

PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

5/12/06 Notes

Because the fourth Friday of the month is the Friday before Memorial Day weekend and many of our Board members had a conflict, we changed our meeting to Friday, May, 12, 2006 from 1:00 - 2:30 Mountain Time (12:00 - 1:30 Pacific Time). Conference call information is below.

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Agenda for 5/12/06:

- 1 Continued work group presentations
- 2 New membership
- 3 Travel arrangements for the Board convening in Boise on 6/5/06
- 4 Agenda for the face to face Board meeting
- 5 Review charter for administrative board

The work groups have been generating many excellent ideas and strategies, so it is our hope we have a fairly solid draft of our charter by the end of this meeting.

Thanks for all of your energy and commitment, Julie

Present at the meeting: Jim Gentry, Megan Anthoney, Virgie Arambarri, Frances Lunney, Mechelle Wilson, Lorrie Breshears, Mike Starnes, Jeremy Player, Mardell Nelson, Julie Stevens

- We had an in-depth discussion about the name of our Board as it relates the charge we have been given and the focus of our work. In synopsis, Mike Starnes suggested that since we are concerned about strengthening families as the primary caregivers (e.g. emphasizing family centered practice; maximizing the use of FGDM; etc.), that we rename ourselves to the Child and Family Welfare Practice Advisory Board. We then had a discussion about not wanting our name to parallel Children and Family Services (to avoid confusion) and our interest in placing families first, so Family and Child Welfare Practice Advisory Board. Because 'Child' does not speak to our youth and young adult population, Megan Anthoney suggested we be called the Family, Child and Youth Welfare Practice Advisory Board. Because that name seemed long and cumbersome, Frances Lunney suggested the Practice Development Advisory Board which met with unanimous approval. Our charter will then specify the areas of focus.
- The continuation of work group presentations included Systems Improvement and Kinship which have been integrated into the Draft Charter dated 5-19-06. The Disproportionality Committee has yet to finalize their recommendations, but the will be included in the 5-19-06 draft.
- In terms of new membership, Lorrie Breshears, BSU Child Welfare Center, and Brad Forth, Children and Family Services Region II, have joined our group. We still have a need to include a relative caregiver and a licensed foster parent. Julie will continue recruitment efforts by contacting Fred Kirn, Kim Fordham, and Nez Perce Tribal Social Services.

- Our board convening will take place on 6/5/06 at Casey Family Programs from 9:00 – 5:00. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Travel arrangements need to be made as soon as possible. Lorrie Breshears, Megan Anthony and Julie Stevens will make up the planning committee for this meeting and will meet on 5/23/036. An agenda was drafted:
 - Orientation/context setting
 - Review of the charter
 - Governance Issues – chair election
 - Work Plan Development
 - Communication Plan