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In accordance with requirements of the Modified Settlement Agreement. Section VI.E.7 (pp. 16-17) states that by September 30, 2011, 95% of POS workers shall have a caseload of no more than 90 children. In addition, foster care workers that monitor private agency cases (also known as POS monitors) shall no longer conduct the following activities:

1. Review and approve assessments and case plans;
2. Attend court hearings unless ordered to do so by the court;
3. Enter social work contacts into SWSS-FAJ;
4. Attend quarterly visits with child placing agencies;
5. Attend permanency planning conferences.

DHS directors must convene a meeting with local court jurists no later than October 15, 2011. The meeting should be a collaboration between DHS and PAFC executive management to engage jurists in open dialog about the changing role of POS monitoring and the effects on DHS participation at PAFC supervised case hearings. Attached you will find a list of talking points and a table showing a summary of POS monitor activities to help communicate these changes. CWFOA will be contacting DHS county directors the week of October 18th to gather feedback on the results of your meetings.

A workgroup has been convened to develop the POS monitoring model as required by the MSA. This workgroup will be seeking input from local offices, private agencies, and courts to develop a model which meets the needs of all the parties involved. Ongoing communication will follow regarding the new monitoring model as we move forward. Questions and concerns regarding the changes to the positions of foster care workers that monitor PAFC cases should be directed to your assigned Child Welfare Field Operations analyst for DHS local offices or Child Welfare Contract Compliance for PAFCs.

Attachments: Talking Points
Responsibilities Overview
PAFC Contact List

