

JOIN HANDS FOR CHILDREN
MINUTES FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SITE SELECTION AND TRANSITION ISSUES

October 31, 2011
9:00 am – 12:00pm

DSHS CA Region 3
Pierce West Office
3rd Floor, Room 348
1949 S. State Street
Tacoma, WA 98405

Members Present: Nancy Sutton; Jeanine Livingston; John Lawson; Trudy Marcellay; Benjamin deHaan; Brenda Kaufman

Staff Present: Benjamin Berres, Partners for Our Children; Tammy Cordova and David Marshall, DSHS Children's Administration; Karen Dinan, Attorney General's Office; Jennifer Strus, Washington State Senate

Others: Marna Miller and Stephanie Lee, Washington State Institute of Public Policy (WSIPP); Chanel Carlin, United Methodist Youthville; Daryl Toulou, DSHS Office of Indian Policy; Danny Howe, Children's Homes Society of Washington

Nancy Sutton, Children's Administration Regional Administrator for Region 3 and Site Selection Advisory Committee co-chair, welcomed the attendees and called for introductions.

The Advisory Committee shared all new input on the proposed demonstration site maps. The members have not heard much additional feedback.

Danny Howe of Children's Home Society of Washington said that he has heard nothing but positive comments about Westside A. Channel Carlin of United Methodist Youthville agreed that feedback about the proposed West Side A site has been positive. Jeanine Livingston said that she is continuing to hear feedback that many parties are not happy about either the West Side or East Side demonstration site proposals.

Advisory Committee members were still curious about how more input could be garnered from the private service provider community, particularly the Advisory Committee on Financial Issues. Some ideas for soliciting input included: 1) An informal Request for Interest (RFI); 2) Forum/phone forum; 3) Phone banking; 4) Joint work with the Finance Advisory Committee; and 5) a public service announcement.

If an RFI is released, it should include the following features: 1) Geographic boundaries of the demonstration site; 2) Estimated transition costs; 3) Cost model; and 4) Timeframes.

If a survey is used, John Lawson suggested that the following questions are used:

1. Are you aware of the site selection process?
2. Are you interested in being a supervising agency?

3. Do you have any inputs on the following?

The Advisory Committee revisited the issue of committee membership. They are still interested in getting the participation of a foster youth and foster parent.

The Advisory Committee continued discussing potential transition issues. The following issues were suggested:

1. Opt-in/Opt-out issues
2. Quality Assurance Process
3. Government to Government Agreements

The last portion of the day was spent talking about the Advisory Committee's presentation at the full TDC, which would be held the following week.