

**Level of Care Workgroup  
Meeting Agenda  
February 18, 2014  
10:00 - 12:00**

**Discussion:**

1. Additions/changes to LOC tool
  - a. we have improved the definitions and discussed adding boxes to the front page to include:
    - i. initial
    - ii. reassessment (minimum of every 6 months)
    - iii. change of child circumstance
    - iv. permanency plan change
    - v. request of foster parent
    - vi. request of agency
2. Linking SDM/CANS/NCR - recommendations to move this forward
3. Respite Definition -
  - a. Development of a respite care plan is the joint responsibility of DHHS/Agency Supported Foster Care provider and the foster parents. Respite is included in the supportive payment paid to the agency or the foster parent payment in cases where foster parents are supported by DHHS. Any costs associated with the respite care plan would be the responsibility of the agency or DHHS.
4. Communication Plan - DHHS work with NFC and probation to come up with a plan
5. Training and Quality Assurance Plan - Review Director Pristow's plan, recommendations of first committee, discuss

**Recommendations to Rate Committee:**

1. DHHS implement LOC tool with changes effective July 1, 2014
2. DHHS implement parenting levels (essential, enhanced, intensive) and corresponding rates effective July 1, 2014:

<b>Age</b>	<b>Essential Parenting</b>	<b>Enhanced Parenting</b>	<b>Intensive Parenting</b>
0-5	\$ 20.00	\$27.50	\$35.00
6-11	\$ 23.00	\$30.50	\$38.00
12-18	\$ 25.00	\$32.50	\$40.00

3. DHHS implement Pre-Assessment Rates effective July 1, 2014:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Daily</u>
<u>0-5</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
<u>6-11</u>	<u>\$ 28.00</u>
<u>12-18</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>

4. DHHS work to link the SDM to the CANS to the LOC tool
5. DHHS adopt a respite definition as defined above