

NYC CRP
Minutes of the Meeting
April 3, 2014

Attendees:

Wayne Ho	Marion White	Jocelyn Brown
Carmen Ortiz Hendricks	Jorge Saenz De Viteri	David Lansner

Guests: Zeinab Chahine
Stephen Levin

Melissa Baker
Matt Ojala

OCFS Staff: Lisa Gordon
SCAA Staff: Diane Mastin

Handouts:

Agenda

2014-15 Selected Human Services Budget Comparison

TANF Program Funding in the 2014-15 Budget

2014 Meeting Dates and Topics

2014 Child Welfare Legislation chart

NYS CRP Memo of Support for funding Essential Child Welfare Services at 65% State Share

NYS CRP Memo of Support for Home Visiting Programs in NYS

NYS CRP Memo of Support Funding Essential Child Welfare Services

OCFS Child Safety Alert #19: Protecting Children of Young People in Foster Care

Special Forward: Preventing Severe Maltreatment-Related Injuries and Fatalities: Applying a Public Health Framework and Innovative Approaches to Child Protection. *Child Welfare*, Vol 92, No. 2.

The Road Ahead: Comprehensive and Innovative Approaches for Improving Safety and Preventing Child Maltreatment Fatalities. Zeinab Chahine and David Sanders. *Child Welfare*, Vol 92, No. 2.

Executive Summary: A Framework to Design, Test, Spread, and Sustain Effective Practice in Child Welfare. *Child Welfare Research & Evaluation*. Children's Bureau.

Minutes of the January 14, 2014 meeting

Zeinab Chahine, Managing Director, Strategic Consulting Services for Casey Family Programs, provided an overview of her work to reframe child welfare systems using a public health approach to reduce maltreatment-related injuries and fatalities. Her work resulted in a special edition of the Child Welfare League of America *Child Welfare* journal devoted to the topic. For this work she brought together national experts, held five forums, reviewed the research both nationally and internationally, and reviewed other industries such as the airlines that are concerned about safety and injury. She stated that more needs to be done to bring research into policy and practice. More needs to be done to bring data into the work and to use what is known about risk factors to drive practice. Predictive analytics, using data from other systems such as birth records along with child welfare information, can inform the work and lead to targeted attention and resources assigned to high-risk reports. What is needed is a greater investment in prevention including staff, system resources and restructuring, cross systems surveillance and

public education. A national commission was recently formed to review child fatalities and maltreatment with the goal of eliminating harm to children.

Stephen Levin, NYC Councilmember and Chair of the General Welfare Committee, and Matt Ojala, Communications Director, met with panel members to discuss his priorities for his term as Chair. After several recent child deaths in the city, the political will exists to make reforms. He needed more information about research and best practices to determine what can be done collectively. He stated his plan to hold an oversight hearing on child protective services at the end of the month. His interest is in assuring there are no more deaths and that children do not fall through the cracks.

Panel members provided an overview of their continuing interests in FAR, educational neglect reports, the need to have child welfare viewed as the responsibility of all city agencies, and the relationship between child welfare and poverty. Mr. Levin stated that he is particularly concerned about the rise in numbers of children in New York City who are homeless. He referenced the Mayor's plans for a Children's Cabinet and the need for coordination, resources and low caseloads.

Panel members agreed to reach out to Andrew White of the New School to promote a forum to address reframing child welfare using a public health approach. They agreed to write a memo to Mr. Levin with questions for his consideration to be used at the child welfare oversight hearing planned for late April.