

FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD (Davidson County)

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FCRB # 14

The Davidson County Foster Care Review Board Program is preparing to expand once again! We are making plans to start FCRB #14 which will be a specialized board that will review cases of youth that are placed at Woodland Hills Youth Development Center (WHYDC) due to delinquency. The board will meet at WHYDC; further details to come. If you have particular interest in serving on this board let us know ASAP as we are in the process of recruitment and then training of members.



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LEARNING CORNER

How To Deal With Drug Problems in State's Foster Care Program California Healthline - December 11, 2014



An investigation and series of articles published this fall by the San Jose Mercury News and Bay Area News Group showed that pharmaceutical companies are spending millions of dollars to influence physicians who prescribe psychiatric medications to California children in foster care. The investigation found that children in the state foster care system are prescribed psychiatric drugs at a rate three times higher than children nationwide!

<http://www.californiahealthline.org/think-tank/2014/how-to-deal-with-drug-problems-in-states-foster-care-program>

Member Corner



The FCRB Program welcomes the following new members since October of 2014:

Larry Post—#7

Ketra Bentley—#2

Janetta Estes—#12

Debra Nilson—#11

Suzette Webster—#10

Constance Wade—#7

Sheila Gaffney—#2

Members Resigning since October 2014: We wish you all the best!

Johnathon Shannon—#11 & #4

Deborah Prowell—#10

Shanika Ostine—#10

Mary Murphy—#3

Heather Tuttle—#7

Cecily McSurdy—#1

2014 FCRB Data

	# reviews	average rev.per bd.	# exiting	hotsheets	# members present
#1	149	13	8	2	5
#2	167	14	16	1	5
#3	150	13	12	0	6
#4	121	11	5	3	6
#5	82	7	7	0	6
#6	104	9	6	3	5
#7	85	7	7	0	5
#8	145	12	10	2	5
#9	165	14	12	4	4
#10	134	11	14	1	5
#11	132	12	14	2	6
#12	101	8	5	4	6
#13*	70	8	8	1	6
Total	1605	139	124	23	

average = 123

average = 13

average = 5

Notes from 2014:

* This board (#13) began in March 2014 so only has met 10 months.

There were two boards cancelled due to inclement weather
#4 in March and #11 in October

2013	1809
2012	1569
2011	1514
2010	1385
2009	1584
2008	1770
2007	2554

Hotsheets

What are they? Hotsheets are direct referrals from the review board to the Court in cases where conditions persist that constitute a deterrent to reaching the permanency goals & compromise the health, safety or welfare of the child. (TCA 37-2-406)

How soon are they docketed? Within 30 days, usually within 2 weeks. If it is an "emergency situation" (i.e. risk of harm) it is set within 72 hours. They are set on the Magistrate's docket who regularly hears the case (i.e. one family - one judge). The Court Liaison to the board files the motion and notifies parties to appear. There are times when a board member, usually the Chairperson, may be asked to attend the hearing.

How does the board find out what happened in Court? After a board makes a referral the case is set for a verbal review the following month and the Court Liaison reports what happened.

Below are the number of hotsheets filed by each board in 2014:

#1 (2)	#5 (0)	#9 (4)	#13 (1)
#2 (1)	#6 (3)	#10 (1)	
#3 (0)	#7 (0)	#11 (2)	
#4 (3)	#8 (2)	#12 (4)	

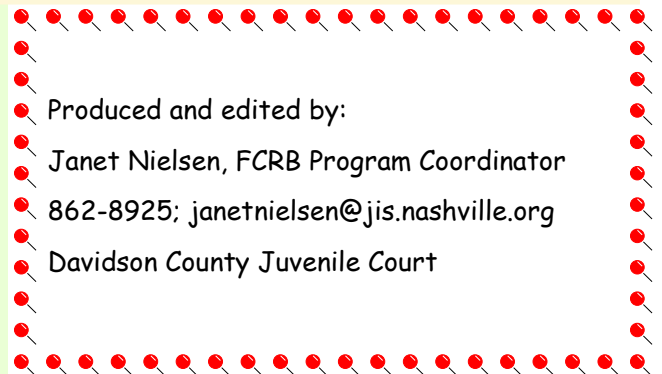
See details on next two pages

Reminder: Anyone who wishes to include an article or picture for our newsletter please feel free — just contact me.

Thanks!

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2014 Hotsheets

Below are details of the Hotsheets (motions) filed by the FCRBs in calendar year 2014.

The Board number is listed in parenthesis in red after the results.

<u>Reason for Hotsheet</u>	<u>Results</u>
1. Psychological not completed; may be inappropriate placement	Psy. done prior to Court; CFTM held re: placement, behaviors improved (#8)
2. No TL; no mentor; ed. goals not addressed; waiting on ICPC	set PP & TL plan hearing; held ICPC pending; made finding that DCS PP/TL is not timely (#12)
3. No TL plan; no ed. records; visitation not going well & goal remains return	PP & TL plan set & approved; PPLA added; reasonable efforts finding set 4-25-14 (#4)
4. Goal of return questionable; no ed. records submitted; med. questions & family counseling issues	Motion granted; DCS to supply (FCRB) all requested records/information (#4)
5. TPR held & granted 4 mts. ago; no order	Order submitted day of Court (#9)
6. Medical concerns not addressed	child had appointment set the week of Court, Order said concerned it was not treated as a medical emergency (#10)
7. TPR petition not filed by DCS; goal is adoption, child in care 16 mts.	DCS ordered to file TPR petition by a date certain (#6)
8. GAL not active; replace	new GAL appointed (#1)
9. Visitation problems, no TL	Visitation arranged & TL approved (#4)
10. No TPR petition filed	DCS reported they would file; filed 6-13-14 (2 months later) (#6)
11. GAL not active; replace	GAL replaced (#1)

15. No services implemented & child on THV Child ran from home, when found will not be placed back on THV, motion moot (#11)
16. Need TPR filed, in 15 of 22 mts. DCS reported should be filed by next week (#9)
17. No TPR order submitted from 7-8-14 Order filed prior to hotsheet being heard (#9)
18. Child needs another MH eval. &/or grief/trauma counseling Grief counseling set up before Court; child exited state custody to Aunt (#2)
19. Child "falling between the cracks"
Re: future, education & placement Child moved prior to hearing, Court set TL plan Court date (#12)
20. EFC youth, Mental Health needs not being met Services were provided prior to hearing (#13)
21. Child is on 30 day THV with Aunt; needs modifications for GED test & needs to see a dentist prior to release Ordered DCS to ensure his dental needs are met & to work with his GED program to ensure he pursues his GED. He will leave care but DCS reports he is on "extensive aftercare". (#12)
22. Youth on 30 THV; lack of educational records & planning for youth, & is missing school Court extended THV for 60 more days TL plan hearing set 12-19-14 (#12)
23. Two Children on THV with Mom, safety issues exist DCS ordered to provide the FCRB with (#8) list of services involved with the family & progress & educational records. If FCRB is not satisfied they can re- hotsheet (#8)