

CHILD PROTECTION ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
DATA WORKGROUP
February 16, 2017
Minutes

Attendees: JoAnn Bruch, Lisa Jumps, Chris McIntyre, PJ Facciolo, Michele Marinucci, Brittany Willard, Susan Haberstroh, Eliza Hirst, Rachael Neff

New Data:

Eliza request number of foster kids in each district (if over 15), but the workgroup has no received this information. Brittany also requested some additional data, but there was a problem with the website request directory. One of the emails is wrong and has a bounce back message. Brittany re-sent the data to another site. She indicated that the target date for the 2015-2016 data is April. We will need to redo the 2014-2015 because the data has inconsistencies: e.g., discipline incidents, in school suspension #s.

Susan suggested we have clear written business rules so that the collected data provided is comparable. PJ also suggested we look at the full picture of how many kids are in foster care throughout the school year. (total number of foster care children served in a year to give a sense of how often kids move and how many total kids are served by an individual district).

The dashboard has access to run a report of active and total kids in foster kids. We can request both types of data, but we will need to request unduplicated students for most of our data points. The critical questions we are trying to answer:

- 1) Special ed
- 2) Discipline
- 3) Graduation
- 4) Drop out
- 5) Test scores—academic performance
- 6) Attendance
- 7) School changes—(that will eventually be captured by Focus—something that DSCYF could report.)

Susan reported that the ESSA plan is being drafted and reporting on foster care data is required under the plan. As such, the group agreed we will use the same business rules as the ESSA plan outlines for the purpose of uniformity. Then we can determine if we need to supplement with additional business rule questions.

Follow up plans:

- 1) The CPAC data group will request active and total number of students in foster care per district (inactive school district).
- 2) Rerun 2011-2016 based on ESSA data business rules.
- 3) We will need to outline business rules. Susan will follow up on data requested and the business rules around data collection for the ESSA plan.
- 4) We also need to collect student data of youth who are placed out of state. Chris will follow up.

Education Court report:

The report has launched, and all schools have access to it. There has been some training on it, and additional training will occur among school districts and DFS staff. The default form is 8 pages, but can be customized. The workgroup agreed that we need to develop a policy about sharing the information.

For court purposes, we agreed to the following customized data:

school information, name, attendance, discipline, grades and credit, dewes, enrollment history, and special services. This only generates a 2-3 page report.

Rachael and Eliza will develop a policy document and FAQ with the snapshot requested information, and list of foster care liaisons. Eliza will also follow up with Jen on what she's trained on in the districts. The goal will be to roll out training and the policy document to regional meetings in April and the homeless/foster care liaison conference (April 10).

Transportation

Current status: \$860,000 for foster transportation. DFS will have to come up with a 10% match. This may not project the last few months of the school year. Susan will update the CPAC Education Committee when more information becomes available.