

Trends Analysis Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting held January 23, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Child and Family Services Administrative Building

In attendance: Aude Bermond-Hamlet (State Office), Beverly Hart (Western), Carol Miller (State Office), Dawn Hollingsworth (Northern, by phone), Del Bircher (State Office), Heidi Valdez (State Office), Jeff Harrop (State Office), Jennifer Larson (State Office), John Perkins (Western Region), Judy Hull (State Office), Kevin Webb (Eastern, by phone), Linda Winger (State Office), Marnie Maxwell (State Office), Mary Wilder (Salt Lake Valley), Nancy Barowski (Northern; by phone), Sam Syphrett (Southwest; by phone), Talona Talbot (State Office), Tanya Albornoz (State Office), Tonya Myrup (Salt Lake Valley), Vanessa Amburgey (State Office)

General Information / Follow-Up from Last Meetings

Topic	Discussion	Decisions/Assignments
State Leadership Team (SLT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aude will begin sharing this committee's activities with the SLT. She asked that members let her know of any items they would like shared with the SLT. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Permanency Roundtables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeff gave a handout showing roundtables held in Eastern and Western Regions. SLV already held roundtables before that. In addition to these, there are 10 more scheduled. The intent is to hold roundtables in each region and expand them in the future. Cases are selected by the age of the youth who have been in care for a longer period of time. Jeff creates a list of eligible youth, and the region selects the cases. The group discussed how we can track the effectiveness of these roundtables. We want to measure improvement in permanency, not just permanency achieved. It was suggested using measures from our CFSR or the "Youth Emancipating from Care" data. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
CPS QA's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No decision has been made on how to make these reviews consistent on a statewide basis. Some regions are using the QAs in SAFE, but some are using a paper tool. Currently, the Quarterly Report shows only the completion of the CPS CPR QA, which varies greatly among regions. It was suggested to take out the measure of QAs performed in each region or to add a showing the completion of the QA flag in SAFE until a decision is made. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linda and Marnie will see how this fits in with the SDM.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This may change once SDM is implemented as supervisors will be required to sign-off on QAs. 	
Primary Reason for Removal Categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These categories link to NCANDS data. We do have flexibility to group these as they make sense for our system. It was suggested we mirror the categories used by the feds. However, it is unclear how these categories are selected when a case is open, and different people can be choosing them (i.e., tech, caseworker, etc.). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional representatives will bring to the next meeting information about who enters these data and what criteria are used within their region. Tanya and Vanessa will bring to the next meeting the requirements for what we need to report to the feds.
Kin Locators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy asked that we begin to review the kin locator process at this meeting to see how effective the process is. We can review Kinship in SAFE to see if more information is being entered, if more children are being placed with kin, and if more children exit foster care to a relative. We need workers to enter the information about kin when using a PSS case when the child is placed with kin. This requirement will be included in upcoming training (part of the PIP). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy will prepare a proposal of how to track this information and bring it back to the group,

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2011

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Availability of Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Legislature has banned professional printing of all reports, so our Annual Report is on our website at http://www.hsdcs.utah.gov/reports_forms.htm. The version on the web is a "spread" version, so it does not print correctly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linda will send members a version that will print for them.
Timeliness of Investigations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We were down a bit for FY2011. But the latest reports (Oct. – Dec.) show that we meet the 90% bar again. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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Results of Investigations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fifty-six percent of our investigations are unsupported. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Domestic Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported DVRCA cases have dropped in our quarterly report, but this is not yet reflected in the Annual Report. The “Other” category has gone up. Child Endangerment is included in “Other” in the quarterly report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vanessa will split out the “Other” category and bring these data to the next meeting. Vanessa will bring data broken down by region on DVRCA supported cases. Vanessa will bring data showing what percentages of DVRCA allegations are supported. We will continue to look at the rate of DVRCA referrals and supported investigations.
Repeat Maltreatment within Six Months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We do well in this area, but do not meet the federal standard even though we are very close. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
In-Home Services Clients Served	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are declining in the amount of In-Home Services clients we serve, but we want to see an increase in this area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Family Preservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recidivism has dropped in this case type, but we are not sure what contributed to this decrease. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Number of Children in Foster Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We continue to decrease in our point in time numbers of children in foster care. (Yay!) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Median Months in Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have increased in this measure since FY2005, but our re-entry is down. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Youth Emancipating from Foster Care by Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We can use these data to measure the effectiveness of the Permanency Roundtables. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The graph shows all employees, but it would be helpful to see these data showing caseworkers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vanessa will bring these data to the next meeting.

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Data from the Quarterly Report: First Quarter FY2012

To see the Quarterly Report, go to: http://www.dcfhs.utah.gov/documents/FY12_1st_Qtr.pdf

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CPS Investigations (page 8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These numbers have been dropping steadily, but it is still an astounding amount. These regional numbers reflect what was expected with Centralized Intake. 	
In-Home Services Cases (pages 14-17)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are showing a decrease in our number of In-Home Services cases, but once confidence in in-home services has improved we hope to see this increase. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Percent of In-Home Youth with a Subsequent Supported CPS Case within 12 Months (page 23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is declining. 	
Abuse of Child in Foster Care by Foster Parent, etc. (page 39)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have almost reached the federal goal on this data measure! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Foster Care Cases with a Supported CPS Case within 12 Months (page 40)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are trending in the right direction for the last quarter! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Timeliness of Reunification (pages 41-43)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These data are now broken down by region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vanessa will change the federal graphs to include four or five quarters of data.
Open Foster Care Cases with Substance Abuse Contributing Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These data were broken down by judge for review. These data include only youth who have been in care more than 24 months. Some of the judges are included in an "Other" category. The group discussed what district these judges work in. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vanessa will update SAFE with the correct judge/district information.

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Permanency of Reunification (Re-entry) (page 44)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• These data will be monitored to see what is causing the recent jump in the percentages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vanessa and Navina are going to request that the feds help figure out what is occurring in these data. Vanessa will let the committee know the results.
DV Shelter Cases (page 60)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is a large spike in the number of shelter clients and episodes for the last quarter. This may be due to better utilization and capacity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•

Next Trends Analysis Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, April 10, 2012, 10am to 12pm
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