

QPI-C FOSTER CHILD TASK FORCE

MINUTES 2/2/16 MEETING/3A JEH

Attendees –Faustina Camargo, Judy L. Hunter, Melanie Zabukovec, Linda Danzy, Yvonne Billingsley, Du’juana George, and Jeffrey Mays (new member)

Minutes from our initial meeting were read individually and were accepted.

There was no set agenda

-had a very rich discussion about the message that is sent with the term “foster child”

-discussed that children in care do not want to be treated different

-discussed how do we change the culture of the agency with regard to the term: “foster child”

Decision to change the name of the committee to the NORMALCY TASK FORCE.

“IT STARTS WITH US” (slogan)

GOALS

- 1) CHILDREN/YOUTH IN OUT OF HOME CARE SHOULD BE TREATED AS PART OF THE FAMILY
- 2) CHANGE THE CULTURE OF THE TEAM

STRATEGIES

- 1) NOT A FOSTER CHILD CAMPAIGN
- 2) TRAIN STAFF AND FOSTER PARENTS ON NORMALCY

RECOMMENDATIONS

Create a campaign to change the mindset of Staff and Caregivers that children/youth in out of home care should be treated as part of the family.

- 1) Article in News Notes on why this issue is important
- 2) Put a proposal in writing for:
 - a) a kick-off in the atrium
 - b) training of agency staff and foster parents
 - c) placing flyers in bathrooms, cafeteria, elevators etc.
 - d) adding information on Normalcy to the QPI-C website

TASKS/ ASSIGNMENTS

Yvonne will check on the Normalcy training

Judy, Melanie, Mr. Mays will work on flyers

Faustina and Du'Juana will work on News Notes contact and input from the teens on the committee

Committee should be thinking about script for unified message.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Jane Edna Hunter Building, 3955 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115 – Conference Room 3-A**