

Family and Protective Services CARP Meeting
Thursday, July 8, 2021 1:00 pm
701 West 51st Street, Austin, Texas 78714
Virtual Meeting Only
MEETING MINUTES

Council Members Present:

- Arianne Riebel
- DeJuana Jernigan
- Sandra Daniels
- Scott Lundy
- Karen Lund
- Jorge Gonzalez
- Jennifer Maddox
- Glenn Scruggs
- Glenna Bilberry
- Samela Macon
- Katie Olse
- Melissa Opheim
- Valerie Jackson
- Ashleigh Wilkes

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

Chair Scott Lundy gave an introduction of the agenda and members introduced themselves.

Demetrie Mitchell gave an overview of the recent legislative session and bills that most affected DFPS and Residential Care. Lea Ann Biggar provided information on the annual budget and how it is affected by the most recent legislative session.

Dr. Roberto Rodriguez provided an update on the COVID-19 pandemic, vaccination statistics, and update on new variant strains. Dr. Rodriguez also emphasized to follow CDC recommendations for distancing and masking indoors and in crowds.

Jamie Najera provided an update on Children Without Placement (CWOP) and the department's ongoing efforts to find more space to ensure children are not staying in offices and finding appropriate placements. Additionally, Jamie asked that anyone who knew of space available

for lease in Regions 7 and 11 to let the department know since those regions are in the most urgent need.

Kason Vercher provided an update on the workgroups discussed in the April CARP meeting. All workgroups are in place, filled, and meeting. The workgroups are being very open and honest and there should have documents prepared by the October CARP meeting.

Alexis Stinnett reviewed contract changes such as adding telehealth to section 5330 as a CANS option, changes to when liquidated are applied, and when liquidated damages are reconciled.

Kason Vercher and Kellye Prorise discussed Incentives and the expectation of the total being \$800,000 with distribution to providers in September or October of 2021. They additionally discussed the ongoing project to remove errors from the incentive process and distribute payments earlier.

Kason Vercher and Chairman Scott Lundy closed the meeting with thanks for all the hard work by all involved especially during the pandemic.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.