



Southern Bluegrass

Lexington, KY
Friday, March 3, 2017
11:30-1:00pm

Meeting Summary

Welcome and Lunch

Introductions

Present: Vanna Armstrong, Ronica Whitlock, Hannah Phillips, Brian Dufresne, Rachael Ratliff, LaToya Vaughn and Carla Jordan

Absent: Naci House, Larry Johnson, and Lynn Squicciarini

Updates from Meeting with Commissioner Johnson

Joe Hamilton, Deputy Commissioner, sat in on behalf of Commissioner Johnson due to a scheduling conflict. Deputy Commissioner Hamilton discussed priority items that the department continues to address.

- Discussion of the CFSR results and disseminating the information received during breakouts so that information can be used to develop PIPs to address items of non-conformity.
- Identification that lack of resources is a major factor affecting delivery of services. There is diligent work being done on children in placement, level 5 kids and racial disparity in resource homes.
- Childcare and utilization of federal grant dollars is a priority as well.
- Disproportionality in Foster Care
- There is also work being done to address the division split within the department between P & P and FS.
- Discussion of Kinship Care and budgetary issues
- KEAP program in Jefferson County to offer health clinic for staff and clients in L&N Bldg.
- Open Hearts Open Homes – March 10th 10am-12pm at AOC

Conversation on Collaboration: 4/14/17 @ Fayette County Extension Office 8:30-12:00

- At today's meeting the following were selected as recipients of the awards: Kanika House, Pamela Handshoe, Kimberly Shrout, Megan Bosley and Dana Fryman. Nominations received after today's meeting will be forwarded to the Statewide Panel for their recognition at the upcoming What Works in

Child Welfare Conference.

- Ronica donated two gift certificates from Cracker Barrel in the amounts of \$50 and \$30. The gift cards were given to LaToya to keep with other COC material.
- Carla and Rachael are working to secure former foster care youth to speak. Carla is working with NECCO and Rachael is working with Paula Sanz.
- Rachael will follow up with panel regarding updates on Open Hearts Open Homes at AOC
- Carla will contact Nanci regarding her participating on the Roundtable Panel discussion at COC.
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Other

- Upcoming Events-
 - The 6th Annual “What Works in Child Welfare” Conference presented by Kentucky’s Statewide Citizen Review Panel will be held on Friday, April 28, 2017 at the Clarion Hotel in Lexington, KY from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00p.m

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