

State of Delaware Child Protection Accountability Commission Data Utilization Committee

MAY 9, 2018 – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

In Attendance:

Susan Haberstroh	Department of Education
Rachael Neff	Family Court
Marissa Reed	Office of the Investigation Coordinator
Christine Weaver	Division of Family Services
Brittany Willard	Child Protection Accountability Commission
Jen Perry	Office of the Investigation Coordinator

I. MINUTES – 1/31/18

The minutes from January 31, 2018 were approved.

II. REVIEW OF MAY 23, 2018 DASHBOARD

At the next CPAC Commission meeting, the Committee will prepare a presentation highlighting the trends in the May 2018 dashboard. The data will be presented through March 31, 2018, so the report to the Commission will be current.

Dashboard 1.0 Caseload

1.1 DFS Investigation Caseloads (DFS data)

- The statewide investigation numbers hit a high of 25.2 in February 2018. Christine Weaver stated that this is due to a lot of new workers due to turn-over. While the average caseload was 25.2, some individual workers had caseloads into the 40s.
- The caseload average at Beech Street increased 17% from December 2017 to March 2018. In the same time frame, University Plaza increased 29%, with an average caseload of 31. This increase at University Plaza could have been due to the large decline in fully functioning workers (from 20 to 13). Kent experienced a 29.5% increase. The only region to experience a decrease was Sussex, with a 20% decrease from December 2017 to March 2018.

1.2 DFS Treatment Caseloads (DFS data)

- Statewide, the caseload averages for treatment workers remained under the current standard of 18 for the entire quarter. University Plaza saw some increase, but remained under the standard. Kent experienced a small decrease over the last 12 months, but continues to have averages above the standard.

Dashboard 2.0 Processing of Child Abuse Cases

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2.11 DFS Hotline Reports Received During Quarter

- There was a small decrease in the number of hotline calls. The screened out – Law Enforcement number is missing, Brittany will obtain this number.

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

- There was some increase in the screened in cases, this was seen mostly with Physical Abuse cases.

2.2 Investigation Coordinator (“IC”)

2.21 Cases Opened During Quarter

- Fewer cases were opened during the most recent quarter. This is due to the IC not receiving cases from DFS due to FOCUS. IC can expect a large number of referrals in the next quarter to make up for that number.

2.22 Cases Opened By Maltreatment Type During Quarter

- No trends reported.

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

- No trends reported.

2.24 IC Caseload

- There was a large decrease in extra-familial cases. This is probably due to the lack of referrals from DFS.

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

- There was an increase in the number of cases with No DFS involvement. This is because a lot of extra-familial cases were closed during the quarter.

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

- The CAN cases experienced a large decline in cases for the most recent quarter, with only 1 death and 5 near deaths.

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

- DOJ experienced a similar decrease in cases as CAN, with only 3 deaths and 11 near deaths.

2.5 Children's Advocacy Center

2.51 CAC Case Types

- Increase in extra-familial sexual abuse.

2.52 Incidents Received by Referral Agency During Quarter and 2.34 CAC County of Alleged Abuse of Incidents Received During Quarter

- These charts show that the proportion of cases/incidences occurring in New Castle County is lower than expected, while the cases/incidences in Kent and Sussex are high than expected.

2.54 Ages of Youth Interviewed

- This chart showed some decrease in the number of 8-year-olds that were interviewed.

Dashboard 3.0 Children in DSCYF Custody

3.11 Ages of Children Entering DSCYF

- For the first time, the 13-17-year-old age group was the largest proportion of entries to DSCYF custody.

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

- The overall number of youth in custody is decreasing, but the 13-17 and 0-4 population remain the largest age groups.

3.2 Legal Representation

3.21 Representation of Youth in DSCYF Custody at End of Quarter

- The number of youth with CASAs decreased this past quarter.

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

- No trends reported.

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

- The Dispositional hearing is consistently out of guidelines. This is usually due to the judge's calendar time.

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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 was a decrease in adoptions and an increase in reunification and guardianships.

4.2 Adolescents (13 – 17)

4.21 Adolescents Entering DSCYF Custody during Quarter

- In the past 2 quarters, over 50% of the adolescents have exited to aging out. This past quarter showed 2 adoptions.

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

- There was some increase in the APPLA numbers, this may be due to the number of 16-17 year-olds that have been entering care recently.

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

- Kent County has the highest proportion of youth with a plan of APPLA. It makes sense, then, that Kent also has the highest treatment caseloads (refer to chart 1.24).

Dashboard 5.0 Extended Jurisdiction

5.11 Youth on Extended Jurisdiction during Quarter Sorted by County

- Youth on Extended jurisdiction in New Castle County has shown some increases, and in the most recent quarter, the number in Sussex County increased from 2 to 5!

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)

- The report that these numbers are pulled from is currently being revamped.

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

6.21 OCA Clients with Juvenile Justice Involvement at End of Quarter

- 50% of all youth aged 13+ are involved with JJ.

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 not updated during this quarter.

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

- There were no updates for this chart.

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

- There were no updates for this chart.

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

- There were no updates for this chart.

7.14 Average In-School Suspensions per Suspended Child, For All Grades
There were no updates for this chart

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

- There were no updates for this chart.

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

- There were no updates for this chart.

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

- There were no updates for this chart.

7.18 2015 Smarter Balance Math Proficiency

- There were no updates for this chart

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

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- There were no updates for this chart.

7.20 2015 Smarter Balance English/Language Arts Proficiency

- There were no updates for this chart.

Dashboard 8.0 Re-Entry/Re-Occurrence of Maltreatment

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

- This chart was not able to be updated by DFS.

III. PRESENTATION

Ten charts were selected by the Committee for inclusion in the CPAC Data Presentation.

IV. UPDATE ON EDUCATION CHARTS

A presentation of the most recent data from the Department of Education was examined by the committee. Due to the overwhelming number of uncertainties and questions on the data that remain, it was decided that these numbers would not be presented to CPAC until those issues were resolved.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date will be July 25, 2018.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment and the meeting ended at 12:00 PM.