



Site Selection and Transition Issue Advisory Committee Report – December 2009

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Update

- **Completed Committee membership**
 - » Jeanine Livingston
 - » Nancy Sutton
 - » Mark Courtney, Partners for Our Children
 - » Brenda Lopez, Birth Parent
 - » Charlotte McCullough, Performance-based Contract Expert
 - » Jerry Meninick, IPAC Representative
 - » Joe Mienko, Social Worker
 - » John Seals, Foster Youth
 - » Mary-Jeanne Smith, Foster Parent
 - » Tommy Williams, Social Worker

Update

- Meeting Schedule

- » Five meetings to date

- October 5, 14, 29
- November 12
- December 10

- Agenda Items

- » Types of evaluation

- Geographic model - CA and supervising agencies compared in different part of the state
- Random assignment – CA and supervising agencies assigned cases in the same site on a randomly selected basis
- Historical – use data for analysis

- » Size of population needed

- » Location of sites

Type of Evaluation

– Random Assignment

- » CA and supervising agencies would both be assigned cases in the same site on a randomly selected basis.

– Advantages

- » Fewer variables to control
 - Same courts, demographics, services, etc.
- » Truer comparison
- » Maintains Children Administration case management infrastructure in demonstration sites

– Disadvantages

- » Variables still need control
- » Automated system for random selection needs development

Size of Population

- Still defining what meaningful statistical difference is acceptable
- Need to define prioritization of outcomes to be measured
 - Will do jointly with Outcomes Advisory Committee
- Implementation and evaluation timeline issues need more thought/discussion

Location of Sites

- Look at number of children/youth per office, county, etc.
- Continue to overlay demographics, tribal affiliation, etc.

Next Steps

- Random assignment
 - Continue to define transition issues
 - » What are “trumps”
 - » Mechanisms for assigning cases
 - » Timing
 - » Etc.
- Determine significance, size and location of sites
- Identify and define other transition issues