

## Trends Analysis Committee Meeting Notes

**Meeting held January 14, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

*In attendance:* Aude Bermond-Hamlet (State Office), Brad Newbold (State Office), Charity Burnside (Eastern Region), Jeff Harrop (State Office), Judy Hull (State Office), Jennifer Larson (State Office), Marnie Maxwell (State Office), Mary Wilder (Salt Lake Valley Region), Nancy Barowski (Northern Region), Sam Syphrett (Southwest Region), Tonya Myrup (Salt Lake Valley Region), Vanessa Amburgey (State Office) Sal. Pahulu (filling in for Carol), John Perkins (Western Region). Linda Winingar (State office) and Kevin Jackson.(State Office).

### Annual Report FY2012

Topic	Discussion	Decisions/Assignments
<p><b>Annual Report Presentation – Linda</b></p>	<p>Report is now available on the DCFS website.</p> <p>Prevention – gives an idea on what happened in Prevention. Contracts may require data tracking.</p> <p>CPS – Looks at the total number of CPS investigations. Peaked in 2005 and 2009. Decline may be due to change in DV. Has pieces on Intake. OSR did a special study on Intake. Positive results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results of CPS investigations: 60% unsupported.</li> <li>• Sex Abuse is the most frequently supported allegation, followed by Child endangerment and by Physical Abuse. Surprised that the number of supported DV is so low. Thought that with fewer DV referrals being opened up for investigation, more of those actually opened would be supported, but it seems fewer are supported than in the past.</li> <li>• Repeat maltreatment: Results remain stable.</li> <li>• Initiatives - SDM tools and the Heart Gallery: Data shows a child is three times more likely to be adopted when they are featured in the Heart Gallery.</li> </ul> <p>Domestic Violence – self-explanatory.</p> <p>In-home Services – Looks like we are stable with total number of cases. But that’s due to an increase of “Home Studies” (IHS and other codes). Trending down in number of PSS and PSC cases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of children who, after in-home case is closed, are re-abused or end up removed, has been dropping. We’ll have to see with the big</li> </ul>	<p><i>Marnie will get a copy of OSR’s special study on Intake to Aude</i></p>

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	<p>changes in In-Home services whether we see a bigger drop.</p> <p>Kinship – 54% of kin caregivers are grandparents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of children placed with kin at any time during the year has been increasing over the years.</li> <li>• Number of children who exit to relatives and then reenter custody: We noticed a big improvement. Low % of reentry into custody.</li> </ul> <p>Foster Care: Placement Stability – kind of plateaued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasons for exiting foster care – 40% go home to their parents or primary care giver.</li> <li>• Re-entry into foster care within 12 months: staying low at 6%</li> <li>• Transitions to Adult Living – Interesting how many kids over 18 are still in care.</li> <li>• Percent of kids 14 and older: 39%; this is slightly lower than a few years ago (41%). Now, we are keeping them longer rather than exiting out at age 18.</li> <li>• On page 24: Good info on what’s happened last year in TAL services, including the different types of services provided.</li> </ul> <p>Adoption – Marty would like for SAFE to track the number of children adopted from foster care by kin. At this point, the data does not differentiate between adoptions from non-related foster parents and licensed relatives. She is often being asked for this data from other states.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of children adopted who came back into custody over a number of years is low (less than 5 %). Of course, some of these kids tracked are now adults. And some of those who come back into care go back into the same adoption family.</li> </ul> <p>Work Force – Looks at ethnicity of our workers. Not everyone’s ethnicity is documented correctly. This is probably under-reported.</p> <p>Funding – Shows how much of our revenues comes from the State and how much by the Federal Government. Expenditures: biggest chunk goes to contracted services (including foster parents), then personnel.</p>	<p><i>Followup: <b>Linda</b> and <b>Marty</b> will work with Linda Prince to determine which adoptions are with foster parents and which with Kin.</i></p>

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### Data from the Quarterly Report, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY2013

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<p><b>Current Number of Foster Care Cases</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Point in time number of Foster Cases has gone down to 2600 as of yesterday (was at about 2700 this summer). Just in 3 months we have dropped by 78 cases. However, alarming increase of SCF cases in the Western Region. Southwest Region cases have dropped by about one fifth in one year. Northern has decreased by 50 cases in three months and Salt Lake has decreased by 77 cases. <b>Overall positive trend:</b> Foster Cases down but Western Region cases has trended upward, as did Eastern Region.</li> <li>• Salt Lake Region's success in reducing SCF cases is attributed partly to the FIAT team (Family Intervention and Assessment Team) which is keeping kids from coming into care. It's a team comprised of clinical workers doing assessments and addressing the 5-day notices. Really seeing good feedback on assessments. They present a plan to the judge who then says, let's try it. They are the next Team to start SDM.</li> <li>• Washington County: Saint George office is the one that did the SDM pilot. Saw a big impact. Removals went down drastically. They are the pilot program in SW region.</li> <li>• Northern Region removals have dropped. In Ogden, Specialty Team works closely with CPS. Trying to do more voluntary cases instead of court ordered ones. Cache County, however, has seen a significant increase. Contributing this to a new Drug Task Force and population growth. Seeing a ton of removals. Setting up a Specialty In-Home Team there too.</li> <li>• Western Region is planning to create a team similar to the FIAT team. In-home team from Northern Region has come to present to them. Increase of SCF cases is result of basic Foster Care removals. Resources to keep them in-home aren't available. Increase is also result of the steady population growth. Tried Neighborhood model. Have 12 positions they can fill and are in the process of interviewing. Will make big difference in the next 4 mos. Heber: due to attrition.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Follow-up on Eastern Region increase: It was recommended that we look at the SCF cases coming from the Basin area judges to see if they really needed to come to DCFS. Charity sent information to</i></p>

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	<p>Currently hiring new workers. Area has seen a big JJS increase.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eastern Region: 30 cases more in 3mos. They report that increase comes mainly from the basin area (Vernal/ Rosevelt). Oil/gas boom causes population influx. Division feeling the effect. People can't find places to live in that area. Removals coming from CPS, but a lot also from direct court orders by a judge. Cases coming out of Juvenile Justice. Neglect is biggest reason but digging in further it's drug/alcohol.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Shawn and Matt about this. She hasn't heard back. This would be a topic to put on the Agenda for the Table of Six' next meeting to discuss and come up with alternative solutions.</i></p>
<b>Referrals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since having Centralized Intake, the trend shows a slight increase in "unaccepted referrals" (49%). What's the total number of referrals? In December, numbers were steady throughout the holidays. Intake takes between five to six thousand calls a month, of which about half are referrals, the rest are request for information. Intake has remained consistent in the last few months.</li> </ul>	
<b>CPS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Page 6 – Number of CPS cases has seen a slight reduction.</li> <li>Page 13 – Positive trend with Safety Measure 1: Maltreatment Recurrence. Shows that we met the federal goal for absence of maltreatment recurrence. 95% meets or exceeds Federal requirement.</li> </ul>	
<b>In-Home</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Page 14 – Number of Home Cases: showed a minor decrease.</li> <li>Page 23 – Percent of in home child clients with a subsequent CPS case within 12 months seen a decrease.</li> <li>Page 24 – Percent of in home child clients with a subsequent Removal within 12 months has also seen a decrease. Good job making sure cases close with kids not coming back into Foster Care.</li> </ul>	
<b>SCF</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Page 38 – Supervisors Finishing Touches Data: it's part of several regional PIP plans. Number of completed SFT has gone up. Looks at 6 months period. Number is up in Easter Region.</li> <li>Page 39 – Abuse in Foster Care: We met the goal! 99.81% not abused in Foster Care. Higher than previous Qtrs. Could this be the result of</li> </ul>	

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	<p>our Audit Team, contract guidelines met or that we are visiting foster homes? Perhaps it's because we are had the regions do the conflict investigations instead of OSR for the last 3-4yrs. Conflict investigations done by OSR, now that they have filled all the positions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Page 40 – Recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months after leaving foster care: Positive trend: 2.4%. Question: Is 12 months really a good gage to see a trend?</li> <li>• Page 44 – Reentry: Slightly down. Still above score we would like to see.</li> <li>• Page 50 – Permanency for kids in SCF 24+ months: 19% of kids have achieved permanency, that's an increase. But still far from goal.</li> <li>• Placement Stability – After a steady improvement trend has plateaued and is now slightly down. Seeing slight decrease in kids having no more than two placement changes.</li> <li>• Number of foster families: Have seen an increase over the course of the last year.</li> </ul>	
<b>Kinship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pages 57 to 59 – Kinship measures. Disappointing to see that number of kids who exit foster care to permanency with relatives has decreased to 21%. Of all the kids removed those whose first placement was with kin, number stayed about the same at 30%. We see no decline and no increase. Asked Judy if they had time to work on which measures should be included/added to the Quarterly Report: She said they have been concentrating on other issues. Looking at what Salt Lake is doing. May show in the next two reports. Northern is doing well.</li> </ul>	
<b>Caseload</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case Loads (Western-hiring more Workers). See average on Page 62.</li> </ul>	

**Meeting adjourned**

**Next Trends Analysis Committee Meeting**  
**4/8/13 Room 1019 A at 10:00am**