Attached are the minutes that I took during the call on September 12, 2019.

The minutes and all the attached documents can also be found in the Google Drive. Since our call DHHS has launched the Dashboard which Amy spoke to us about. In addition, there is the Vision Document for Maine Children’s Behavioral Health and the recently released document which outlines the Vision for the Office of Children and Family Services.

The Key points from the call are summarized below:

In regards to the Comprehensive Programs:

Continue to meet in order to address the issues of the Comprehensive programs. Information to caseworkers and resource parents about the importance of Comprehensive visits. Programs should get monthly lists from the DHHS offices of the children who have come into care. Programs need to receive referrals from DHHS offices quickly. Programs need the claims forms quickly. Programs need the legal paperwork. Goal: appointment to see in 30 days. Goal: send out report in 21 days. Report should go to PCP, caseworker, GAL, and resource parent. Communication between programs and PCP- so work is not duplicated, recommendations are followed through. Rescheduling until each child has appointment. Follow up- discuss what this should look like- visit vs call.

Other topics to be addressed:

Children and Families substance affected(not necessarily in foster care)- how best to serve the family, what helps families succeed.

Mental health services for kids in care- start as soon as in custody, don’t wait for CHA.

Things we did not talk about this call but need to be addressed: PCP for all kids. Communication with PCP office and updates when children are moved. Lab testing. Immunizations.

I look forward to our next meeting on October 10. I will be in the Augusta area that day, so I will make the call from AAP office. Please join in person or on the phone. Looking ahead, please plan to meet on November 14, also in Manchester.