

CHARTER DRAFT

Idaho Child Welfare Partnership Operations Board

Challenge:

The Partnership has grown in size and complexity. The parties are moving from a contractual relationship into a true collaboration, in which funding, personnel, practice philosophies, and data are being blended. The Partnership is in need of a shared vision and a governance structure that improves our communication and enhances program planning, partnership development and quality of service.

Purpose:

To improve outcomes for children through improved child welfare education, training and practice. The parties agree to work collaboratively to improve the lives of Idaho children, youth and families in the areas of placement authority/case management services; Technical Assistance Program (TAP) Services, systems improvement, child welfare workforce development, and Resource Family preparation and support.

<i>OUTCOMES AND TASKS</i>	<i>Outcome Measures</i>
Adequately Resourced Child Welfare Training and Development Partnership	
○ Contracts	
○ Sub-contracts	
○ Grants\	
○ Pooled Funding	
○ Capital Campaign	
Well Prepared Child Welfare Work Force	
○ Stipend Program	
○ Conferences	
○ Academy/In-service	
○ Resource Family Training	
Child Welfare Partnership Integrated With Other Human Service Disciplines and Stakeholders	
○ Universities/Colleges	
○ Early Childhood Educators	
○ Adult and CMH Workforce	
○ SA Workforce	
○ Foster Youth Alumni	
○ Foster/Adoptive Parents	
Continuous Quality Improvement System	
○ Peer Technical Assistance and	

Consultation	
○ Partnership Policy Development and Review	
○ Project Development and Grants	
○ Practice Innovations such as: Kinship Initiative; Specialized Student Units, Pride; Competency-based Academy and In-service; Placement Authority/Case Management Services; TAP Services, Family Group Decision Making; Disproportionality and Disparate Outcomes for Youth of Color; Constituency Engagement; Ansell-Casey Life Skills Assessment; Integrated Transition Practice Framework; Outcome Oriented Casework, Assessment and Service Plans	
Improve Access To Learning Sources	
○ Web Site	
○ Libraries	
○ E-learning	
○ Tele-health	
○ Training Calendar	
○ Social Marketing	

Membership:

Mardell Nelson, Partnership Director (convener and staff to the Administrative Board)
 Co- Chair- The group may elect a co-Chair to assist with running meetings
 Patty Gregory, ICWRTC Director
 -----, BSU Child Welfare Center Director
 Mike Scholl, Casey Family Program Director

Roles and Responsibilities:

The Partnership Director will convene this advisory board. The Partnership Director is responsible for arranging meetings and conference calls, developing the agenda, running the meeting, making assignments and serving as a liaison to the Partnership Administrative Board, taking and distributing minutes and reports and working with the Chair to develop the agenda.

The Partnership Director serves as liaison to the CFS Program Committee. This entails providing updates on advisory group discussion and recommendations, seeking input from Program Committee on recommendations, coordination implementation issues and problem solving. The other members of this Board serve as liaisons to their respective agency or university and to their sub-contractors.

Meeting Frequency:

This Partnership Operations Board will meet at least bi-monthly, with additional conference calls on an as needed basis. When possible, two of the meetings will be held in conjunction with the semi-annual Partnership meetings.

Meeting Norms:

The group will negotiate its own norms based on the "Principles for Partnership for Family Centered Practice." These principles are as follows: everyone deserves respect; everyone needs to be heard; everyone has strengths; judgments can wait; partners share power; and partnership is a process.

Delegated Authority:

The advisory committee has the authority to research options, make recommendations and after consulting with Administration, implement those recommendations approved by Administration. Decisions that represent changes and expansion of the partnership will require Administrative Board review and approval. *(NOTE: This may need to be higher for normal operations.*

Reporting Requirements:

This Operation Board reports to the Administrative Board on a quarterly basis. Format and timelines for these reports will be negotiated at a future date. At a minimum, reports will include progress on all of the advisory board progress, Operations tasks including descriptive detail; concerns; recommendations; and need for problem resolution. Reports on improvement projects and outcome measures will be collected by this group and submitted quarterly to the Evaluation Advisory Group. Liaisons to the Program Committee will make progress reports as part of a standing Program Committee agenda item.