



Improving Child/Youth Placement Outcomes: A System Redesign

Texas Child Care Administrators Conference
October 12th 2011
Houston

56 Total Responses with Comments Received

External:

- **52** External Individuals or Organizations
- **39** In-State Providers
- **2** Out-of-State Providers
- **11** Advocacy Groups, Courts, Associations and Task Forces

Internal:

- **3** DFPS Staff
- **1** HHSC Staff

- **Comments Interpreted as Contrary to Legislatively Endorsed Model**
 - Disagreement with Quality Indicators
 - Support of Status Quo
- **Clarifying Questions**
- **Recommendations for Additions/Details**
- **Comments Regarding Conflicts Between Approved Model and RFP Language**

Draft RFP vs. Final RFP

Draft RFP	Feedback/Comments Received	Changes in Final RFP
Initial Placements, Placement Moves and Service Planning	Cannot hold provider accountable for permanency and well-being outcomes if have no say in placement selection/services. Creates a duplicate system.	DFPS remain ultimately responsible for operation of foster care system, however providers will have increased latitude for making placements and planning/coordinating services for children and families.
Transfer of Resources Commensurate with transfer of tasks from DFPS to SSCC	Too vague- provider needs to know time frames and approximate dollar amounts in order to plan appropriately and sufficiently respond to proposal.	Financial resources will include salary, rent, utilities, supplies and other overhead. DFPS will negotiate terms of resource transfer with SSCC prior to contract execution.
Three-Month Start Up Phase	Three-month time frame is too short and does not allow sufficient time to establish needed continuum of care.	Start-up period will be up to 6 months from contract start date to date first referral is made to the SSCC.

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Stage Progression/Time Frames	Although demonstrated readiness must be taken into consideration, time frames associated with Stages should be established to ensure that model is fully implemented.	<p>Progression from Stage I to Stage II is anticipated to occur no sooner than 1 and no later than 2 years from first referral to SSCC in Stage I.</p> <p>Progression from Stage II to Stage III is anticipated to occur no sooner than 1 and no later than 2 years from first referral to SSCC in Stage II.</p>
Calculation of Length of Stay Baseline	Establishing length of stay baseline using SSCC historical data in Stage III, disincentivizes providers from moving children to permanency in Stages I and II.	<p>Initial baseline will be calculated for previous two years, ending on day first referral made in Stage I.</p> <p>Second baseline will be calculated from the first day of Stage I to first day of second year of Stage III.</p>

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<p>Proportion of Children Awaiting Adoption</p>	<p>SSCC does not determine entry into foster care system nor permanency goal, therefore cannot be held accountable for adoption proportion based on race/ethnicity.</p>	<p>SSCC must ensure services offered and outcomes achieved are equal in proportion to the populations served.</p>
<p>Contingency Planning</p>	<p>SSCC should not be mandated by contract to provide same services on a temporary basis in a different catchment area, if another provider has failed to perform.</p>	<p>DFPS may enter into negotiations with SSCC to provide same services described in contract in different catchment area on a temporary basis.</p>
<p><u>Trauma-informed Care</u> and <u>Knowing Who You Are</u> Training Requirements</p>	<p>Concerns expressed around the costs associated with training, time frames for completion and restriction to specific training models.</p>	<p>Criteria will allow for phase-in of training and criteria and processes for approval of alternative training models.</p>

Criteria for Initial Catchment Areas

- Area should cover entire region(s)
- One metropolitan area and one non-metropolitan area
- Must have at least 500 new entries of children in paid foster care annually
- Stakeholders/community should support implementation of redesigned model
- Two predominately metro areas and two predominately non-metro areas.
- Select one SSCC for metro area and one SSCC for non-metro area based on relative strengths of the proposals for each potential catchment area.

Metropolitan Catchment Areas for Bid:

- Region 7
- Region 11

Non-Metropolitan Catchment Areas for Bid:

- Region 1
- Regions 2 & 9 (together)

Evaluation:

- Casey Family Programs has provided funding for a third party evaluation of Redesign.

- Posted RFP- August 1st-November 1st, 2011
- Solicitation Conference- Was Held on August 12th, 2011
- Written Questions Submitted- August 1st-16th 2011
- Responses to Questions Posted- August 26th 2011
- Evaluate Proposals- November-December 2011
- Execute Initial Contracts- January 1, 2012

Foster Care Redesign Timeline

