

October 11, 2019

# PPP Meeting Notes

## Attendance:

**Table 1: PPP Committee Members**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Yes	Glenn Scruggs	Director/Program Administrator	The Giocosa Foundation
Yes	Andy Homer	Director of Public Affairs	Texas Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
Yes	Judge Rob Hofmann	Judge	452nd District Court
Yes	Jamie Bernstein for Tina Amberboy	Executive Director	Supreme Court Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families
Yes	Kristene Blackstone	Associate Commissioner for CPS/PPP Co-Chair	Department of Family and Protective Services
Yes	Wayne Carson	Executive Director	ACH Child and Family Services
Yes	Robert Ellis	CEO	Pegasus Schools Inc.
Yes	Christine Gendron	Executive Director	Texas Network of Youth Services
Yes	Kaysie Taccetta	CPS Director of Conservatorship Services	Department of Family and Protective Services
Yes	Katie Olse	Executive Director	Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services
Yes	Jenifer Jarriel	President/PPP Co-Chair	DePelchin Children's Center
Yes	Scott Lundy	President and COO	Arrow Children and Family Ministries
Yes	Michael Redden	Executive Director	New Horizons Ranch and Center
Yes	LuAnne Southern (ex-officio)	Director of Texas Strategic Consulting	Casey Family Programs
Yes	Jean Shaw	Associate Commissioner for CCL	DFPS Child Care Licensing
Yes	Judge Melissa DeGerolami	Judge	Child Protection Court of South Central Texas
No	Dr. Kurt Senske	CEO	Upbring
No	Leslie Strauch	Supervising Attorney	Children's Rights Clinic at the University of Texas School of Law
No	Denise Blakney	President	Building Future Families
No	Allicia Frye	CEO	Jonathan's Place

## Other Attendees:

Trevor Woodruff (DFPS), Claire Hall (DFPS), Holly Ramos (DFPS), Rona Statman (EveryChild), Raquel Garza-Martinez (Family Tapestry), Anais Biera (Family Tapestry), Cheryl Gomez (DFPS), Mike Whiki (ARMS), Brad Brush (Pathways), Geran Landen (CASA), Sarah Crocket (CASA), Kate Murphy (Texans Care), Jennifer Ivey (Texas Protects), Brandon Logan (2INGage), Shirley Dwyer (TFI), Diane Carver (Saint Francis Ministries), Cristian Garcia (Saint Francis Ministries), Hector Ortiz (DFPS), Erica Banuelos (DFPS), Judy Pavone (DFPS), Beckie Flores (DFPS), Jared Davis (DFPS)

## Legislative Update: Kristene Blackstone

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Combined action plan has been created to address the requirements in the following bills:

### Senate Bill 355

Relates to DFPS developing a strategic plan regarding implementation of foster care prevention services and community-based care, and coordinating a study related to resources provided to foster parents.

### Senate Bill 781

Relates to the regulation of child care facilities and directs DFPS to develop a strategic plan to implement federal law regarding specified settings for placement of foster children.

New workgroup started to begin work on action plan. Plan includes meeting with and soliciting input from various internal and external stakeholders, including CPS staff, youth, biological parents, kinship caregivers, foster parents, the judiciary, residential and purchased client service providers, CASA, SSCCs, and other relevant stakeholders over the next several months. Recently met with SSCC leaders from each catchment area to start gathering input.

## CBC Funding Components (Rider 29): David Kinsey

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Handout discussed (can also be found in the [CBC Implementation Plan](#)).

- Resource Transfer:
  - Stage I and Stage II (includes salary & ERS benefits for each FTE).
  - Sums are paid quarterly.
  - Allocated based on appropriations (statewide).

Discussion: Stage III remedies and incentives question regarding recidivism in the equation. This will be looked at in Stage III and will be tied to a contract action vs. incentives/remedies.

- Blended Rate
  - Like the legacy system, foster care payment is a daily rate.

Discussion: Since levels of care are based on a legacy system, in the future how will the blended rate be effected as we move away from the legacy system. Cost reporting will be analyzed for ongoing appropriations.

- Purchased Client Services
  - Drug Testing, PAL, ADO services, treatment, therapy.
  - Allocated based on appropriations.
- Quality and Utilization Management
  - Supports SSCC monitoring of services to ensure quality, progress towards child service plan goals, and compliance with all contract terms, performance expectations, outcomes and outputs of the SSCC's provider network.
  - Annual allocation of the portion of the dollars the department would have spent to procure like services in the legacy system.
- Start-Up Costs (not in legacy)
  - Stage I: Predetermined amount, same for each catchment.
  - Stage II: Chapin Hall methodology used for each catchment, not the same for each.
- Network Support (not in legacy)
  - To primarily help build capacity.
  - Based on numbers of children in care- amount per child FTE.
- CANS
  - TX Family Code requires CANS every 90 days for children receiving treatment services
  - Superior pays for initial and annual assessment.
  - Appropriation covers the SSCC costs for additional CANS.
- Stage II Additional Resource Transfers:
  - Additional resource transfers above agency resource transfer to enhance case management services in Stage II.
  - Appropriated amount varies by catchment area.

## Update from Region 3b (ACH/OCOK): Dr. Wayne Carson

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- Stage II Preparation
  - Communication was done very quickly to DFPS staff related to Legislative appropriations for CBC.
  - Continue to work out a few contract issues.
  - Announcement will be made to regional CPS and OCOK workers first.
  - Approximately 188 applicants applied for jobs at OCOK of approximately 230 FTEs.
  - Communication plans to announce start-up period have been completed.
- ACH RTC opened and has 5 residents currently. Looking to expand to 16.
- Children's court is being started in 3b.

## Update from Region 2 (2INgage): Hector Ortiz & Brandon Logan

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- Started Stage I: December 1, 2018.
- 96% of Region 2 paid care children are under 2INgage.
- Generally placing children within Region 2. Next goal is to focus on the 50 mile marker.
- Capacity has increased 2.6%- work has also been done with currently licensed homes that were previously “inactive.”
- Added 3 Treatment Foster Care Programs.
- Expanding temporary emergency placements with Caring Hearts- 3 of these current homes have turned from temp foster homes to permanent foster homes once children placed with them.
- Starting talks with DFPS staff regarding Stage II.

## Update from Region 8a (Family Tapestry): Erica Banuelos & Raquel Garza-Martinez

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- 2,400 placements since February 1, 2019
- Capacity Building
  - Increased capacity in foster homes in the past 3 months.
  - Whataburger Center- temp shelter has allowed perspective on where other capacity is needed in the community.
  - Emphasis on college/education efforts with courts.
  - Use of social media has helped account for needs/questions of the community.
  - Outreach with Univision/Telemundo and Cornerstone Church to include Spanish speaking community.
  - Sibling groups staying together.
- Family Tapestry providing help with transportation for DFPS children/youth, which is a huge help to the CPS caseworkers.
- Communication group started to go over topics for clarification with Family Tapestry and DFPS.

## Update from Region 1 (Saint Francis Community Services): Cristian Garcia and Hector Ortiz

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- Excited to begin this work in Texas- started in 1945 as boys home
  - Work being done in several states/countries: Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, Texas, Honduras, Ecuador and others
- Mission: Healing and Hope
- Saint Francis Ministries focus is on Reintegration/Reunification
- Procurement type sub-contracting begins 10/11/19- web based applications
- On target to go-live on January 6, 2020

# Implementation Updates: Ellen Letts

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## Region 8b

- Region 8b RFA was released on May 2, 2019 and closed on August 2, 2019.
- Evaluation bids still underway.

## Implementation Plan

- Released FY19 annual plan August 2019.
- Releasing the next update to this plan in December 2019, which will include:
  - Any changes to the catchment area boundaries and/or implementation strategy informed by the May 2019 request for information;
  - A detailed timeline by stage of implementation and catchment area demonstrating the anticipated statewide roll-out schedule.

## Data Access and Standards Governance Council:

- CBC IMPACT enhancements expected to roll out in mid-November 2019 and February 2020
- Continue to test two-way Data Exchange with SSCC
  - SSCC Referral
  - Application for placement (short form)
  - Child Placement Information
  - Child Plan
- Begin Development of next data sets for two-way exchange

## Request for Information:

Released on May 30<sup>th</sup> and closed June 30<sup>th</sup>

- 21 responses received; 1 non-responsive (not used)
  - Boundaries should not be drawn to divide counties
  - 500 entries into paid care
  - No revision of current 5 catchment areas
- Summary of RFI Suggestions
  - Support and listen to existing collaborative groups and analysis
  - Release plan such as a timeline/sequence of roll out
  - Boundaries should consider resource hubs
  - Allow existing collaborations to complete evaluations prior to decision
  - Align current DFPS Regions as much as possible
    - For historical data purposes
  - Subdividing Regions 7 and 9- different configurations
  - Interdependency of contingent catchment areas/regions
    - Support current capacity efforts between SSCC and DFPS

- Current referral process of children being placed into catchment from legacy or other CBC areas
    - Meeting needs of children in Region 9, who are surrounded by CBC catchment areas
  - Encouraging continued capacity sharing
  - RTC capacity and FFPSA current rate structure moving forward
  - Recommendation of 1700 vs. 500 in CVS care per catchment area
  - Aligning court jurisdiction with catchment areas
  - Rerunning data on 500 entries
  - Calculation of blended rate
  - Reducing double entries of documentation between contractors and DFPS
- Analysis would like to be used in the December 2019 updated plan
  - During negotiations with SSCC on capacity, consider specialty service providers being open to legacy and other CBC catchments
  - Projected schedule of roll out/timeline moving forward
    - “frontload” the building of capacity prior to roll-out to help alleviate
    - Identify catchment area rolling out schedule (if appropriations allow) would allow better preparation
  - Making sure 500 new entries still holds true to fiscal viability
    - Chapin Hall completed or in house.
  - Explore recommendations of reconfiguring catchment areas
    - I.e. splitting Reg 9 or combining Reg 7
    - Explored reconfiguring catchment areas in other RFI’s- PPP started with DFPS regions- split into smaller areas due to recommendations.
    - Start with running data on new entries per catchment to see if there are 500 new entries.
    - Combining Region 7 into one- or consider joint performance of both 7a and 7b.
    - Elevate “donut hole” shaped catchment areas or rolling these areas at the same time.
  - Benefits of releasing statewide tentative rollout timeline

## Closing/Agenda Items for Next Meeting

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### Next Meeting Agenda Items:

- Bring IT to discuss interoperability
- Update on rate methodology
- Trends on removals
- Update on process evaluation

Next Meeting: January 10, 2020