

State of Delaware Child Protection Accountability Commission Data Utilization Committee

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017 – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

In Attendance:

Rosalie Morales	Office of the Child Advocate
Rachael Neff	Family Court
Jen Perry	Office of the Investigation Coordinator
Christine Weaver	Division of Family Services
Keith Zirkle	Division of Family Services
Owen Perry	Member of the Public
Krystle T. Blackwell	Member of the Public

I. MINUTES – 1/25/17

The minutes from January 25, 2017 were approved. A motion was made by Christine Weaver and seconded by Rachael Neff.

II. REVIEW OF MAY 17, 2017 DASHBOARD

At the next CPAC Commission meeting, the Committee will prepare a presentation highlighting the trends in the May 2017 dashboard. The data will be presented through March 31, 2017, so the report to the Commission will be a current.

Dashboard 1.0 Caseload

1.1 DFS Investigation Caseloads (DFS data)

- While all of the regions were over the standard, there was a decline in average caseload for two of the regions in the last quarter. There was also a decline in number of fully functioning workers in Sussex.
- Investigation statewide and Beech will be included in presentation.

1.2 DFS Treatment Caseloads (DFS data)

- Beech and Kent were over the standard. There was a similar decline in average caseload for all of the regions in the last quarter. In addition, there was a decline in the number of fully functioning workers in Sussex.
- Treatment statewide and Beech will be included in presentation.

Dashboard 2.0 Processing of Child Abuse Cases

2.11 DFS Hotline Reports Received During Quarter

- 22% increase in the reports linked to an active investigation.

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

- 24% increase in sex abuse reports from the prior quarter.
- 21% decline in dependency reports and 19% decline in emotional abuse/neglect reports.
- Staff should review the year prior to determine if the increase in sex abuse cases is an anomaly.
- Chart will be included in presentation.

2.2 Investigation Coordinator (“IC”)

2.21 Cases Opened During Quarter

- 16% increase in cases opened since last quarter.

2.22 Cases Opened By Maltreatment Type During Quarter

- 17% increase in sex abuse cases opened.
- Chart will be included in presentation.

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

- No trends reported.
- Staff will fix the chart as the quarters are not visible.

2.24 IC Caseload

- 28% increase in total cases opened.
- 33% increase in open intra-familial cases.
- Chart will be included in presentation.

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

- There was a decline in the closed cases.

2.26 IC Cases Closed, Civil Outcomes – Outcomes for Child

- No trends reported.

2.27 IC Cases Closed, Criminal Case Outcomes

- No trends reported.

2.3 CAN Panel Cases Opened

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- There was an increase in the CAN cases received during the last quarter. There were 5 deaths. Staff will obtain additional information about the cases in preparation for CPAC.
- Chart will be included in presentation.

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

- Data was not provided by DOJ.

2.5 Children's Advocacy Center

2.51 CAC Case Types

- 34% increase in intra-familial sex abuse referrals since the last quarter.
- 19% increase in extra-familial sex abuse referrals since the last quarter.
- Chart will be included in presentation.

2.52 Incidents Received by Referral Agency During Quarter

- No trends reported.

2.53 CAC County of Alleged Abuse of Incidents Received During Quarter

- No trends reported.

2.54 Ages of Youth Interviewed

- Increase in interviews for youth ages 4, 5, 6, and 8.

Dashboard 3.0 Children in DSCYF Custody

3.11 Ages of Children Entering DSCYF

- Decline in children entering for last two quarters.
- Chart will be included in presentation.

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

- No trends reported.

3.2 Legal Representation

3.21 Representation of Youth in DSCYF Custody at End of Quarter

- OCA represents 13% more children than CASA program.

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

- No trends reported.

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

- No trends reported.
- Family Court identifies the date the child has entered foster care as 60 days after the child has entered custody or the Adjudicatory Hearing date. DFS uses the Ex Parte date. Rachael Neff, Keith Zirkle and Christine Weaver will work offline to exchange information for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with the Performance Improvement Plan. An update will be provided at the next meeting.
- Ms. Neff reported that Family Court received the data request from CPAC.

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)

- There appeared to be a decline in reunifications (26) for the last quarter.
- Staff will consider whether exits to guardianship have been impacted by the changes to APPLA.
- Rachael Neff, Keith Zirkle and Christine Weaver will review the young children exiting at the PPH.
- Chart will be included in presentation.

4.2 Adolescents (13 – 17)

4.21 Adolescents Entering DSCYF Custody during Quarter

- 20 youth aged out and 1 was adopted.

4.22 Quarter Profiles of Youth 16-17 with APPLA vs. Another Permanency Plan at the End of the Quarter

- The number of youth with a plan of APPLA was consistent with prior quarter.

4.23 County Profiles of Youth with APPLA vs. Another Permanency Plan at the End of the Quarter

- Sussex county has the highest percentage of youth with a plan of APPLA.
- Staff will fix the axis title.

Dashboard 5.0 Extended Jurisdiction

5.11 Youth on Extended Jurisdiction during Quarter Sorted by County

- Decline in youth on extended jurisdiction from prior 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)

- No trends reported.
- DFS reported that the Venn reports will be built as part of FOCUS. Therefore, DFS is not able to design any new reports currently.

6.2 OCA Clients (Aged 13-17) In DSCYF Custody

6.21 OCA Clients with Juvenile Justice Involvement at End of Quarter

- The chart includes the OCA and CASA programs as of the last quarter.
- 48% of clients 13 and older have juvenile justice involvement.
- Chart will be included in presentation.

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

- No trends reported.

Dashboard 7.0 Education Outcomes For Children in Foster Care

The education data was updated during this quarter. Staff will fix the note in the title

7.11 5 Year comparison of Attendance Rates for DSCYF Students VS Non-DSCYF Students, For All Grades

- For both populations, there was a decline in the attendance rates starting in middle school.

7.12 5 Year comparison of Special Education Rates for DSCYF Students VS Non-DSCYF Students, For All Grades

- There was a decline in special education rates for DSCYF students.
- Chart will be included in presentation.

7.13 2015 Discipline Rates for Children in DSCYF Custody VS Non-DSCYF Custody - % of Students with at Least 1 Incident for All Grades

- While there was a decline in the average number of incidents for DSCYF students, the percentage of students with a discipline incident remained the same.
- Staff will fix the year in the title and consider comparing 2015 and 2016.

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7.14 2015 Average In-School Suspensions per Suspended Child, For All Grades

- There was a decline in the average number of in-school suspensions for DSCYF students, and the percentage of students with an in-school suspension decreased.
- Staff will consider comparing 2015 and 2016.

7.15 2015 Average Out-Of-School Suspensions per Suspended Child, For All Grades

- The percentage of students with an out-of-school suspension decreased.
- Staff will consider comparing 2015 and 2016.

7.16 Five Year Comparison of Expulsions for Children in DSCYF Custody VS Non-DSCYF

- The percentage of youth expelled in DSCYF custody in 2016 continued to be higher than for youth in non-DSCYF custody. Three youth were expelled.

7.17 Five Year Comparison of Graduation Rates for Children in DSCYF Custody VS Non-DSCYF

- Decline in graduation rates for both populations.
- Chart will be included in presentation

7.18 2015 Smarter Balance Math Proficiency

- Not updated.

7.19 Five Year Comparison for % of Children in DSCYF Custody VS non-DSCYF Passing Algebra I

- Non-DSCYF saw a 12% increase. The percentage of DSCYF students passing algebra remained the same.

7.20 2015 Smarter Balance English/Language Arts Proficiency

- Not updated.

Dashboard 8.0 Re-Entry/Re-Occurrence of Maltreatment

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

- The overall re-entry rate went below standard in the last quarter.
- No trends reported.

III. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date will be August 2, 2017.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Krystle T. Blackwell and Owen Perry provided public comment. The meeting was ended at 10:45 am.