**INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL (ILSAC)**

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Agenda

9am Welcome and Introductions, Regina

* Regina welcomed all members at 9:10 and went around to do introductions. Regina, Cal, Andrea Zigler with DCF, Jenna, Christine Fredricks, Stephanie Lucas, LaShondra, Sarah Phelm, Brian McMillian, Kyle Johnson, Margie and via TEAMS is Demarco Mott, Adam Briggs, Maria Batista, WFSU TV The Florida Channel.

Comments or feedback just raise hand

930am Review Roles and Responsibilities, Regina

* Review, sign and turn back in to Regina, Cal and Andrea.
* Cal – currently we have10 current council members still active, Margie requested, Adam, Alison, Christine, Stephanie, Regina, Demarco, John want to be members. Heather DeFransco, Maria Batista agreed to return, Sarah agreed to return. VACANCY with APD and DOH, 10 active council members. Any questions - none

10am Onboarding New Committee Members and Voting of new Committee Officers, Cal

* One for Secretary is Alison: vote taken by 10 voting members 5 votes yes, no opposed. Alison is designated as Secretary. Minutes timely and send to Andrea and Cal, have agenda ready and send out,
* Regina reviewed roles and responsibilities of council members. Required by FS to make recommendations. EFC, PESS and Aftercare Services. All members are required to be incompliance with the P&P, expectations read pursuant to the form. Council members must participate in subcommittee and report full ILSAC. Actively participate in discussions/recommendations.
* Regina maybe someone will decide to take on the roll of Chair and Co-Chair; Admin support will conduct business as Chair and Co-Chair which is NOT in statute but admin is in statute.
* Regina asked the members in the room will sign the forms today and all others send back.

1030am Review results of 2025 Data Collection Form and suggested presentations, Andrea

* Andrea reviewed each question with everyone and then the results submitted by the CBCs.
* Andrea when we were developing the form, how we move youth towards their goals and independence. How EFC cases are handled in Dependency Court and the whole system handle these cases. We wanted to get a feel for how they court system influences the accountability. Regina asked if anyone had any questions, as we develop goals as to where we want to go. Regina there will be information shared and presentations that the workgroup committees are reviewing the information that is being gathered to help answer the questions we have had for consistent practices. Cal, we can look at the specific responses from the CBC and find commonalities.
* Cal – overruled or over ridden by Judge; one Judge allowed a youth to live in an apartment against our recommendations. The court doesn’t necessarily have the right to determine these things. We can educated on how EFC functions, the collection form is important because it gives us a snapshot as statewide.
* Regina some time suggested of where there are interference with processes by outside influences. It can be difficult to collaborate to ensure the young person is in compliance and we are following our P&P. We didn’t capture what happens when Judiciary influences decisions.
* 5 CBCs stated they have youth living with a bio-parent; maybe we can follow up with more questions.
* Line 16 has 11 young adults were discharged from EFC. Cal think about some things going on in EFC and how we can clean it up. Housing – criminal background youth and maybe they do aftercare services. Maybe a certain number of efforts for placement. Options for the council to help with a resolution for these questions. FS hasn’t changed except this year. Christine some are looking at the higher needs of youth, maybe they shouldn’t be in EFC states Cal but maybe they participate in something else. We can altar the standard of the prob.
* LaShondra stated, one area is the MH aspect of it because we’ve had youth with the MH but the EFC agreement has the disability clause at the bottom and might just be struggling with certain aspects of their lives. This will be discussed at the IL Conference next week.
* Andrea – developing a guide or bench book for those that advocate for young adults. Thinking about revamping EFC and those MH youth/young adults; some type of discussion. Regina and Christine – the solution needs to start earlier. Andrea while at the CBC, we tried Y with the MH needs and started staffing with ME to see if there is supports available in the community. Adam poses the question about the data exists that could be used to substantiate the need (average volume of foster care youth with MH needs per CBC/ME, average time to service, average duration of service, etc.)? Ginger Rockey-Johnson makes a comment about youth who is 17 and needs SIPP but is denied because he is too old but adult facility won’t accept him because he’s not an adult. The option is at 18 he voluntarily be admitted to MH hospital or by court order. Christine, the youth who don’t qualify and might have needs by APD but don’t qualify for APD and now on the PESS piece implementing a literacy coach who will assess the youth and develop a plan for the youth. Andrea asked about suggested presentations for MH, etc. relationships with other relationships. Regina would like to have a conversation with APD about sharing what they do with their clients; how do we get access to these types of services. What is going to help us fill the GAP with these youth. Regina states United Way defines livable wages, etc.; maybe a presentation (ALICE). Draw some knowledge from APD. Cal stated funding is often the problem. Cal, challenge the system, what we have for under 18 we should have the same over 18. They don’t change MH therapy well because they must change, continuity of information sharing. System convener, it is a one stop shop and if there was agency in each area it would help. Margie it’s not cookie cutter but individual.
* Cal, HQ doesn’t know what the individual areas need and this is why we have to work with communities. This is how we got the pilot for a housing person. Sarah even when a CBC comes to us for help with 18 then we can bring in our contract team, Insurance Provider, etc. to help accommodate.
* Andrea asked if we want to add this population or Regina suggest case plan compliance. Discussion on who to start addressing these barriers. LaShondra stated discussion on what does it need to look like before 18 for a seamless transition. Cal Needs Assessment, we have to make post 18 must be individualized and the success isn’t the same. Court needs to understand that success is different for each person. It depends on all of the different things in our lives and be tailored to the individual.
* Conversation of GAL/AL, John the State Office represents every youth in care. Cal, the young person has the right, John, maybe in a policy and revokable by the young adult at any time. Regina, it should explicit say what voluntary mean. Ginger is working on over 18 guidance on GAL/AL and if the young adult hasn’t seen them in a few months then they should be discharged.
* Cal, what are we going to do with this information. Cal ask should there be a summary, etc.; Christine thinks a summary and Cal thinks it should go out to the field. Maybe for the May conference. Look for patterns around the state, that is a individual or group task. Cal would have them present it at the May IL conference. Christine can have their data staff to do it and complete a presentation. Cal asked Christine to have it completed by March.
* DeMarco updating the EFC, give us your best wish list and Cal ask for him to summarize it and send it to Andrea and himself. Maria during one of their meetings she can discuss that and ask for someone to present.
* Cal ask Maria and DeMarco, what are the consistent challenges you have heard from youth being successful: transportation, no employment, creation of attainable goals and accurately gauge where the young adult where be, needs to be and can be. Cal asked if there should be some type of assessment prior to PESS. DeMarco the CM should be having the conversation with the youth and know who the youth is and the CM can assist with knowing their abilities.

Lunch Break 1130am-1245pm

* Break for lunch at 11:32 PM.

1pm Overview of EFC: IL Curriculum Training Module 3, Cal

* Cal presented the PP, August 2024 the curriculum, 5-day training to provide a foundational knowledge. Cal reviewed the Key Terms and EFC overview. The training covers statute and administrative code to assist staff.

2pm Discussion on Case Plan Compliance: Bench Book/Job Aide Materials, Stephanie

* Reviewed Young Adults Judicial Review Social Study Report. (completed every six months)

230pm Independent Living/Self-Sufficiency Assessment, Stephanie, Regina, Andrea

* Regina discussed a few years ago a workgroup was formed and a tool was developed. PESS Self Sufficiency Assessment. Andrea was developed with Bruce Burger, how you rate and assess something that is subjective; you are rating the youth from where they started and where they are now. (Assessing how far they have come) This can help us when we start discussing outcome measures as we break into workgroups.
* John, what are we evaluating on this tool, Cal having a foundation for EFC to go into PESS. John suggests using the transition plan, it is much more detailed.

300pm Review of Continual Improvement Action Deck (CIAD) and Calendar of Activities, Christine

* Christine reviewed outstanding items on the Action Deck.

3:30pm DCF Updates, Cal:

Winter Training

Discuss Proposed Plan and Goals for 2025 Committee Focus

* IL Conference is next week in Daytona.
* Designated topics for Feb: EFC Case Planning, Outcomes and EFC Self Sufficiency align with Transition Plan.
* Presentation needs for this year.

330pm Member Attendance, Final Rounds & Public Comments,

* Please be present and others stay on.
* Discuss two days report writing for this year.
* No comments or concerns
* Next Meeting is 3rd Monday

4pm Meeting Adjourned