



# **Credentialed Provider Meeting**

## **Welcome & Introductions**

# Agenda

- Department Updates
- Overview Racial Justice Initiatives
- Provider Opportunities:
  - Myths of State Procurement
  - Racial Justice Institute
  - CLAS Plan (Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services)
  - RJ Systems Sub-Committee

# Department Update

- New Contracts Regional Support Staff
  - Nathalie Inho Grants & Contracts Specialist Region 6
  - Daisy Lucero Financial Clerk Region 1
  - Annette Holloway Financial Clerk Region 2
  - Christine Pires Financial Clerk Region 5
  - Rayvonne Johnson Financial Clerk Region 6
- Day Care Invoicing
- Interpreter/Translator Invoicing

# Fiscal/Contract Management Division Racial Justice Initiatives

Goal: Efforts to Level the Playing Field

Increase the capacity of small, community based, primarily minority led agencies to successfully compete for, and meet the requirements of State and Federal grants.

# Fiscal/Contract Management Division Racial Justice Initiatives

The Division's three main areas of focus for Racial Justice Change Initiative are:

- ▶ Developing State Procurement Training with intentional marketing toward minority owned/lead agencies.
- ▶ Extend Culturally & Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) opportunity to the DCF Credentialed Network.
- ▶ Continue to develop RFP scoring mechanism that allows for small community based agencies to be competitive in the procurement process.

## Myths of State Procurement

- ▶ To help participants better understand the state procurement process.
- ▶ To equip participants with the necessary tools to prepare competitive RFP responses.
- ▶ To increase the confidence of participants of the RFP process.

# Myths of State Procurement

- ▶ Training effort being led by Program Director Susan Cunningham
- ▶ Will offer trainings in each DCF Region Co-led by Region System Program Director Question: what time would be most convenient?
- ▶ Topics Covered:
  - Overview of the RFP Process
  - Understanding State Procurement
  - Understanding the State RFP Template
  - Group Exercise - Scoring a Proposal
  - Resource Materials

# Racial Justice Institute

## Urban Community Alliance

The Racial Justice Institute will lead the advancement of DCF's racial justice mandate by creating opportunities for training and support to community providers to sustain equity in the delivery of services to children and families throughout the state.



# Racial Justice Institute

- ▶ Establish RJI Advisory Board
  - Members will include 3 DCF Staff, 1 community provider from each region and 1 person with lived experience from each region.
- ▶ Establish RJI Focus Groups.
- ▶ Organize quarterly learning collaboratives for audience of community and contracted providers.
- ▶ Deliver DCF Antiracist Framework Training for community and contracted providers.

## CLAS Plan (Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services)

The National CLAS Standards are a set of 15 action steps intended to advance health equity, improve quality, and help eliminate health care disparities by providing a blueprint for individuals and health and health care organizations to implement culturally and linguistically appropriate services.

Provide effective, equitable, understandable, and respectful quality care and services that are responsive to diverse cultural health beliefs and practices, preferred languages, health literacy, and other communication needs.

## RJ Systems Sub-Committee

Continue to develop RFP scoring mechanism that allows for small community based agencies to be competitive in the procurement process.

Current sub-committee members include DCF CO and AO staff from different divisions, community members and contracted providers.

Recently added RJI leadership and are looking to add members from the Credentialed network.

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Questions?

