

NYC CRP
Minutes of the Meeting
May 13, 2014

Attendees:

Jorge Saenz De Viteri
David Lansner

Jocelyn Brown
Carmen Ortiz Hendricks

Mathea Rubin

Guests: Tanya Krupat

ACS Staff: Eden Hauslaib

Kerri Smith

Eric Brettschneider

Alan Sputz

OCFS Staff: Lisa Gordon, by phone

SCAA Staff: Diane Mastin

Handouts:

Agenda

ACS Organization Chart

New York Daily News: Mary 9, 2014. ACS to add staffers, cut caseloads after children's deaths
by Erin Durkin

NYC CRP membership list

2014 Child Welfare Legislation, "Same as" Bills

List of legislation proposed by Erie County Executive Poloncarz

New York Initiative for Children of Incarcerated Parents

What are My Rights as a Parent in Prison or Residential Drug Treatment with a Child in Foster
Care?

OCFS Administrative Directive 11-OCFS-ADM-7, June 15th, 2011

You don't have to stop being a parent while you are incarcerated

New York Initiative for Children of Incarcerated Parents fact sheet

SCAA: Family Assessment Response (FAR) 2014 fact sheet

Minutes of the April 3rd meeting

Tanya Krupat, Osborne Association's New York Initiative for Children of Incarcerated Parents Program Director, provided an update on her work to advance policies to benefit children with parents in prison. The population is virtually invisible due to a lack of data on who they were, where they are, and how they are doing. She stated there is a need to build professional capacity to identify and support this population. She stressed the importance of in-person visits with parents and the use of technology to increase the number of contacts between parents and their children. These children come into care due to a "failure to plan" when a parent is arrested. In September, the Osborne Association will host a research forum on the issue to connect research to practice. Proximity to one's children is key to maintaining relationships.

New York City's Administration for Children's Services (ACS) staff, Deputy Commissioner for Coordination and Integration of Services Eric Brettschneider, Executive Deputy Commissioner for Child Protection Eden Hauslaib, Deputy Commissioner of Policy, Planning, and Measurement Kerri Smith, and Deputy Commissioner for Family Court Legal Services Alan

Sputz met with panel members to discuss priorities, changes and various initiatives of the new administration. Over the past several years, data has driven practice towards using more community-based and preventive services. Utilization of these services is over 90% and in many cases over 95%. ChildStat has been put on hold while the new administration reviews 1,600 cases not brought into ChildStat. All cases are reviewed by supervisors with identified next steps to move the case forward entered into CONNECTIONS. ACS is adopting a trauma-informed lens for all their work and is in the process of identifying the work that needs to be done to become a truly trauma-informed organization. They plan to expand the work to the Children's Center.

In foster care, they will be using the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment tool to assess and document child's needs that can then be tracked over time. In addition, they are working with the Department of Education to share and capture data related to student success. The goal for this work is to utilize a cross-systems approach to develop a model for well-being in the child welfare system.

In a discussion about children who are sexually abused or exploited, a subpopulation was identified as needing further attention in terms of how to serve them and to identify who has responsibility for them. They are the children, ages 12 to 14, who sexually abuse their siblings. Child Advocacy Centers are not allowed to treat these children. Often, they go to the police. They need specialized services and treatment. ACS supports a number of programs to engage and treat sexually exploited youth. Scarcity of funding was identified as a challenge to doing more for this population.

ACS staff are planning for a more comprehensive, sustained education campaign to engage the community in preventing abuse, reviewing data currently collected to work towards integrating systems, and implementing a review at the end of family court dispositions.

Panel members received updates and discussed plans for the June Joint Panel meeting and their September panel meeting.