

## **CHILD WELFARE TRANSFORMATION DESIGN COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 4, 2009 CONFERENCE CALL**

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Committee Members Participating on the Conference Call: Susan Dreyfus, DSHS, co-chair; Judge Leonard Costello, co-chair; Catherine Lanham, foster parent; Jeanine Livingston, Washington Federation of State Employees; Dr. Marian Harris, Racial Disproportionality representative; Gwendolyn Townsend, private agency representative; Mary Meinig, Office of the Family and Children's Ombudsman; Liz Mueller, tribal representative; Rebecca Peck for the Honorable Henry Cagey, tribal representative; Ken Nichols, regional administrator, Children's Administration (CA); Darcy Hancock, Licensed Resources, CA; Nancy Sutton, regional administrator, CA; Laurie Lippold for Sharon Osborne, private agency representative; Maureen McGrath, private agency representative; Nancy Foll, private agency representative; Chris Wickham, Superior Court judge; Charlotte McCullough, PBC Expert; Mary Armstrong, PBC Expert; and Steve Hassett, Attorney General's Office.

Staff Present: Julie Dunnington, Partners for Our Children (POC); Jennifer Strus, Senate Human Services and Corrections Committee; Sydney Forrester, House Early Learning and Children's Services Committee.

Others Present: Randy Hart, Interim Assistant Secretary for the Children's Administration

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Co-chairs Dreyfus and Costello began the conference call by going over the agenda for the conference call and making sure that everyone had received the agenda via e mail ahead of time.

The co-chairs then reviewed the suggested advisory committee structure with the members.

Several members asked about the Transformation Design Committee's (TDC) involvement with the Children's Administration's (CA) conversion of its existing contracts to performance-based contracts. Susan indicated that the main focus of the TDC is on the demonstration site project and that the Advisory Committee on Outcomes should assist CA with the conversion of its contracts.

A discussion of the advisory committees ensued. Susan reminded the TDC members that the committees should feel free to ask other experts not on the TDC to assist them with their work if it would be helpful. Several members commented that there will be considerable overlap on the work of the committees.

The advisory committees need to meet regularly with the TDC co-chairs so the co-chairs are aware of the overlap of issues between advisory committees and can act accordingly if needed. Both co-chairs indicated that their hope is that the advisory will provide the TDC with analysis of their committee areas and recommend multiple options with which to address their areas.

The responsibilities outlined for each advisory committee are to be fluid and may change depending on the work of each advisory committee.

Steve Hassett moved and Margaret McGrath seconded the motion to accept the Suggested Advisory Committee structure and duties with the caveat that changes might be made in the future. The TDC voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Susan indicated that DSHS will put together a large project methodology across the entire agency with dates by which certain action must occur.

Susan requested that members e mail Julie Dunnington by August 21st about which advisory committee they would like to serve on. A discussion of the selection of advisory committee chairs ensued. The TDC co-chairs will discuss the membership of the committees and the chairmanship of those committees with those who have indicated an interest in the individual committees. The co-chairs will present their advisory committee chair choices to the full TDC at the September meeting for approval. Mary Armstrong suggested that the advisory committees could have co-chairs, one representing the public sector and one representing the private sector.

The co-chairs asked the TDC members for their approval to post e mail addresses on the 2106 web site. The TDC indicated that it was OK to post the email addresses.

Future meetings of the TDC were discussed. It was agreed that quarterly meetings were sufficient if the meetings were 1-1/2 days rather than just 1 day and as long as advisory committee status reports are provided to the TDC a week before each quarterly meeting.