POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
POLICY RECOMMENDATION FORM

INFORMATION SHARING WITH FOSTER PARENTS **Reference Number:** 11CW001

Date Submitted: September 9, 2011

Submitted to PAC by (check one):

- ☐ Self Sufficiency Sub-PAC
- ☐ Adult Sub-PAC
- ☒ Child Welfare Sub-PAC
- ☐ Finance Sub-PAC
- ☐ Other Explain:

POLICY INFORMATION

Problem Statement: In the 2007 Foster Care Services Performance Audit, the Department agreed to address recommendation 1d, that information be shared with foster parents regarding the Family Services Plan (FSP). In addition, the Permanency Task Group addressed the broader issue of information sharing and confidentiality to allow that care providers receive pertinent information to meet the needs of the children/youth for whom they care while maintaining the privacy of the biological family.

Purpose: To assure that counties share information with foster parents.

Goal: To clarify expectations for consistent information sharing and sharing of the FSP to care providers throughout the time a child/youth is in out-of-home care, so that foster parents can meet the children's needs. This also includes inclusion and consultation with foster parents in planning.

Expected Outcomes:

List of Experts involved: The Permanency Task Group

List of Stakeholders involved:

Identify all Potential Impacts:

- ☐ Programs Explain:
- ☒ Counties Explain:
- ☒ Fiscal Explain:
- ☒ IT Explain:
- ☒ Training Explain:
- ☐ Other Explain:

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Statutory Change Needed: ☐ Yes ☒ No Relevant Statute #:

Rule Change Needed: ☐ Yes ☒ No Relevant Regulation #:

Implementation Plan: Current Volume VII rule requires that counties share information with foster parents. No rule change needed.

Timeline:

Other Relevant Information: Context about the policy submittal: The Permanency Task Group put forward a recommendation that all rules related to information to be shared with foster parents be duplicated in a single section. Also, based on feedback from foster parents, the Task Group recommended that additional rules be added to Volume 7.

Child Welfare SubPAC evaluated the recommendation of the Permanency Task Group and determined that the proposal would drive a workload increase for casework staff. CW SubPAC determined that Trails currently creates a report that includes all pertinent information needed when a child is being considered for placement in a TRCCF or RCCF. CW SubPAC recommends that this type of a report be developed and available with one click of a mouse for county use in sharing information with foster parents. The Change Control Board that oversees project implementation for Trails will be asked to add this report to their priority list so that the report will be developed within existing resources.

MINORITY REPORT

Please include all minority opinions in this section.

PAC ACTION TAKEN

Date of Action: 9/8/11

Approved: ☒ Yes ☐ No Vote Tally: # of Yes: 9 # of No: 0

Recommendations: As funding permits.

Returned to Sub-PAC for more information: ☐ Yes ☐ No Date:

Reasons and/or Information needed:

PAC Approved: ☒ Yes ☐ No Vote Tally: # of Yes: 9 # of No: 0

Date sent/presented to CDHS Executive Director:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DECISION

Approved: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Other Comments: Trails currently creates a report that includes all pertinent information needed when a child is being considered for placement in a TRCCF or RCCF. CW Sub-PAC recommends that this type of a report be developed and available with one click of a mouse for county use in sharing information when funding is available to develop the report.

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