Community Based Care
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AGENDA

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Background

• Current system structure does not encourage establishment of services where they are needed and very few providers offer the full continuum of services.

• As a result, some children must move to locations (outside of their home communities) and too often must change placements as a result of a change in service needs.
Background, cont.

- In 2010, DFPS joined other stakeholders in an effort to develop recommendations for a redesigned foster care system that supports improved outcomes for children, youth and families.
- The Public Private Partnership (PPP) representing various stakeholders served as the guiding body to develop recommendations for redesigned foster care system.

Foundation

Quality Indicators:

- Above all, children and youth are safe from abuse and neglect.
- Children and youth are placed in their home communities.
- Children and youth are appropriately served in the least restrictive environment.
- Children and youth have stability in their placements.
- Connections to family and others important to the child are maintained.
- Children and youth are placed with their siblings.

- Services respect the child’s culture.
- Children and youth enjoy opportunities, experiences, and activities similar to those enjoyed by their peers who are not in foster care.
- Youth are fully prepared for successful adulthood.
- Youth have opportunities to participate in decisions that affect their lives.
- Children and youth are reunified with their biological parents when possible.
- Children and youth are placed with relative or kinship caregivers if reunification is not possible.
Geographic Balance & Service Continuum

Change the way DFPS procures
• From open enrollment to competitive procurement
• Not all current DFPS contractors will continue to serve children in DFPS conservatorship and their families in the redesigned system.

Change the way DFPS contracts
• From effort based contracts to performance based contracts
• Financial incentives and disincentives for permanency
• Additional performance measures for well-being
• A single contract to provide all substitute care and case management services for children, youth and families in a geographic area

Geographic Balance & Service Continuum, cont.

Change the way DFPS pays the provider of services
• From multiple rates to a single blended rate
• De-link service levels from rates
• Separate allotment of funds for other services to children in foster care and their parents and families

Foster Care Redesign Catchment Areas (Initial)

Regions 2 and 9
• Providence Service Corporation
• February 2013-August 2014
• Served approx. 1100 children/youth

Region 3b
• December 2013 – present
• Serve approx. 1350 children/youth
Senate Bill 11

• Expands Foster Care Redesign to Community Based Care (CBC)
• Adds kinship care, case management and reunification services
• Shifts DFPS' role to quality oversight of conservatorship services
• Allows DFPS to begin identifying 8 new catchment areas, with implementation subject to appropriation

Case Management

The provision of case management services to a child for whom the department has been appointed TMC or PMC or to the child's family, a young adult in extended foster care, a relative or kinship caregiver, or a child who has been placed in the catchment area through ICPC, and includes, but is not limited to:

• Caseworker visits with the child, family and caregivers;
• Convening and conducting Permanency Meetings;
• Development & revision of child and family plans of service, including a permanency plan & goals for a child or young adult in care;
• Coordination & monitoring of services required by the child & the child's family;
• Assumption of court-related duties regarding the child; and
• Any other function or service that the department determines necessary to allow a SSCC to assume responsibility for case management.

Case Management, cont.

Court-Related Duties include:

• providing any required notifications or consultations;
• preparing court reports;
• attending judicial and permanency hearings, trials, and mediations;
• complying with applicable court orders;
• working with attorneys to prepare for trials and staff cases as needed;
• working with all legal parties on the case; and
• ensuring the child is progressing toward the goal of permanency within state and federally mandated guidelines.
Staged Implementation

- **Stage I** will include the provision of paid foster care placement services
- **Stage II** will include the provision of substitute care placement & case management services
- **Stage III** will include:
  - The provision of services outlined in Stage I and II; and
  - Holding the SSCC financially accountable through the use of incentives and remedies for the timely achievement of permanency for served children beginning 18 months after case management services have transferred.

What This Means for You...

- **Readiness**
  - SB 11, section 264.156
- **Statutory Duties Assumed by the SSCC**
  - SB 11, section 264.161
- **Continuing Duties of the Department**
  - SB 11, section 264.163
- **Attorney-Client Privilege**
  - SB 11, section 264.167

What This Means for You...

Conflict of Interest

How are conflicts of interest mitigated with the CBC model?

- SSCC Conflict of Interest Plan (SB 11, section 264.156)
- Review of Contractor Recommendations by DFPS (SB 11, section 264.168)
  - DFPS may review, approve or disapprove a SSCC’s permanency goal recommendation for a child
  - Establish Dispute Resolution Process between SSCC & DFPS
Implementation Updates

Region 3B:

• 11/1/17, ACH/SSCC contract renewed through FY 2018
• Current: negotiations with ACH to include Case Management Services in contract
• Anticipated transition of case management (Stage II) in Summer 2018

Implementation Updates

Region 2:

• RFA for Region 2 was re-released on 10/18/17
• Anticipated Stage I go-live date in September 2018 (after 6 month start-up period)
• Stage II roll-out is based on Contractor and DFPS readiness

Implementation Updates

Bexar County:

• Bexar County announced as the next catchment area on 9/19/17
• Release RFA by end of November 2017
• Anticipated Stage I go-live date in October 2018 (after 6 month start-up period)
• Stage II roll-out is based on Contractor and DFPS readiness
QUESTIONS?

Information on Community Based Care can be found on the DFPS website: https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Community_Based_Care/

Additional questions may be submitted to the mailbox at: CBCare@dfps.state.tx.us