

Foster Care Meeting
February 2, 2009
Meeting Notes from Flipchart

1. Goal #1: Reduce Foster Care Entrants
 - a. Baseline: Keep at current or/& .5 reduction
 - b. Interim Indicators of Success (see list)
 - i. Example:
 1. Increase involvement of non-custodial parents (fathers especially)
 2. Increase # of volunteer assisting with...(see action list)
 - c. Reasons Entering Care
 - A&D Issues
 - i. Addiction
 1. Parents in struggling in recovery
 - ii. Potential Actions
 1. Involve A&D support groups
 2. Create consultant group on A&D issues
 - a. Invitees – Ala non groups
 - Mental Health Issues
 - iii. Potential Actions
 1. Involve parents with mental health issues
2. Goal #2: Increase Relative Placements
 - a. Measure: increase placements by at least 50% increase
 - i. Relating to children in care
 - ii. Relating to children coming into care – target 100% increase
 - b. Interim Indicators of Success
 - i. Increase visits & contacts with relative
 - ii. Focus on relative placements at ‘very beginning’ of referral
 - c. Actions
 - i. Support relatives with childcare resources
 - ii. Look at current placements to see why children not placed with relatives
 - iii. Respite care for relatives
3. Goal #3: Safely reduce number of children in Foster Care
 - a. Measure: Maintain current rate for 2-3 years or decrease
 - b. Local measure of success/Interim indicator
 - i. Decrease length of time in care
 - ii. Potential Action:
 1. Improve timely access to specialized services (i.e. psych exam assessment?)
 2. Increase # of lawyers available for guardianship and/or dependency (doesn’t happen often) develop list
 3. Increase housing resources for to place children with parents

4. Goal #4: Increase Exits from Foster Care (see #4)
5. Goal #5: Reduce minority over-representation of minority youth
 - a. Measurement: Decrease the percent of Latino families in care (?)
 - b. Local Interim Indicators of Success:
 - i. Increase access to community services in Spanish/primary language
 - ii. Increase access to quality, timely Translation Services
 - iii. Increase foster parents that speak Spanish and/or bilingual bicultural
6. **Community Meeting Participants/Attendees (added to contact list)**
 - a. Recovery Community
 - i. Stefanie McRae, support to youth
 - ii. Melissa Finnell, Mgr. WildRose
 - iii. John Begin
 - b. MTC/Employment
 - c. Foster Club
 - i. Josh? (at state meeting) Lee C. will contact
 - d. Former Foster Youth
 - e. DHS – Intake screener
 - f. Catholic Community Services – Lifespan Respite
 - g. Media/Consultation – Tommy, Kathleen Newton
 - h. Tillamook Ecumenical Council
 - i. Service Club
 - i. Kiwanis - Marlene Tuthill
 - ii. Lions – John Sandusky
 - iii. Rotary – Nick Troxel
 - j. Business
 - i. Roby's
 - ii. Stacy Rodriguez
 - iii. Ford Dealership/Service – Roger Weeks
 - iv. YMCA – Carol White, Jennifer Vaughn
 - k. NOHA – affordable and approved housing
 - l. FYST – Carmen Larson
 - m. Spanish Speaking (see also names added to contact list)
 - i. Gloria Lyons – retired
 - ii. Noe Ferrar – pastor, Catholic Church
 - n. Mental Health
 - i. Place of Our Own – Frank will check for contact
 - ii. Former Client DHS – Alicia will contact
 - o. Dads – Primary custodial former clients
 - i. Father/parent – Alicia will contact
 - p. Schools
 - i. TBCC
 - q. Law Enforcement
 - i. Doug Kettner
 - ii. Todd Anderson
 - iii. Nick Troxel

iv. Jana McCandles

7. Issue Bin

a. Policy: Changes

- i. DHS not able to fund childcare
- ii. Change interstate compact timelines for homestudies, etc.
- iii. Policy requires Spanish speaking families to be citizens to provide foster care. Options to address this issue

7. Next Meeting February 17, 1-2 at the ESD– Final details for Community Meeting.