



CYPM Kansas State Policy Team TA Conference Call Notes

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Welcome & Introductions

Ember Hope Connections representatives, Lori Gonzalez and Brenda Watkins attended the meeting.

Discussion Items (Ashley)

- Update on Contact Process Map/Contact List – A. Brown stated the contact process map was created for JIAC and the purpose is for early identification of youth who are in the foster care system. She stated that it has the numbers for the Director and 24/7/afterhours numbers for Foster Care Case Management Providers (CMP) and each Tribe in Kansas so that workers do not have to google or search for contact numbers. It was determined that other agencies may benefit from having access to it. She said M. Montgomery will be presenting the contact list and map at the AC Directors meeting at the end of this month. She stated that the map includes mapping for catchment areas for CMP's as well as each Tribal main office locations. Ember Hope's contact information will be added when the contract starts.
- Stepping Up – A. Brown stated that this program has been in Kansas for a while but has been in the adult system. Kansas is one of the first to bring it to the juvenile system. She stated the first step is system mapping with more of a focus on the KDOC side such as juvenile detention and diversion. She stated that they will also start looking at the DCF licensing and they are starting to set up meetings on those processes. The mapping will be at the State level first and then will move to exploring the local level. She shared what mapping we have completed with CYPM and will be sharing tentative policy updates as well.
- Legislative Updates – S. Tidwell provided updates to:
 - HB2536, the introduction of SOUL family as a 5th permanency option, passed the Senate Committee and believes that it will go to the Senate floor today. She said it is focused on youth who are 16 years or older who are aging out and connecting them to a "chosen family" such as a teacher or adult who is not related to them. She said it allows this family to become their permanent placement and not terminate their biological parent's rights.
 - HB2189 allows youth who are 18 years of age to re-enter the foster care system who need more intensive support. She said it also allows youth to remain in foster care until age 21. She stated that DCF has requested that service be provided through the independent living program.
 - HB2247 would allow youth (16+) in foster care to open a checking or savings account without a co-signer. She said this is a way to prevent youth from having their money stolen.

Across the State

- KJCC Workgoup (Ashley) – A. Brown stated the protocol was drafted for foster care youth who are sentenced to KJCC and the judge does not close the DCF case. She stated it is focused on communications between the foster care case worker and KJCC staff. The KJCC workgroup will meet to approve it and discuss implementation of the new process.
- Additional District Crossover Work



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- Update from 4th JD on CYPM position (Dustin) – D. Browning stated there is no update at this time.

Updates

- Engagement with pilot sites
 - Montgomery County– D. Olson stated that Montgomery County is developing protocols for the next pathway, youth who receive Family First or Family Preservation services in the home setting. They have invited Four County Mental Health Center staff to attend the March meeting to provide their perspectives on the challenges of providing services to youth with mental health issues. V. Chamberlin stated they are getting close to completing the process and will move to training.
 - Sedgwick County– D. Olson stated that Sedgwick County has been taking steps to update its current processes to include increased identification and communication. SGO will start communication with Ember Hope as they will be starting as the foster care contract agency. They will be included in this process.
 - Shawnee County – A. Brown stated that Shawnee County has completed the pathway for youth who are in foster care and crossover to the juvenile justice system. She stated that they accidentally left out IIP and that process was revisited. They are talking through the youth who are involved in Family First or Family Preservation and become involved in the juvenile justice system. A. Miller stated that they will then begin looking at the process for when a youth is involved in the juvenile justice system and then is referred to DCF.
- Subcommittee Updates -
 - Policy Subcommittee – A. Brown stated there were 3 policies that she was going to take to the DCF policy workgroup but in reviewing these policies and talking to the policy writer, it was discovered that one of the proposed changes in one of these policies did not fit in with that policy. She stated that the other two will be presented tomorrow. She said the two are 3110 Case Management Safety and Risk Assessment and 3207 Case Plan Participants. She stated the change for 3110 was to include language from HB2021 and pinpoint times when a risk or needs assessment would need to be done by the foster care case manager. This is specifically regarding the CAFAS and points where it may need to be used to determine criminogenic needs and what services the youth would be eligible for from KDOC. She stated the change to 3207 is adding that the foster care case manager should include Court Services and/or Community Corrections if the youth is involved with either of these agencies.



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- Practice Subcommittee – A. Miller stated the subcommittee is working on developing guidance for a Multi-Disiplinary Team (MDT) staffing. She stated that this would go in line with HB2021 and a referral for individuals for this type of staffing. It is for more of a prevention mechanism and not for youth who have already crossed over. She stated they have drafted what the standard facilitation will look like and who would be included in the MDT. They are also developing a summary document that would contain information such as CAFAS scoring, a summary of what referrals were made, and follow-up items. She stated the next step is to roll it out to the pilot counties.
- Special Projects Subcommittee – D. Olson will be using this subcommittee for special projects. He will be exploring the Police Protective Custody process starting in the pilot counties and possibly exploring other counties. He met with J. Calvert to discuss the experiences he had with the PPC process.

- Presentation Opportunities (Daniel)

- KSDE Safe and Supportive Schools Conference -- April 15 & 16th in Manhattan, KS
- KACSO Conference – October 25th in Meriden, KS
- Governor's Conference – November 6th-8th in Wichita, KS

Future Meeting Dates

- Calls/meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10:00am-12:00pm. Subsequent dates include:
 - April 17th
 - May 15th

Subcommittee Breakouts (Agendas Below)

- Policy, Practice



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Practice Subcommittee Agenda

Current Area of Focus

- “Develop guidelines for a collaborative meeting structure that supports team decision-making on crossover youth cases.”

• Discussion Items

- Discuss changes to propose meeting structure.
 - Convened as needed and facilitated by DCF caseworker
- Review, revise, and approve updated documents.
 - MDT Description - A. Miller shared the current proposed document. She stated that this document is focused on youth who are at risk of crossing but have not crossed over yet. She made comments and some updates with recommendations that were given by members.
 - Staffing Summary – A. Miller stated the DCF case worker would complete the meeting summary. She stated that it was proposed that the MDT be facilitated by a KDOC staff member but after a conversation with KDOC it was determined that the DCF case worker would facilitate.
 - The revised documents and the to-be-developed facilitator guidelines will be presented to the subcommittee at the next meeting for review and approval.
 - Local Facilitator position description
- Next steps for piloting
 - Feedback from staff?
 - Pilot in Montgomery and Shawnee Counties
 - Other counties?
- L. Bass recommended examining the reverse pathways as well, particularly if a youth is involved with Court Services or Community Corrections on probation, to help support the youth and workers without making a formal referral to DCF.



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Policy Subcommittee Agenda

DCF Policy to Review

Discussion regarding the below policies is ongoing. At each meeting, the team determines if the changes made to policy make sense, need reworded, or if Ashley needs to reach out to others to determine if what is already written needs revisited. If any policy is approved by the team at the end of each meeting, Ashley will then present the policy at the DCF Policy Workgroup.

- 3040 Children in the Custody of KDOC-JS and DCF Simultaneously
- 5940 Coordination with the Kansas Department of Corrections – Juvenile Services (KDOC-JS)
- 5211 DCF Roles and Responsibilities
- 3110 Case Management Safety and Risk Assessment- This policy will be presented at the DCF Policy Workgroup on March 21st.
- 3200 Development of the Case Plan
- 3207 Case Plan Participants- This policy will be presented at the DCF Policy Workgroup on March 21st.
- 3209 Elements of a Case Plan
- 3321 DCF and Child Welfare Case Management Provider Responsibility to the Court
- 5030 Child Welfare Case Management Provider Screenings and Assessments
- 5208 Case Management Provider Referral Responsibilities
- 5212 Child Welfare Case Management Provider Roles and Responsibilities
- 4245 Responsibilities When Child is Missing from Placement