

2019/07/09 – SB 2124 Transition Meeting – Topics and Discussion

Zone Application:

- Reviewed the multi-county application as a guide
- Agreement is a separate document and due Dec. 1, 2019
- Deadline to approve the agreement is Jan. 1, 2020 and the plan by Jan. 1, 2021. Formula information will be provided by Dec. 16, 2019.
- Plan template to be finalized after feedback is provided by end of next week

State's Attorneys Guidance

- Review with Connie and Aaron
- Get out to Clerks of Court

Judicial Guidance Doc

- Legal team will share with the judicial system after next week if there is no additional feedback

CPS / Termination of Parental Rights / Foster / Adoption

- Need to understand the law as it relates to the regional representative role and redesigning the process/policy
- Emergency decisions will be made at the zone level (not at the state level)
- Eliminate the matrix on who makes what decisions

Northeastern ND County Meetings

- Walsh, Cavalier and Pembina counties – 1st Meeting
 - Cavalier has the best benefits but has the fewest staff
 - Walsh has capacity to help but not the best benefits
 - Next step: internal meetings with respective county commissioners
- Rolette County – 2nd Meeting
 - 2 legislators, 2 social services board members, county commissioners
 - DHS was firm about partnering with Ramsey for a zone
- Bottineau, Pierce and McHenry counties – 3rd Meeting
 - Have already been meeting
 - Application for multi-county district has been sent back to the district with a letter from Chris, and the department hasn't received a reply
 - Kelly is already the director in all three counties
 - Just finalizing the details
- Any process with the zones that involve the tribes and if they will have input with SB 2124
 - Sara is presenting at the August meeting
 - Try to engage the tribes and inform as many people as possible

Should we send communication to clients?

- FAQ for clients?
- Could share the vision: clients will be able to access services in any county social service office

Technology

- We have to evaluate all the systems and how they are set up (case assignment).
- SPACES, FRAME, PeopleSoft
- We still need to capture and report data at a county level
- Who owns shifting the technology to a zone format?

Human Resources

- The selection of Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) supervisors at the zone level will be made through a competitive employment process
 - Conflict-free case management doesn't allow them to supervise QSPs

Survey:

- Data available for analysis next week
- Continue to leave the survey open so more employees can complete the survey

Fiscal:

- List of indirect and direct costs to be finalized this week