

CCFS Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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Date:	November 21, 2024 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Membership		Present	Absent
CAC Members:	Ali Caliendo	X	
	Brandon Ford	X	
	Christopher Merritt	X	
	David Johnson	X	
	Dashun Jackson	X	
	Donna Smith	X	
	Judge Margaret Pickard		X
	Kimberly Abbott	X	
	Pamela Roberts	X	
	Shelia Parks	X	
County/Department Management:	Jill Marano, CCFS Director	X	
	Wonswayla Mackey, CCFS Deputy Director	X	
	Lisa Martinez, CCFS Deputy Director	X	
	Stacie Dastrup, CCFS Deputy Director	X	
Public:	Sarah Schaerrer, Deputy DA	X	
	Dylan Nall, Division of Child & Family Services	X	
	Gwynneth Smith, Chief DA	X	

Agenda Item I:	Call to order and welcome	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at 8:32 am by Chair Donna Smith and roll was called. 	
Agenda Item II:	General Public Comments	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Agenda Item III:	Approval of October 17, 2024, Minutes	(For Possible Action)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAC October 17, 2024, Minutes - Approved 	
Agenda Item IV:	Discussion and vote on 2025 CAC Priorities	(For Possible Action)
	Donna introduced to discuss and vote on the 2025 Priorities: for reporting to the Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bio-Families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ali requested if the term Bio Family could be changed to friendlier term , suggested: Family Origin, Parent, Birth Parent, Biological Parent, Natural Parent. Pamela suggested using Biological Family or Family of Origin Kim stated Parents is okay but there are kids who come in who are with a guardian. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pamela stated she is an adoptee and the term matters to adoptees. She feels the term used should be Biological Family or Family of Origin. • Committee voted to change to Family of Origin. • Dave asked if an Agenda item could be added as Miscellaneous Topics with the County. Sarah stated per Open Meeting Law must be specific for an agenda. Committee voted and agreed to add “Emerging Issues” – discussed and then placed on the agenda for next meeting. • Sway asked for clarification of the outcome of Reporting on referrals at the beginning and end of a case. • Kim stated the reporting out was about the actual referrals to post referrals • Stacie stated no track of who we refer to and what, there is no way to track. • Ali stated have an overview of the general needs. Jill stated that UNITY does not have an area to track, it is noted in the case notes. Are we doing quality case management and is addressed through our quality Case Management reviews. • Sarah stated the referral reporting from the Contractors varies on their Scope of Work in the contract. • Jill recommended that CCFS can look at how they can do a report and suggest to the committee at the next meeting. • Kim asked how the committee is being specific in breaking down the categories wanting to discuss and report out on. • Sarah stated Agenda items must be specific; priorities do not need to be specific. • Donna stated the bullets got added due to someone requesting this information. It doesn’t mean a report out every month. • Committee recommended and agreed to add to the agenda “CCFS Director’s Report” and “Review Priorities”. • Motion was in favor to Approve the 2025 priorities. Motion passed. 	
Agenda Item V:	Clark County Family Services Report Out	(Information only)
	<p>PREVENTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sway shared working with the PCIT preventions services is going to the Office of Clinical Services under Jill. PCIT provider Desert Peace does offer services and CCFS reached out for a copy of their Scope of work. Foster Kinship is looking into coming on as well. <p>INTERVENTION, ACCOUNTABILITY, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sway shared working on updating Management directive guidelines into policies. • Sway stated she will provide a directive to CCFS FPO to ensure updated policies are posted and part of their standard practice. <p>TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH SUPPORTS & INDEPENDENT LIVING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stacie Dastrup shared having discussions with Social Service and Life Set regarding Social Service taking over given the extended Foster Care. Will update when know more. • Jill shared expect Legislation during this session to making a few edits to the State law to allow CCFS to extend foster care. And claim 4E. The budget issue is still a problem at the state level. If the State does not provide funding, will not be able to extend foster care. CCFS has been sharing this information to the Legislators and our partners, CCFS cannot do it without the appropriate funding. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim inquired what is the wait list for LifeSet. • Stacie responded at LifeSet and IL is about 100. • Lisa responded they are down a worker on LifeSet and at this time unable to take referrals from IL. <p>EDUCATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Merritt, CCSD, stated no updates at this time. <p>Donna requested a list of the bills that CCFS is tracking and position on them. Jill responded yes once they are made aware of the bills, Legislation starts in February.</p>	
Agenda Item VI:	Information Items/Announcements	(Information only)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jill shared new Director; Frank Prado will start on December 9, 2024. Jill will start with Office of Clinical Services. Will still be heavily involved in Child Welfare coordinating behavioral health in foster care, juvenile services and some adults on the Social Service side. • Gwynneth and the DA's office thanked Jill for all her hard-working endeavors of leadership as the Director and look forward to working with Jill in her new role. • Kim stated it has been wonderful working with Jill, in the spirit of transparency, collaboration, and willingness to problem solve. Looking forward to working with in this partnership and expecting great things from this new process. • Donna, thank you as well and giving you notice that we have you back to present at some of these meetings. • Donna reminded that there are members who are up for renewal and to get their response in to get your re-appointment. • Sheila shared on behalf of the CASA program; she echoes everything that has been stated and how much she appreciates all Jill has has done to support our CASA volunteers in the community. 	
Agenda Item VII:	Next Meeting Date	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting will be Thursday, January 16, 2025 @ 8:30am via Microsoft Teams. 	
Agenda Item VIII:	Comments by General Public	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Agenda Item IX:	Adjournment	
	Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am	