

Verbatim Excerpt from 7/7 meeting regarding your statement about the Statewide Provider meeting notice. Elizabeth Cannata is asking for something that will give her an idea of what the provider meeting will be about.

NOTICE of provider meeting:

On July 22 there is a Statewide Provider meeting convened at CCSU @ 1pm – 4pm

It is a follow-up to the meeting we had in January (2014). We call it the snow storm meeting.

We had a good size snow fall that day but we convened at CCSU. It is usually about 2 or three hours.

The Commissioner and her team present on various areas that move in the department related to our procurement and social service development.

This will be a follow-up in terms of where the department is going in terms of our community based service needs and a good component of that meeting will also be talking about culturally competent service provision. That will be one of the elements specifically at that days meeting.

Our intent is to ensure we are having on-going dialog and communication with providers. Obviously, there are in particular folks that the Commissioner has – we've adopted- the booking part of it that we have to have a service array that supports that and this is a continuation of those discussions to ensure that we are all moving forward and that we are clear in terms of what our service system and array needs to look like in order to support where the department is going. And certainly cultural competency and serving our diverse families is critical to that. Part of what I will do at the meeting is also share some data and several may have seen the Pathway data that has been shared in terms of the entry of kids into the department. About thirty four percent of children in CT are Hispanic and African American yet 50% of our referrals ... department are Hispanic and African American kids. So right there we see some disparity and then thereafter on the substantiation rate is about 50, 52%,54% of African Americans, Hispanic kids and then kids who actually have an open case %

So again clear disproportionality but that also speaks what the service array needs to look like.

I'm introducing more **KEN** arrangements—that is a different service system.

We want to make sure that folks are aware of this and that we all are on the same page about developing a system that meets folks needs.

?the service delivery structure that now exists...

I will be addressing about – the understanding is that if our outcomes are not as ... for example- a clear example of that is: the number of kids **who end up in proportionality**- the number of kids who end up in residential- that is in effect to me is ----- a factor or disparity. And also in terms of the rate- when you are talking about disproportionality and disparity indexes, the likelihood of coming into care or the likelihood of ending up in those -----, that is the kind of intrigent to this - with the disproportionality we also need to be addressing the potential disparity in terms of our outcomes. But I think this speaks to how we are looking at our data and our information. We have adopted results based accountability as one of our frameworks and we end with “is anybody better off?” My retort to that is, “who is better off?”. We cannot simply say is anybody better off, we need to get into the brass tacks of “who is better off?”. If we are seeing that males aren’t faring as well then we need to address it. If we are finding that the children of color are not faring as well, we to address it. So it is not simply having a high level population- we need to make sure everybody is equally better off. That is just a preview of what is coming on the 22nd and I wanted to make sure everyone was aware of it and has opportunity to attend.