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Abuse & Neglect Prevention Committee Meeting

Broward Sheriff Office Child Protection Investigation Office
351 N. State Road 7 Plantation, FL
June 6, 2013 at 9:00 am

Committee Members Present: Angela Sowell (KID), James Walker (BOS), Tom Lukasik (4Kids), AJ Arenas (BH), Yasmin Mendoza (ChildNet), Maria Hernandez (Family Central), Monica King (CSC), Sue Gallagher (CSC), Michelle Coleman (CSC), Ellen Russo (ChildNet), Sharon Cohen (CSC),

I. Welcome & Introductions

II. May Meeting Minutes Reviewed

III. March Joint Meeting

At the end of March there was a joint meeting with the Domestic Violence sub-committee and the Abuse & Neglect Prevention Committee to review the Attorney General's report. The areas for this committee to focus on are 4.1 home visiting services and 5.6-5.7 on Trauma informed practice and awareness. Child Net & Family Central under the Bridges grant is putting together training on trauma informed services. We would like to get some of those materials and the school board would shorten it and put it into BrainShark to compliment the material they already have on the Protective Factors. Once this project is completed it can be pushed out to other areas.

IV. BSO Update

The child welfare umbrella is being transformed to match a national model that is already in place in other states. It consists of an 8 day Florida Safety Decision Making Methodology (FSDMM). It changes how families are dealt with starting at the Florida abuse hotline level. Hotline operators will engage callers differently and requires judges and lawyers to be retrained. The new Bench Book has this model included in it. The model focuses on reunification and dependency. It will be a one year training and BSO will complete training by November 15, 2013 and Child Net in March 2014. The model structure involves Hotline operators to ask questions such as what do you now about family functions, discipline practices in

the home, questions about mom and dad relationship, etc.... The terminology in F.S. no longer includes "Child At Risk". Investigators will now be looking at maltreatment and nature and circumstances around it and how is the child functioning and school performance. The mother and father's relationship, discipline practices, parenting practices, how home is maintained, and developmental, emotional and cognitive makeup of the adults. Then this will be used to determine if the child is vulnerable and if there are present protective capacities in home using 10 standardized danger threats. These threats have to be observable, significant and emanate present danger threat. After this the CPIS officer will do a Present Danger Plan that will be in place for up to 2 weeks and then a secondary decision will be made. A Family Functioning Assessment will also be done long with a Safety Plan that cannot include treatment. Assessments that reveal the child has a concrete safety danger threat then the family will to go to case management with ChildNet with or without court involvement. Case plans will be written to show change in the parent and will be treatment based separate from the Safety Plan that is not.

Work around integrating the community and service providers into the new model and trainings needs to be done. FISFIN will have completely different data set.

V. ChildNet Update

Removals have doubled in the last 6 months. ChildNet has been visiting the CBC and seeing what changes can be made with providers in order to implement other strategies to reduce these numbers. Statistically the last 3 months of the school year show the highest rates and after that period the rates reduce.

VI. 4-Kids Update

The Faith Based Community Based Organization's main focus is Foster Care and Adoption. They are working on increasing capacity and finding ways to open up more group homes/homes and also disaster planning. They are working on a one stop website for faith based groups to unify them for disaster response services and activities. The state network is organizing well and the local network is on the rise with monthly meetings as well as a monthly newsletter.

VII. Next Meeting Date

August 1, 2013 at 9:00 am at the BSO CPIS Office 351 N. State Road 7
Plantation, FL