

State of Delaware Child Protection Accountability Commission Data Utilization Committee

OCTOBER 31, 2018 – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

In Attendance:

Susan Haberstroh	Department of Education
Rosie Morales	Office of the Child Advocate
Rachael Neff	Family Court
Jen Perry	Office of the Investigation Coordinator
Marissa Reed	Office of the Investigation Coordinator
Joann Santangelo	Family Court
Christine Weaver	Division of Family Services

I. MINUTES – 7/25/18

The minutes from July 25, 2018 were approved. There were three abstentions.

II. REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 14, 2018 DASHBOARD

At the next CPAC Commission meeting, the Committee will prepare a presentation highlighting the trends in the November 2018 dashboard. The data will be presented through September 30, 2018, so the report to the Commission will be current.

Dashboard 1.0 Caseload

1.1 DFS Investigation Caseloads (DFS data)

- 13% decrease in caseload average since the end of last quarter (June-Sept). The largest decrease occurred between Aug. and Sept. 11% increase in number of fully functioning workers in the same time frame.
- For Beech, 12% decrease from June-Sept. and 27% increase in fully functioning workers.
- University Plaza was the only region to experience an increase between June and Sept. 8% increase in caseload average; 1 less fully functioning worker in that time.
- For Kent, 33% decrease in caseload average from June to Sept. This is the largest decrease of all of the regions. 31% increase in number of fully functioning workers.
- Sussex remains the region with the lowest caseload average. 12.5% decrease from June to Sept.
- Chart 1.11 will be included in the presentation to CPAC.

1.2 DFS Treatment Caseloads (DFS data)

- Treatment caseload showed a slight decrease over the end of the last quarter.
- For Beech, 7% increase from June to Sept. Small decrease in number of fully functioning workers.

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- For University Plaza, 13% decrease in caseload average.
- Kent caseloads have remained fairly consistent over the past 12 months.
- Sussex caseloads have remained under the standard.
- Chart 1.21 and 1.22 will be included in the presentation to CPAC.

Dashboard 2.0 Processing of Child Abuse Cases

2.11 DFS Hotline Reports Received During Quarter

- New categories were added by DFS: Screened in (Plan of Safe Care), Screened in (Promoting Safe and Stable Families), and Screened in (Treatment Response).
- Reports that are linked to open treatment/permanency cases are duplicate reports made by another reporting person.
- Brittany is still working on the visual formatting of this chart, and it will be fixed for CPAC.
- Cases screened in to investigation increased since last quarter.
- Sex trafficking and infants with prenatal drug exposure will be provided in a chart by the IC.
- Chart 2.11 will be included in the presentation to CPAC.

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

- Increase in screen ins over last quarter. Reports of physical abuse decreased while reports of neglect increased.

2.2 Investigation Coordinator (“IC”)

2.21 Cases Opened During Quarter

- IC saw an increase in the cases opened. There are 2 more staff helping with screening cases and entering data, and users are getting more comfortable with entry into the new data system.
- A bullet will be added to note that not all referrals received in the quarter are screened and opened in the same quarter.

2.22 Cases Opened By Maltreatment Type During Quarter

- No trends reported.
- Total cases opened will be updated.

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

- No trends reported.

2.24 IC Caseload

- The last quarter needs to be updated.

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

- The percentage of unfounded cases decreased from 12/17 and 09/18.

2.26 IC Cases Closed, Civil Outcomes – Outcomes for Child

- No trends reported.

2.27 IC Cases Closed, Criminal Case Outcomes

- There was an increase in pleas, and a decrease in prosecution declined.
- Line will be fixed in graph.

2.3 CAN Panel Cases Opened

- CAN saw a large increase over previous quarters, with 7 deaths and 15 near deaths.

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

- DOJ also experienced an increase over the previous 2 quarters, with 11 deaths and 19 near deaths.
- Chart 2.4 will be included in the presentation to CPAC.

2.5 Children's Advocacy Center

2.51 CAC Case Types

- The proportion of interviews for intra-familial sexual abuse cases continues to decrease.
- The proportion of witness interviews increased.
- Chart 2.51 will be included in the presentation to CPAC.

2.52 Incidents Received by Referral Agency During Quarter and 2.53 CAC County of Alleged Abuse of Incidents Received During Quarter

- New Castle County continues to be under-represented in proportion of referrals made to the CAC.

2.54 Ages of Youth Interviewed

- No trends

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Dashboard 3.0 Children in DSCYF Custody

3.11 Ages of Children Entering DSCYF

- Increase in entries by 42% over last quarter.
- Chart 3.11 will be included in the presentation to CPAC.

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

- As a result of a QA with Family Court, the data listed in the previous quarters will be updated. Children were not listed as exiting during those quarters.

3.2 Legal Representation

3.21 Representation of Youth in DSCYF Custody at End of Quarter

- Attorney/Attorney plus CASA breakdown is similar to previous quarters.
- Some of the unrepresented will go away once data entry is complete.

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

- The percent represented within 10 days is decreasing. This is due to the increase in incoming cases. The percent unrepresented within 40 days may change once data entry is complete.

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

- Time to both Adjudicatory and dispositional has decreased and is within the guideline.
- Time to Permanency and TPR Filing saw an increase. However, this is being monitored by the DFS Permanency PIP & CIP Steering Committee. Outlier cases are creating the increase.

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)

- Increase over last quarter in exits.
- For the first time, guardianship exits are higher than reunifications.
- Other closures were a transfer in jurisdiction.
- Chart 4.11 will be included in the presentation to CPAC.

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4.2 Adolescents (13-17)

4.21 Adolescents Entering DSCYF Custody during Quarter

- The increase in guardianships was not seen in older youth. The number of exits to guardianship stayed the same. The majority or 35% of youth aged out.
- There were 4 adoptions for older youth. It was one of the largest numbers we have seen for older youth in a single quarter.

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

- Number of youth on APPLA is increasing, but the proportion is not (remaining at 31%, same as last quarter).
- Data will be QA'd again and updated prior to CPAC.

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

- All counties show about the same proportion of 16-17 year olds with a plan of APPLA.

Dashboard 5.0 Extended Jurisdiction

5.11 Youth on Extended Jurisdiction during Quarter Sorted by County

- Some increase in the overall number of youth on EJ. The increase can be seen mostly in NCC.

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)

- Not updated. DFS reported it is in the testing phase now.

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

6.21 OCA Clients with Juvenile Justice Involvement at End of Quarter

- Slight decrease in clients involved with JJ.

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

- The chart needs to be updated to show the expungements granted. This will be changed for CPAC.

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Dashboard 7.0 Education Outcomes For Children in Foster Care

The education data was not updated during this quarter. Brittany Willard and Suzanna Hamel have been working closely to develop data definitions. It is expected that the education data will be available for the February meeting.

Dashboard 8.0 Re-Entry/Re-Occurrence of Maltreatment

8.1 % of Children Who Re-Enter Care in Less Than 12 Months

- Not updated.