

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY

Mayor's Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect (MACCAN)

Tuesday – July 29, 2014

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Child and Family Services Agency

200 I Street SE, Conference Lobby Room B

Washington, DC 20003

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order
2. Ascertainment of Quorum
 - Quorum was met for this meeting
3. Acknowledgement of Adoption of the Minutes of the June 3, 2014, meeting
 - Minutes were approved from the last meeting by the committee
4. Report by the Chair and Co-Chair of MACCAN
 - a. Review of Membership of MACCAN/Welcome of New Members
 - Membership of MACCAN has improved this year and currently only one required member is vacant (Community Based Child Welfare Provider(s))
 - Garine Dalce of CFSA was contacted to solicit a proper member for the vacant role (as she oversees the private provider community within CFSA)
 - b. Trauma Systems Therapy (TST)
 - Michele Roseburg, Chief of Staff of CFSA, presented on how weaving well-being into the continuum of child welfare is a critical component of the work her staff are doing within the Office of Well-Being (PowerPoint document was passed to attendees)
 - TST will be presented at the next meeting
 - c. Update from the Mayor's Meeting
 - Phil Lucas, Chair, presented on these updates; he highlighted:
 1. There are new parameters around zoning for DCPS – adapting zones is critical to meet the needs of the children in the District
 2. The school system has slots specifically developed to meet the needs of “at risk” youth – those who qualify: TANF recipients, those who are homeless and those in foster care (this generated some discussion...Phil

will provide documents for clarification on all that he received at this meeting)

3. Affordable Housing Update: the Mayor reports exceeding the expectations for development of affordable housing
4. Office of the Boards and Commissions presented on a new policy on providing a web cast for each meeting
5. August 23 is DC Schools Beautification Day

d. Discussion on information shared re: Responses to Mental Health America's Online Screening Program Show Significant Need, Interest in Mental Health Services among Racial, Ethnic Minorities

- Department of Behavioral Health, under their System of Care grant, has provided forums for the community members to take part in how to, overall, de-stigmatize mental illness and instead show and reinforce the importance of mental and emotional wellness
- DBH representative, Denise Dunbar, will keep MACCAN updated on their upcoming meetings/community summits
- Continued discussion from the committee and public members on the stigma, response to mental health treatment requests for those involved in the foster care system, and how improvement could occur with focusing on, as DBH is, mental and emotional wellness

e. NASW Training

- Introduction of incredible book “A Chance in the World: An Orphan Boy, a Mysterious Past, and How he Found a Place Called Home” – the author provided a very moving presentation at this conference

f. Future Agenda Items

- TST
- Well-Being within the foster care system

g. Next Meeting: September 30, 2014 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at CFSA

5. Opportunity for Public Comment

- 2 members from the public attended and shared their experiences with the foster care system

6. Adjournment

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