

DCF/WCHSA Leadership Meeting on November 12, 2014

Purpose of Meeting: The annual leadership meeting is a forum for the leadership of DCF and WCHSA to discuss how the state and counties can collectively work on improving service delivery for children and families. The leadership meeting features in-depth discussion of one or two topics that the state and counties can work on to improve the quality of service and outcomes for children and families.

2014 Meeting Topics: DCF and WCHSA identified the following topics:

- Long term direction for child protective services, including how resources should be used, caseload standards, and costs for serving CPS cases.
- Child protective service workforce development and retention, with a focus on reducing staff turnover.

Leadership Meeting Planning Team:

- DCF – John Tuohy and John Elliott
- WCHSA – Vicki Tylka, Chuck Price, Kathi Cauley

Meeting Format and Logistics:

- Meeting will be held on November 12th at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point.
- Meeting will go from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm, with lunch included.
- DCF participants will include the Secretary's Office, Division of Safety and Permanence, and Division of Management Services.
- County participants will include the WCHSA board officers and 3 directors from each of the 5 human service regions (approximately 19 county staff).
- WCHSA will select the representatives from the regions, with a mix of large and small counties.
- The meeting will include both large group and small group sessions, with separate tracks for each topic.
- Professional facilitators provided by DCF will manage the discussion. Raj Kamal and Bruce Harville will facilitate.
- DCF regional staff will serve as note takers. Lori Thuli and Teresa Steinmetz will be the note takers.
- DCF will prepare a written report on the results of the meeting.

Meeting Registration: Participants should register via email by November 5th with Tom Doolan in DCF at tom.doolan@wisconsin.gov.

Meeting Follow Up: Specific recommendations from the leadership meeting can be discussed at the quarterly meetings WCHSA has with the DCF Secretary. Recommendations can be assigned to existing advisory committees/workgroups for further discussion or new DCF/county workgroups can be established. DCF will keep WCHSA informed about follow-up through updates at WCHSA Board meetings and the quarterly WCHSA/DCF Secretary meetings.