYF Custody

3.11 Ages of Children Entering DSCYF

- These numbers are pulled from the OCA database. OCA is in the process of refining the database and the numbers included in the draft may not be accurate. These numbers will be checked before the dashboard goes out to the Commission.
- There seems to have been an increase in the entries for the 9/16 quarter.

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

- There was an increase in the total number of children in care. At the end of the 9/16 quarter, 806 children were in custody. There was a decrease in the 13-17 age group.
- Brittany and Rachael are looking into the average length of stay for children ages 0-4.

3.2 Legal Representation

3.21 Representation of Youth in DSCYF Custody at End of Quarter

- OCA is representing more youth this quarter. CASA had no resources in New Castle County.

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

- There was an increase in the number of children unrepresented after 40 days. Brittany will check this number.

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

- The time to the dispositional hearing for the 9/16 quarter is outside of the guideline at 34 days.

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)

- The OCA and CIP numbers do not match for the number of exits.
- Brittany will check with CIP to verify the numbers as well as the length of stay.

4.2 Adolescents (13 – 17)

4.21 Adolescents Entering DSCYF Custody during Quarter

- These numbers will be checked by Brittany as well.

4.22 Age Profiles of Youth with Goal of APPLA as of September, 2016

- The number of children on APPLA has decreased substantially. 1 child is 15 and will turn 16 this month. Sussex County has had the steepest decrease in the number of youth with a plan of APPLA.
- This chart will reflect only the youth ages 16-17 starting for the 12/16 quarter.

4.23 Youth with Goal of APPLA at End of Quarter

- Sussex County has had the steepest decrease in the number of youth with a plan of APPLA.
- This chart will reflect only the youth ages 16-17 starting for the 12/16 quarter.

4.24 Youth with Permanency Plan of APPLA vs. another Permanency Plan

- This chart also demonstrates that the APPLA numbers are decreasing rapidly.

Dashboard 5.0 Extended Jurisdiction

5.11 Youth on Extended Jurisdiction during Quarter Sorted by County

- Less youth are on extended jurisdiction for the 9/16 quarter.

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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)

- Susan Kong at DFS is working on a new query to replace these charts. It needs to be approved by DFS prior to submitting it to the Committee for review.

Dashboard 7.0 Education Outcomes For Children in Foster Care

No Education data has changed.

Dashboard 8.0 Re-Entry/Re-Occurrence of Maltreatment

8.1 % of Children Who Did Experience Repeat Maltreatment in 6 Months (DFS data)

- There were a few issues with data entry. Some of the youth were on runaway status and counted as a new placement. A footnote will be added to the dashboard. DFS will provide an update.

III. ONLINE DASHBOARD

- Brittany presented an interactive, online version of the dashboard. It can be exported to PowerPoint for a paper version, if necessary.
- Brittany will explore using tableau for this purpose, as well.
- Brittany will present again at the next meeting for approval to present to the Commission.

IV. DATA CALENDAR

- The data calendar was approved and will be sent to all of the agencies. Rooms will be confirmed for the meeting dates.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date will be January 25, 2017.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

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