



Clark County Department of Family Services

Support & Retention Workgroup

Minutes for Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Present

Audrey Rosenstein, Foster Parent
Kirsten DiNicola, DFS
Denise Parker, DFS
Lauren Soskin, DFS

Agenda

- Review of May 19, 2016 Minutes
- Review of workgroup initiatives
- Review of retention activities
- Foster Kinshp Update
- Foster Exchange Update
- Grievance Policy
- Work plans from other groups
- Next meeting December 21, 2016

Meeting Minutes

- Review of minutes
 - Last meeting was in May
 - Kirsten DiNicola joined as co-lead rep from DFS
 - Kirsten to get from Denise or Kevin MacDonald a list of previous members on Retention list to reach out and inquire about current involvement. Discuss recruiting again at next Retention meeting.
 - Lauren addressed the idea of putting notification for recruitment for QPI workgroups and sub workgroups in the Vine.
- Support and Retention Workgoup initiatives
 - Discuss at next meeting what we want our next steps to be for upcoming year
 - Kirsten and Lauren to meet to talk about “hub homes”, brain storm about what a strategic plan would need and include Foster Change to help with this.

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- We should re-visit the last survey and decide what we need to focus on. Is it time for a new one?

- Retention activities
 - Denise and Lauren to secure budget for the activities up to the end of this year. They will put together proposed budget for Jan to July and then submit one for the 2017 fiscal year.

- Foster Kinship Update
 - Updates came out of the data from former foster care goals and data from disruption, Ali to speak to that in the next meeting.

- Foster Change Update
 - Launch is on January 24th
 - Christmas Fundraiser put on by performers from the strip, Variety show \$25 and up per person for December 21 st.

- Grievance Policy
 - Kirsten to follow up with Policy and Procedure and confirm they will be present for next meeting. Kirsten will explore with them any existing practices for grievances that caregivers utilize currently.
 - Denise will reach out to the QPI national sites to ask if they have grievance procedures in place and get copies.

- Work plans for other groups
 - Denise will make corrections to Support & Retention and Community Partners as some goals appeared to be on the wrong face sheet

Next meeting date: December 21, 2016