

SANGAMON COUNTY ACTION TEAM
March 19, 2013 @ 12:00 PM
Sangamon County Courthouse
Meeting Minutes

Present: Robert Blackwell, Judge Esteban Sanchez, Leshonda Rogers, Pat Jacobs, Luann Gab, Deanna Large, Angie Kramp, Angie Traylor, Steve McClure, Brianna Bailey

Membership:

- We need to continue to reach out to POS for their participation in this group
- Deanna sent an invitation to the foster care directors for CYFS, LCFS, Camelot, and RYF; received no reply; none are present today
- Steve McClure, ASA, and Sara Mayo are joining to represent court personnel; Sara was unable to join today
- Discussion about reaching out to school and police for their participation
- Bob agreed to extend invitations to the Chief of Police and the Superintendent of Schools (both exiting and entering superintendants)

SCAT Focus:

- We need to identify areas we can focus on to improve our permanency rates
- Who impacts permanency: DCFS, POS, Court, service providers, parents
- Deanna reviewed data (see 3-19-13-data.ppt)
- Data represents maltreatment harms, indication rates, intake rates, ward demographics, and permanency rates
- Discussion of tracking the critical points after an investigation is indicated; whether a child is placed in foster care or not
- Discussion of the path of a case: PC, TC, Pre-Trial, AJ or admission, DP, TPR
- How can improve the rates of a case moving thru the path?
- Criminal charges stall the AJ; minimal number of cases
- Continuances play a big role in cases not moving

- Discussion of a review of cases to see what is happening in these cases; reasons for non-compliance; are there service issues
- The Permanency Enhancement Specialists should be the catalyst to move these cases forward
- Group wants to focus on improving permanency rates
- Still looking for the larger institution to give us tools to address disproportionality
- What are concrete practices we can put into place to improve permanency rates?
- Drug Court; Deanna will obtain the model used in Vermilion County
- What allegations are we removing kids for?

Tasks for Members:

- Brainstorm concrete practices we can implement to improve permanency rates; bring these ideas to the next meeting
- Reach out to POS partners and community leaders to increase community involvement in this group
- We will be identifying our plan at the next meeting

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 26, 2013 @ 12 PM, COURTROOM 7A