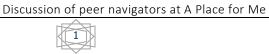
Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

	Monday, April 4, 2022
MEETING	4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Zoom Meeting
	Gabriella Celeste, Beverly Charles, David Crampton, Jennifer Croessmann
	(DCFS), Verna Darby, Natasha Davis, Jacqueline Fletcher (DCFS), Andrew
ATTENDEEC	Garner, Angela Newman-White, Debra Rex, Marilee Santiago, Cynthia Weiskittel (DCFS), Lakecia Wild
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	Guest: Jennifer Johnson
	Guest Documenters: Marian Bryant, Marvetta Rutherford
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Available Online –Jennifer Croessmann will post minutes upon approval
RECORDER	Deborah Barber
	AGENDA ITEMS
	Introduce and Welcome
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DISCUSSION	Meeting minutes from February 7, 2022
	Moved to accept – Lakecia Wild
	Second – David Crampton
	Unanimous Vote
	Minutes Approved
	Public Comment
DISCUSSION	Jennifer Johnson – Canopy Child Advocacy, March is Child Abuse
	Prevention Month
	Over 400 blue pinwheels have been displayed at Fort Huntington Park in a state of the s
	to increase awareness of child abuse. April 13 th is wear blue day
	Director's Updates – Cynthia Weiskittel
DISCUSSION	
DISCUSSION	Update: Children in the building – data from the last 14 months was
	complied. It shows 93% of children are placed within 48 hours of
	arriving in the building. March 23 rd , Bill Mason held a summit with
Action Item – C. Weiskittel	many agencies in the County to discuss children awaiting
– Check to see if board can	placement in the Jane Edna Building – 3 topics emerged,
attend April 21st Summit	1. Authority-who has the authority to manage the children
Meeting with Bill Mason	2. Safety – how to keep the children and the staff safe
	3. Lack of Placement – struggle of placement discussed, discussion of pros and cons of opening a center for children
	Next Summit will be April 21 st – board would like to attend



Discussion of housing for youth in collaboration with CMHA

	DCFS was selected to participate in study being done the Harvard Kennedy School of Government Performance Lab of the work done with neighborhood collaboratives regarding prevention
Action Item – Lakecia Wild	CPT – Child Protection Team, Board should address questions to
and Gabriella Celeste will	David Merriman directly, the board is concerned about the lack of
draft a short letter for the	progress on Child Protection Teams
board and send it to D.	Lakecia Wild, Motion to draft a letter to share concern over lack of
Merriman, Y. Conwell, M.	progress on Child Protection Teams
Madigan, A. Budish, R.	Gabriella Celeste – 2 nd
Dorman, C. Weiskittel	Unanimous Vote

	Subcommittee Updates: Prevention, Intervention, Government
DISCUSSION	Intervention – David Crampton a. Dashboard Update b. The dashboard can be viewed once posted:
Action Item – Jennifer Croessmann – Reach out and see if the current board should suggest new board members	 Prevention Subcommittee – Marilee Santiago Email leadership regarding Child Protection Team Have not received any response from David Merriman regarding call-to-action letter Governance Subcommittee – Lakecia Wild Trying to facilitate the transition to next year when many appointments end

	Action Items
DISCUSSION	 Motion to Adjourn – Lakecia Wild

Next Meeting: June 6, 2022, 3:30pm Location – Zoom Recorder – Deborah Barber

