

MINUTES
PROVIDER ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: March 17, 2015	Meeting Time: 1:12 p.m.
Location: Department of Human Resources 311 W. Saratoga Street Conf. Rms. 508 ABC Baltimore, MD 21201	Meeting Adjourned: 2:26 p.m.

Participants:

Member	Present	Absent	Member	Present	Absent
Paul Brylske, Kennedy Krieger Institute	X		Terry Manning, Children's Guild		X
Sharon Kistler for Tom Curcio, Board of Child Care		X	Jeanne Marks, Presley Ridge		X
Shanda Crowder, DHR	X		Walter McNeil, Challengers Independent Living, Inc.	X	
Debbie Ramelmeier, DHR	X		Mark Mittelman, New Pathways	X	
Zachery Dingle Jumoke, Inc.	X		Norman Richard, Martin Pollack Project	X	
Darlene Ham, DHR/OLM	X		Rex Smith, Hearts and Homes for Youth		X

Ralph Hertges, Brook Lane Health Services, Inc.	X		Tennille Thomas, DHR	X	
Kevin Keegan, Catholic Charities	X		Shelley Tinney, MARFY	X	
Damon Thompson, Pressley Ridge	X		Shannon McRae, DHR	X	
Carrie Knebel, CONCERN	X		Suzette Riviere for Hattie N. Washington, Aunt Hattie's Place		X
Joe Leshko Arrow Project, Inc.	X		Lynn Wisner, DHR	X	
Guest/Other Organizations Participants					
David Brown, Good Shepherd Center	X		Laurie Vozzella-Bell, Catholic Charities		X
Amy Craig, The ARC		X	Donna McCarter, Neighbor to Family	X	
Steve Howe, Children's Guild		X	Wendi Martin, Mosaic Community Service		X
Eric Fenwick, Aunt Hattie's Place		X	Monee Hale, Foundations for Home and Community		X
Darlene Dockins, MENTOR	X		Dania O'Connor, Woodbourne		X
Benny Thomas, KidsPeace		X	Colette Walker-Thomas, Mentor Network		X
Debbie Marini, Building Families	X		Maisha Davis, Arrow Project, Inc.	X	

Nellie Power, The ARC	X		Jacqueline Pattison, Mentor Maryland		X
Joel Lightfoot, ARC NCR		X	Kevin Drumhellor, ARC, NCR	X	
Coni Grant, Pressley Ridge	X		Mary Beth DeMartino, Pressley Ridge		X
Joseph Labule', Second Family		X	Michael Layne, Foundations for Home and Community		X
Debra Hayes, KidsPeace		X	Tony Wilson, Woodbourne		X
Angelia Baker, Foundation for Home and Community		X	Stephen Ervin, DHR		X
Karen Powell, DHR		X	Maureen Rodgers, Hearts and Homes for Youth		X
Bridget Roth, The ARC Baltimore	X		Krystal McKinney, NCCF	X	
Laura Mueller, Win Family	X		Pat Bixler, Chesapeake Treatment Center	X	
Brenda Boyd, Tuttie's Place		X	Jessica McKinnie, Hearts and Homes for Youth	X	
Courtney Wiggins, United States Fellowship, Inc.	X		Jack Altfather, DHR	X	
Lauren Greenwald, Good Shepherd Services	X		Christina Church, GOC	X	
Terri Schindler, Good Shepherd Services	X		Dianne Nelson, Magic Unity Home for Girls	X	
Tin Bullock, DHR	X		Anita T. Wilkins, DHR	X	

Wendell Wright, Magic Unity Home for Girls	X				
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Welcome

Debbie Ramelmeier introduced DHR Secretary, Sam Malhotra. Secretary Malhotra gave greetings to the PAC members and guests. He spoke briefly about the direction in which he sees DHR going within the next few years.

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 p.m. Debbie Ramelmeier welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were given by the PAC members and guests. The January 2015 meeting minutes were approved. The minutes will be made available to the Council members as accepted.

PAC Recommendations for Vote

Joe Leshko reported that there were 12 eligible votes for the purposes of voting on the six items on the slate brought before the PAC on March 17, 2015. Joe did a roll call and 11 of the 12 eligible voters were present.

All motions were moved and properly seconded.

There was discussion on Item #6 on the voting slate for clarity that Kevin Keegan is replacing Joe Lesko as PAC Co-chair.

Family Centered Practice

Tina Bullock from SSA gave a brief presentation to let the PAC member provider community know that if they would like to host a Family Centered Practice training for their staff, that statewide all-day trainings are available. They can contact Tina Bullock, Karen Powell, or Shannon McRae if they are interested.

Placement Re-tooling (Difficult to Place Children)

Anita T. Wilkins from SSA gave a presentation regarding the need for in-state providers to provide services to difficult to place foster youth. The main population discussed was the developmentally disabled youth and youth with aggressive behaviors.

The PAC members are interested in having more discussion about the re-tooling process to possibly provide services to these youth. Detailed profiles of the children out-of-state in need of placement and children in new placements that were hard to place will be completed to be shared with the PAC members.

Joe Leshko explained to the PAC that in the State of Texas the term “starfish” is used to describe children that are difficult to place and how they go through the process of obtaining placements for those children. The term symbolizes that all children are different with unique needs which parallels that no two starfish are the same.

Richard Norman discussed the possibility of developing a sub-committee workgroup to have discussion regarding programming for the difficult to place children population.

Compliance Issues (Contracts)

Tennille Thomas spoke about compliance regarding getting reports turned in on time. Sanctions will be imposed on contracts as of quarter three if they are not in compliance.

Rates Reform Updates

Shanda Crowder had discussion with the Children’s Cabinet Results Team. She stated that it was determined that it is time to shift and move forward. The next meeting will be held on April 6, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at The Department of Human Resources in conference rooms 508 A-C. The purpose of this meeting will be to go over stakeholder feedback to present to the Children’s Cabinet.

Open Discussion

Paul Brylske reported that you can still sign up for the Trauma Informed Training Series 2014-2015 (the attached flier was distributed during the meeting).

Darlene Ham reported that there are no current updates regarding the treatment foster care regulations.

Kevin Keegan reported that he is on the IV-E Waiver Advisory Committee. To review the data analysis, the link to the IV-E Waiver website is:

http://www.dhr.maryland.gov/blog/?page_id=14015

Darlene Ham reported that the providers should have received a survey on how group homes are utilized. She asked that the survey be completed as soon as possible.

Kevin Keegan discussed the demographics of the PAC Membership List. He congratulated the new PAC members and commended Joe for his hard work while being a co-chair of the PAC.

Wrap Up / Next Meeting / Date and Location

Joe Leshko from Arrow Children and Family Ministries agreed to host the next meeting.

Date:

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Location:

Arrow Children and Family Ministries
1605 Cromwell Bridge Road
Baltimore, MD 21234
410-882-9133

Kevin Keegan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 p.m.; the motion was seconded to adjourn the meeting by Paul Brylske.