

Refugee Child Welfare Advisory Committee  
Quarterly Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2012

Attendees: Debbie Deherrera, Tami Kane, Vesna Vila, Danita Huynh, J.D. Devros, Angelica Quintero and Oscar Herrera.

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. New CW Liaison Angelica Quintero

Angelica Quintero was introduced as the recent hired DHS Central Office staff member who will be acting as the DHS liaison to the Refugee Child Welfare Advisory Committee. Ms. Quintero comes with extended experience as a casework Supervisor of Child Welfare at the Marion County branch.

3. Review and approval of Minutes from last meeting. Minutes for April and July of 2012 quarterly meetings were approved. No changes recommended. Copies are attached to this message.
4. New request for membership. DHS has received and is processing a new request for membership of the committee.
5. Update on Chair person position for the Committee.

After consulting with DHS Administrator Gloria Anderson regarding the need of a chair person, it was recommended to bring the issue back to the committee for election of a new chair person. DHS values and appreciates the commitment and contributions made by the current chair Salah Ansary. DHS also recognizes the importance of having consistent attendance at these meetings, especially by the chair. Salah continues as a standing member of the committee unless he indicates otherwise to DHS and/or the committee.

6. Election of new Chair person to the committee

Election of a new chair person was accepted by the present members. However it was agreed that since not all members are present, voting will be done by email.

**At this time I am requesting from all members including DHS staff to submit a name of a current community member recommended for the chair position. Please send your message back to Oscar Herrera with copy to Angelica Quintero. Please submit your chosen name by the end of November.**

A Chair person serves to make recommendations to DHS regarding the services to families that are staffed. The Chair represents the voice of the members of the committee that in place represent the refugee communities.

7. Continued recruitment of new members

The committee was reminded that we have open memberships for at least 3 refugee community representatives. Applications can be requested with the DHS liaison.

Danita Huynh has someone in mind for possible representation of the Russian Refugee community.

8. Add ons : JD requested a possible case staffing which will be set up as information is received.

Adjourned

Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2013.