

Chat from July 6, 2020 Community Forum

From	Comment/Question
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	From Answer #6. "Seneca will provide 2 foster homes, 6 ITFC, 4 EITFC." Will Seneca only provide these if they get paid for a Welcoming Center too?
From Julie	What is ITFC and EITFC?
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	intensive treatment foster care I think. higher level foster homes
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	e = enhanced (itfc) even higher level
From Julie	So the 2 homes are the duplex that is on Hawthorne Way. The Seneca main office faces First St.
From Julie	EITFC is for the teens that have had problems with not following rules and being violent?
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	Descriptions- Intensive Treatment Foster Care (ITFC) and Enhanced Intensive Treatment Foster Care (E-ITFC) which is a higher level of care.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	From answer 12. "We need to identify a new building to keep in-house." How much does the WC cost? If a building is all we need, can we just rent Seneca's building?
From Teresa McCollough	That was not a community forum on June 22nd. That was a city council meeting with a proposal on the table. This is actually the FIRST community meeting. There was no invitation to the neighborhood until we demanded one
From timothyclauson	The fact that the Vendome and Hensley residents were left in the dark on this until it leaked out is alarming. When will proper notification for all residents be conducted?
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	In answering the first question- Seneca would have a Welcoming Center and ITFCS and E-ITFCS and no they don't need to get paid for the welcoming Center for these other placement types.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	From A7 "facility is larger." What is the square footage of 485 1st st. v. Keiki? How many rooms? How will the children be separated? When can we get the video and blueprints?
From Judith Hurley	Teresa is exactly right. I heard about a meeting on Next Door, got hold of the agenda with the help of the Vendome Neighborhood Association, asked for the item to be pulled (it was delayed by Supervisor Cortese in any case) and got a link to the meeting from his office. There was no public notice whatsoever. So this is the first community meeting, and even this meeting has not been clearly noticed as such.
From Julie	Why did the RAIC on Enborg close last December? wasn't there an incident that happened at that location?

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From Shante Henderson	Does the presentation today include Senecas 2-part video of the Welcoming center? (question 19) If not, can you please provide a link?
From timothyclauson	https://www.sanjoseinside.com/news/with-troubled-foster-care-intake-center-now-closed-santa-clara-county-considers-alternatives/
From Daniel Little	You are both correct in that we haven" held a meeting specifically for neighborhood stakeholders. We have had several meetings with other stakeholders, including one on June 22nd. We're working to schedule a sessions specifically for neighbors.
From Julie	WE have already been experiencing difficulties with Seneca being in our neighborhood.
From timothyclauson	his is a Single Family Residential neighborhood and placing something that was closed in our neighborhood is alarming to many
From Julie	Seneca is not responsive to the neighbors. They do not have a good relationship with the Vendome neighborhood.
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	The RAIC closed as part of moving away from residential congregate care and the fact that this facility did not best meet the needs of both children and the staff caring for children.
From Judith Hurley	Sounds like sloppy seconds to me. All that planning and not a single word to the neighbors until we started becoming annoying.
From Teresa McCollough	What do you mean that the neighborhood concerns will be addressed in a separate forum? This forum was supposed to be the initial point at which the neighborhood aired their concerns. We have already seen this presentation at the city council meeting. You are just re-presenting. This is simply grand standing so that you can use this supposed neighborhood forum as another opportunity to build your case for child care. Everyone here cares about children. We are here to talk about the actual details of the plan, and how it affects the neighborhood.
From timothyclauson	https://www.latimes.com/local/countygovernment/la-me-foster-care-last-resort-20160301-story.html The LA County Closure in 2016 is another indicator as to what could result in our neighborhood if this is approved.
From Julie	We have already had foster youth placed at this duplex and it has NOT been a good experience. Lot's of partying, loud music, a person with a knife sitting out on the curb. Always need to be on alert and watchful with what is happening across the street. It's exhausting
From timothyclauson	You can" hold a forum like todays without proper notification Many of our neighbors do not have Zoom technology and or access to iPhones to be able to engage and express their concerns.
From Shante Henderson	Wow. Thanks for the link Timothyclauson

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From Teresa McCollough	Exactly how would Seneca "support" those children? How exactly are you coordinating care? What are you doing about parking? What will you do about oversight? What will you do about the problems that already exist at the 32 Hawthorne house?
From Julie	The county has a new building at julian street. that can be a welcome center.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	from Answer 53. "Stakeholder process...difficult due to procurement process." Didn" you skip the procurement process and went single source?
From Julie	plenty of open space not being used.
From Judith Hurley	They went single source and tried to slip it through on the consent calendar.
From Tod Williams	It seems like Seneca is being talked about as a "done deal" and its my understanding that it was actually up for a vote with the County (which was postponed)? I think the neighborhood wants to be involved from the beginning; not an afterthought.....
From Steve Baron	Who specifically is responsible for monitoring Seneca's performance at the welcoming center, and how will it be monitored?
From timothyclauson	The current interaction with the director of Seneca has been poor at best. Her inability to work with the neighborhood in dealing with the problems that have continued to happen over the last year that I am aware of is frightening.
From Beatrice	This wrap stuff has not been working for our children for years. It is not mental health, it is just stabilizing the children in the resource home!
From Vanessa Payne	From Answer # 1, Seneca is mentioned as uniquely qualified to understand and respond to the needs of children's trauma based on their contract for AAP wraparound. Does AAP stand for adoption assistance payment?
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	So if Seneca ends up warehousing children like the county did on Enborg, which CBO would take over? What are "all available options to ensure continuity of care?"
From Teresa McCollough	I agree. This is a single-family neighborhood already on the edge of a fragile area. So far, Seneca is not even responsive to the ways in which your employees repeatedly park in front of houses, leave their trash on our lawns, or ignore reports of homeless encampments in your parking lot, loose dogs in your residences that attack neighbors, or other issues. Where is the accountability?
From Vanessa Payne	From Answer # 3, 4, 5, when you indicate that the homes will be provided by the FFA operated by the Contractor, does this mean all of the placements options presented as part of the welcome center are provided by Seneca?
From Vanessa Payne	From Answer # 6, the question about concurrency was not answered. Do any of the placement options listed as part of the Welcome Center offer concurrency? Also, lengths of stay are anticipated averages and children may stay longer. What will be the process for a foster child to stay longer in one of these placements?

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From Daniel Little	Monitoring of outcomes will occur through a collaborative effort with DFCS, SSA, and Behavioral Health. We are also working with an outside agency to develop an evaluation plan.
From Julie	What do codes 7154 and 5069 mean?
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	When was the decision made to contract with Seneca? When was the idea developed? Why weren" stakeholders consulted? Why would you have meetings after the contract was to be approved? If Supervisor Chavez did not direct you to have stakeholder meetings would you have?
From Teresa McCollough	Will you have a clinic on site? How many staff members will work at the Seneca location on First Street. You already tripled your workforce at this site without any concern for the impact on the neighborhood
From Debra Spencer	They've selected and planned this project and are ready to implement?? Having neighborhood meetings is a farce!! It's called "neighborhood calming"
From Daniel Little	Vanessa- we would still have access to the full continuum of placement options that are currently available. The continuum will add further treatment level options.
From Julie	what does the union think about losing these jobs?
From Pam Kenyon	Will the Contractor be able to refuse admittance of any youth e.g. due to child's acting out behaviors, including, but not limited to, sexual and physical aggression and/or recent property damage? If so what happens then?
From Daniel Little	Julie- nobody at DFCS is losing their jobs
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	Why is a county welcoming center not feasible when Seneca will also not be licensed? Can" you just remove the beds from Keiki?
From Julie	So the Social Workers and clerical at the Keike will be working at Seneca?
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	Can we get comparison stats of county DFCS employees? Please include and compare employees who have worked w/ Seneca for over 10, 20, and 30 years.
From Daniel Little	Maggie- Keiki location does not have the room to adequately separate youth and is not in an ideal location. The state has already determined that any program used at Keiki would fall under a licensure requirement, which they won" grant for that site.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	what if you remove the beds?
From Daniel Little	Julie- DFCS staff will continue to work for DFCS
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	Why are you placing the contract on consent again when President Chavez directed the department not to put such an important community issue on the consent calendar? Why are you not allowing any discussion or input by the board? If all the questions from today's and the 7/17 stakeholder meeting are unanswered will you hold off on the contract until all the questions are answered with a well-thought out plan before moving forward on such an expensive and drastic change?

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From Julie	The duplex that Seneca has and the other building do not have adequate room to separate youth and is also not an ideal location
From Daniel Little	Maggie- it's the actual setup of the space. we've also heard the numerous concerns of that site and only used it to provide a means to separate younger children while we were still operating the RAIC.
From Teresa McCollough	Please stop patronizing us with your history and concern for social welfare. Do you not believe we are also concerned for the support of kids and families? We are here to talk about EXACTLY what your plan is for the increased problems that will affect our neighborhood. I don" see any details about how you will address the issues that we have raised - increased workforce, parking, at-risk youth with myriad problems and all that brings to our neighborhood. Duplex apartment??
From Michael Jenkins	Could the King Road site be used? There is so much more space including parking.
From Michael Hurley	How can the county contract out a multimillion arrangement without eliminating a single county position?
From Julie	That is a lie
From Teresa McCollough	Exactly how many staff do you currently have working at the site and exactly how many will you reduce it by?
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	Pam- children would not be refused care.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	what if there are more than 6 kids
From Michael Jenkins	Is the 2 duplexes upstairs going to be licensed?
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	what if they break their promise and refuse care
From Julie	Seneca said this before and they have put more than 1 child or teen in each side of the duplex. Currently there is 3 girls and 2 men and one woman in the duplex and a dog outside that barks all night.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	from answer 29. "Initial focus of the CoC is to drastically increase the quantity of homes." Has that goal been met? Is that why you've moved on to the bedless RAIC?
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	Michael- the care at the duplexes would be proposed Transitional Foster Home placements and would be licensed.
From Teresa McCollough	We are not interested in how may foster homes and programs you run in the state. We care about this particular neighborhood. You are giving a "market pitch" to this forum. This is inappropriate.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	please cut down unrelated presentation and get to answering questions

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From Julie	Seneca does not tell us the truth of how they use this bldg. and duplex. And they have no parking at these locations.
From Shante Henderson	This all looks good on paper but its not black and white like this. This is the best case senario. Seneca's staff retention is very concerning. What is the percentage of our foster youth are African American and how do you intend on meeting the needs of these children?
From Steve Baron	Who specifically will be responsible for monitoring Seneca's performance at the Center and how will that be done.
From Daniel Little	Maggie- these initial contracts would be the first step to increase the quantity of treatment level foster homes. We also have a few county homes who have agreed to be part of a pilot to explore working with higher level children. The next steps would include working with other providers to also build out their higher level foster homes.
From Vanessa Payne	From Answer # 17, this question contradicts what DFCS has said is the intention of the Welcome Center, to provide care for highly acute children/youth until a placement can be identified. Will infants, toddlers, children, and youth who do not have highly acute needs, be at Seneca Welcome Center?
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	from answer 1 "Goal...for the child to experience care that is trauma-informed, culturally competent, and individualized." Is that currently not the case? DFCS is not trauma informed or culturally competent? Does Seneca have special training?
From Debra Spencer	Why has District3 become ground zero for all if Santa County for social needs I e., welcoming centers, permanent supportive housing???? surely other sites are available. My guess it's because they're betting other Council Members and their voters would pushback.
From Teresa McCollough	I am not interested in hearing your "Healing Trauma' thesis that you developed to present to families and other agencies. This was supposed to be a neighborhood meeting. I don" appreciate being read to by Leticia Galyean. Please stop this.
From Daniel Little	Vanessa- we have the opportunity to have low-acuity children, especially those with identified placements, supervised by DFCS staff at Julian.
From Julie	Seneca you have not been overseeing the duplex. You have not been doing what you say you are doing. Leticia you are not here at night.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	from answer 7 "embedded clinicians." What are their qualifications? Exhibit E of contract only has intake officers (min. Requirement isp Bachelors and 2 years of work experience) and welcoming counselors (no degree 1 year of experience) and a 60% FTE RN.
From Teresa McCollough	You are not answering our questions. Really-PLEASE STOP THIS ELEVATOR SPEECH!
From Debra Spencer	@ Leticia - exactly well said! patronizing

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From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	Maggie- Part of the CoC is increasing types and placement options and level of care and support. We have increased slightly for placements able to support more acute needs for children and working on proving a better description of increased numbers to date and what is planned.
From Julie	I'm glazed over with this presentation
From Tod Williams	Not sure this is the appropriate location for this type of program. Since its just in the planning stages, what other sites are under consideration?
From Ms. Neely	this canned speech needs to go. we sre all capable of reading her slides. she needs to stop talking.
From Pam Kenyon	I agree with Teresa's comment. As a foster parent, I am thoughtful and sensitive in my care for children. I would take more specific trainings in order to improve my abilities to care for children with specific needs.
From Teresa McCollough	Highly skilled how? How many staff will be working at Seneca on First?
From Judith Hurley	I understand the need for special care for foster families and families in crisis. I don" have to be convinced. But I'm not convinced your program belongs in our neighborhood. I live across the street from 32 Hawthorne Way. The police have been there twice in the last two months. On mother's day, the family in residence held a fairly large gathering. I supposed a lot of people did that, but the family in residence at Seneca is a guest in my neighborhood, and should have observed the protocols of Shelter in Place. The main issue about that is that there was nobody at Seneca who noticed or cared. There is simply no oversight. Emails to the administration are not answered. That along with the facts that Seneca made no effort to contact the neighbors about this proposal, and is now wasting our time by reading us slides that do nothing to address our concerns only turns up the volume on the concern I have that Seneca could not care less what happens around here.
From Michael Hurley	So far, just filling up time with NO apparent concern about neighborhood impact.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	A 26. "Continues active recruitment for RFA homes." Why has this not been the focus instead of wasting your time recreating a RAIC w/ no beds?
From Debra Spencer	oops, I meant well done Theresa. I'm struggling on a cellphone. sorry
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	Steve- monitoring the contract will be DFCS, Behavioral Health and bringing in an outside evaluator to evaluate these changes and help inform any additional next steps. There will be onsite evaluation and regular reviews.

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From Pam Kenyon	Why not bring Seneca clinicians to a county site such as Keiki instead of putting DFCS placement at Seneca? What is the benefit?
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	A 41. "feed back from youth that children need to be moved into home based environment and not congregate care...increased staffing for children" How is this addressed by the WC?
From Judith Hurley	Y'all have a captive audience because there's no way to interrupt this nonsense, but you're not assuaging anyone's concerns in any way.
From Daniel Little	Maggie- we have been actively recruiting homes and we have to create a RAIC w/no beds as this is required per the state. The facility on Enborg was only licensed for a few years with the understanding we would build something different.
From Teresa McCollough	@judith - agreed. This is really insulting and is not achieving the outcome I assume you want, which is buy-in from the neighborhood. Do you not value our time?
From Tod Williams	Again, sounds like a "done deal" before any community specific meetings?
From Vanessa Payne	question 20 indicates DFCS staff will be intake officers, counselors and clinicians. Per other documents provided to the Board of Supervisors, these positions are listed as Seneca staff. Can you please clarify?
From Ms. Neely	Im very disappointed in this presentation which is clearly a way to eat up time rather than address concerns.
From timothyclauson	I couldn" agree more with Teresa McCollough regarding this pitch. The fact that Seneca has been a bad neighbor that this proposed site change to a Welcoming Center without proper notification and only now due to the push back by the neighborhoods
From Pam Kenyon	Dan, can you explain the recruiting of homes? I've seen lots of ads lately for CASA, but nothing for homes.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	A 54. "We have several children still stuck in our current system at scattered sites, and we continue to operate unlicensed placements. We need the capacity..." How will the WC change the situation? Won" those children at the scattered sites just be placed in temporary 30 & 60 day "transitional foster homes? Why aren" they placed there now? Seneca will also be unlicensed so what's the difference? Again, how will the WC increase non-congregate capacity?

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From Daniel Little	Vanessa- good catch that's a mistype. Seneca's welcoming center team is made up of intake officers, counselors and clinicians.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	A. 20. What are the credentials of the "clinician" and "mental health counselor?" It is not listed in the contract. Pg. 72 of the contract states "The Welcoming Center will serve to replace the RAIC as the receiving and assessment center. The center will be operational for 24-hours a day, 7-days a week and will provide initial assessment, treatment planning, culturally- and trauma-informed mental health supportive services, and emergency placement support. There will be staff available 24/7 who will be specially-trained bachelor's level counselors who attend to each child's physical, emotional, and mental health needs, including crisis de-escalation interventions as needed." The clinical component you say that the county doesn't have is also not in the contract.
From Ms. Neely	how many children will seneca take at a time?
From Shante Henderson	Thanks for sharing Judith Hurley. Who oversees Seneca?
From Teresa McCollough	@Ms. Neely - agreed. This must be nice for all of you to practice your mission statement before a captive audience. This is absolutely outrageous. You should be ashamed.
From Tod Williams	Why are the specifics of the welcoming center being presented if this is not approved and community outreach is scheduled for the future?
From Julie	Did you just clear out this building?
From Ms. Neely	Is there a max # of children that can be admitted at a time?
From Teresa McCollough	Again, another one of your staff reading her speech. Unbelievable.
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	We hear the concerns for the neighborhood and those that live near the Seneca office and will make note of those concerns that need to be addressed.
From Steve Baron	Thank you, Dan
From Michael Hurley	Most of us can read. Why not simply post a PDF of all the filler material being read to us, and say SOMETHING about neighborhood impact?
From Ms. Neely	wendy, when will that be?
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	instead of "make note" can you actually address the concerns
From Julie	what is a small sibling group?

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From timothyclauson	I believe that as Tod Williams stated, They are speaking as if this is a done deal. With no concern to the neighborhood.
From Teresa McCollough	Make note of those concerns??? This forum was intended to be an opportunity for COMMUNICATION which is a two-way street. All that you are doing is talking AT us. We are so tired of this lack of engagement by Seneca.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	A 60. If contractors have the "same level of clinical supervision as required for the county clinicians," why not just use county clinicians?
From Tod Williams	Sounds like its further along than just in the planning stages?
From Daniel Little	Pam- We have some recruitment activities that appear on busses and did have some recent tv spots. Our Family Support Bureau is continually looking for new methods to recruit homes. I also know our Foster Care agency partners also have their own foster parent recruitment strategies.
From Vanessa Payne	For next q&a that goes out, please consider spelling out acronyms as some may not be familiar with these. Thxs!
From Shannon A	what happens when we get Larger sibling groups?
From Daniel Little	Thanks Vanessa that's a good suggestion
From Ms. Neely	maybe we need a neighborhood meeting to address our concerns and answer our questions. I am a huge champion for youth. Im a teacher and you are losing my support by the second
From Daniel Little	Shannon- we would utilize the same process we do currently.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	how can use the same process if you're getting rid of scattered sites
From Daniel Little	Ms. Neely- absolutely we're going to schedule a meeting specifically for neighborhood stakeholders.
From Pam Kenyon	Dan-thank you for the answer. I personally haven't seen anything. Maybe if current foster parents had more in put and support, we would be implicit and/or overt recruiters.
From Ms. Neely	daniel ,when will that be?
From timothyclauson	I think the Vendome and Hensley neighborhoods need to have our own meeting ASAP. This appears it's a done deal.
From Steve Baron	If all beds are filled at the house are filled, where will children needing a bed for the night be placed .

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From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	A. 73 "Overstays will be reduced through the build out of additional resources and placement options in the continuum aimed at supporting more acute behaviors and needs." So the WC will not lower the number of overstays but additional placement options will? Again, why aren" additional placements the focus? If WC doesn" save money or lower overstays, what is the point? Can" BH "expedite clinical engagement...and stabilize children?"
From Daniel Little	Maggie- scattered sites will remain until the capacity of the continuum is built. These sites will continue to be staffed by DFCS staff.
From Julie	So is this a done deal? I'm confused. Can someone from the county answer this question?
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	@julie its going to the board on July 21
From Teresa McCollough	Daniel Little - this is not what this meeting was supposed to be. We are reaching out right now. Please hear us.
From Daniel Little	Steve- we will continue to utilize our scattered sites until we have the capacity built across the full continuum.
From Tod Williams	I am so confused. The neighborhood was told that the actual community outreach would be at a later date. The program doesn't sound preliminary at all.....
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	The children in scattered sites would be moved to placements that can meet their needs which is the reason to increase different types of placement options with additional support. Additional homes include both in this continuum with our contracted providers and Resource Family Approved Homes through the County.
From Ms. Neely	What was the point of this meeting?
From Teresa McCollough	We are trying to reach you directly right now. This is very frustrating that you are not making it possible for the community to raise our concerns.
From Julie	That is not what I asked....I asked if DFCS approves it
From Judith Hurley	Hi Ms. Wayne, I might have more confidence in all of this if you had simply responded to my email about 32 Hawthorne.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	we can ask the board to reject it

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From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	our elected officials make the decision
From Julie	Yes, let's put something together to the BOS
From Vanessa Payne	Is there a max # of kids allowed in each of the placement options provided by Seneca? What are we doing to ensure family sibling sets are placed together?
From Ms. Neely	how many kids can be at seneca ar one time??
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	Maggie- would like to hear more about expediting Mental Health assessments both expedited assessments and increased supports is what is being increased in this continuum.
From Michael Hurley	The fact that this was put on the consent calendar before adequate notice and input is a very strong indication that this is a done deal. Approval on a consent calendar means that Board approval amounts to nothing more than a rubber stamp. SOP for all levels of local governments.
From Shante Henderson	Thanks for your question Vanessa, that is my concern as well.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	How many scattered sites do we currently have?
From Teresa McCollough	That budget is \$4million. Please break it down for us
From Robyn	Does the start up staff live in SCC?
From timothyclauson	There should have been a study to gain an inside on the views of the residents prior to putting so much energy into this which could have helped by being PROACTIVE instead of being reactive if you really care about our concerns.
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	Vanessa - the higher levels of care intensive foster care and enhanced foster care are for 1-2 children to meet their individual needs but the process needs to allow for siblings to stay together if that is in their best interest.
From Tod Williams	How could this be "before the board" with no community outreach?
From Teresa McCollough	These were supposed to be the neighborhood meetings!
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	When and how do you plan on "building out" the piece of the CoC that the board requested back in November, high acuity permanency placements? Why isn" that a focus? Why are you building the "placement of last resort" but not the permanency centered family setting placements?
From Ms. Neely	How can we be sure that Seneca will be transparent with this community? I dont feel like they have ever been honest with their neighbors.

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From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	A neighborhood date has not yet been selected but is planned to set up this week. Jamila Hankins Acting Asst Director is working on this with Seneca.
From timothyclauson	Vendome and Hensley would need flyers passed out at least two weeks prior.
From Julie	Preferably before the 21st? Seneca should have done this a LONG time ago.
From Tod Williams	The neighborhood is being brought in after all the planning has happened and right before the vote?
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	Flyers and lack of technology is noted for the neighborhood.
From Ms. Neely	# of kids permitted at one time in the facility??
From timothyclauson	Its being RUSHED
From Vanessa Payne	Can you share more about Seneca's Unconditional Care model?
From Julie	This should be pulled from the 7/21 BOS agenda
From timothyclauson	ANYTIME THINGS GET RUSHED THERE SEEMS TO BE A REASON!
From Daniel Little	Vanessa- max # of children for the actual placement sites is the same as our current treatment level foster homes. Typically these are for one child at a time to provide high level care. This would be similar to professional parent homes.
From Judith Hurley	The last meeting wasn" advertised to the neighborhoods.
From Teresa McCollough	It was my understanding that these two community forums (today and the 14th) were supposed to be for the neighbors could speak. Also, we were told that questions raised at the 22nd would be reslved. They have not
From Julie	Vendome needs to provide out input to the BOS to pull it for 7/21 agenda
From timothyclauson	But the last meeting was to have a vote I was told...
From Teresa McCollough	@Julie. Agreed.
From timothyclauson	I agree with Julie
From Michael Hurley	I agree with Julie.
From Julie	Yes Teresa, let's write something up and provide to BOS president Cindy Chavez
From iPhone	There has been a lot of talk about youth and mental health, I have not heard how our Regional Center children and their special needs are going to be addressed?

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From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	Just want to clarify only DIY on probation will be at the WC but not youth on probation that are not involved in DFCS?
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	Maggie- We currently have 3 temporary scattered sites through the end of July and 4 additional scattered sites on a longer lease. 2 of these scattered sites have professional parents carrying for children and the others have DFCS staff carrying for children.
From timothyclauson	Dumping this on the Vendome residents a few days before a holiday weekend and then a 6th of July meeting when many are away for the holiday is RUSHING.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	is it one child per site?
From Tod Williams	We would need time after any (last minute) community meetings to disseminate the information to our neighborhood and make decisions the project.
From Rocio Abundis to Nora Willis(Privately)	There are som participants that don't have their full names in the chat box. Julie has provided a lot of feedback but I have no idea who she is. Can you ask her to add her last name? And there are others
From Julie	How does the Probation dept fit into this program?
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	Maggie- most of the sties are one child per site.
From iPhone	I am concerned about the lack of accountability in the past, how is the safety and appropriate care of our children going to be monitored?
From Judith Hurley	My question is - Why should we believe anything Seneca says about this project when they have shown themselves to be bad neighbors. They have been indifferent to neighborhood concerns in general, and specifically failed to respond to queries about the issues at 32 Hawthorne, which is the one residential program they already have?
From Julie	Will police be dropping kids off at this Welcome Center? Probation officers be checking on teens brought to this welcome center?
From Julie	Will county ee's be working at this Seneca Welcome center to place kids?
From timothyclauson	Why the previous Welcoming Center closed? What negate affects did they have on the community around that center? Police action? Violence to local residents?

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From Michael Hurley	Police have often showed up at 32 Hawthorne.
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	Maggie- for the Welcoming Center- either probation or DFCS could have a youth at that site. AND we would also want to be mindful of who is on site. We would continue to want to make sure that we do not have older children and younger children who have different needs that must be met which is one of the underlying changes we want.
From Julie	Will there be any of the teens that have issues and cannot be placed in foster homes reside in the duplex?
From Teresa McCollough	@Ken Berrick - I don" see your coordination with the neighborhood or the community in this forum. I hear you talking at us. That is all.
From Shannon A	ok so Seneca is looking for placement options for large sibling groups? there is no absolute solution?
From Daniel Little	Julie- the Welcoming Center is not a placement so no child will reside there. this is not a shelter replacement.
From Michael Hurley	I agree with Teresa.
From Julie	What is the # of youths received daily? weekly? Monthly? numbers please
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	so solely probation kids outside foster care will be in the welcoming center with foster children
From Daniel Little	Shannon- DFCS will still complete the placement searching as we do now, and will always try placement siblings together.
From Don Taylor	will you go over the staffing model and resources the Welcoming Center provides
From Teresa McCollough	I received several emails from Patty Irwin inviting me to a "Community Forum". A forum implies that there is exchange between all parties
From Judith Hurley	The Vendome is one of the oldest neighborhoods in San Jose. The people who live here are the people who support downtown San Jose. We are challenged by the homeless population on the river, by the proximity to the light rail (which turns us into a park and ride for the airport), by several permanent supportive housing project, and several rehab centers. The homeowners here have tried hard to maintain the character of this diverse and charming single family residential area. We haven" gotten much help from Seneca and it sounds like the county and the agency are simply going to bulldoze this program through. It belongs somewhere else.
From timothyclauson	What are the other sites you are considering at this time?

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From Julie	how many runaways occurred at the welcome center that was at enborg and santa clara st?
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	will that be additional cost to have these other family sites you spoke about
From Shannon A	Dan- I am referring to when they are looking for placement.
From timothyclauson	Agree With Judith fully!
From Judith Hurley	All these people are talking too long. It seems to me that the people from the neighborhood haven" had a chance to talk at all.
From Julie	Provide a list of problems you experienced with the youth at the Children's Center on Union (closed long time ago) and at the RAIC and the Keike
From Robyn	Where will Seneca find the staff to support this project? New hires?
From Tod Williams	What other agencies are in the bidding/proposal process? Why are we only hearing from Seneca if this is in the proposal stages?
From Daniel Little	Maggie- just to be sure I'm answering the right question, if you're asking about the Intensive treatment homes this falls both under foster care costs as well as mental health costs. This would be an expansion of existing resources, which are vital to replace congregate care and the transition out of group homes.
From Julie	Have Seneca put a fence around the duplex so it is enclosed and part of the 485 N. Fist street bldg. For this presentation they refer to the duplex as being in the 485 N. First Street backyard.
From Shante Henderson	Thank you Ken.
From Debra Spencer	Will there be a security guard onsite at the facility?? Currently the Seneca apartments have a revolving door of characters coming in and out all hours of the night.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	@dan i'm referring to what Ken said about if WC is full he
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	will have homes for sibling sets

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From Vanessa Payne	2. q # 41, a joint decision was made between DFCS, Behavioral Health, and Juvenile Probation w/feedback from caregivers, staff, youth specifically in regards to how do we improve/make things better (but nothing to do with contracting out and what peoples thoughts/suggestions were relating to this). When was this decision made to contract out w/ Seneca? Why wasn't this ever mentioned to anyone (other than management and higher ups) until the Alliance group brought it to people's attention? How can we partner better in the future?
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	for 23/59
From Teresa McCollough	Ken Epstein - you are at danger of not being a "facilitator" but a voice for Seneca. Neighbors want answers to questions about accountability, parking, traffic, crime, etc.
From Julie	I don't hear in any of this that they care about us who live here. I feel our worries fall on deaf ears.
From Michael Hurley	\$4 million single-source contract on the consent calendar? A red flag appears.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	will there be master degree clinicians there 24/7
From Tina Morrill	it's my understanding that Seneca is a non profit, which generally speaking, are known for not paying a LIVING WAGE, creating a situation of ongoing turnover - making for a chaotic situation ongoing. It sounds like stability for the kids is extremely important. Does Seneca pay a LIVABLE wage so as to mitigate high turnover?
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	Shannon- yes placement for siblings to remain together is part of one of the areas to address. The County has been doing active recruitment for homes able to support siblings remaining together as well as our partner agencies who have Foster Family Agencies.
From Julie	Seneca talking again but not talking as our neighbor.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	are you changing the contract b/c that's not what it says in terms of staff qualifications
From Tina Morrill	clarification - staff being paid a livable wage.
From Tod Williams	I think the neighborhood needs to start writing directly to the County supervisors as it doesn't seem like questions will ne answered here.....

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From Daniel Little	Julie- sorry if I'm not answering the question so let me know if this helps. DFCS begins looking for placement as soon as a child is either removed from a parent or we determine a placement disruption is occurring. We typically locate placement within 4-6 hours of beginning the search.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	A 48. "Purpose of the January forums was to get feedback on what is needed across an entire continuum." You never thought to have a follow up meeting to discuss what was decided? Or even an announcement for feedback to check if the decision met the needs? A 49. "We value our partnership with foster parents...a key stakeholder in our work...social workers central to everything we do." But not enough to have a meeting with us
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	7 months is a long time to allow for stakeholder input
From Julie	thanks Daniel for describing the process
From Tod Williams	We don't want a new program "rushed" onto our neighborhood due to the failures of your previous programs.
From Julie	Seneca, build a fence around the duplex, Enclose it into your 485 N. First Street building so everyone enters it from 1st street and not Hawthorne Way
From Judith Hurley	Once again, there appears to be little supervision of the one existing program that interfaces with the neighborhood.
From Debra Spencer	What role or participation is our councilman, Raul Peralez currently involved in??????
From Michael Hurley	What will be the maximum length of stay?
From Julie	The County can do better than Seneca for these children.
From Vanessa Payne	3. I would strongly suggest in addition to foster youth/alumi of foster care feedback (i.e., name of welcome center), we should also reach out to parents on their feedback. These are their children and they should be a part of this discussion.
From Michael Hurley	I agree with Julie.
From timothyclauson	its only suppose to be 23.5 hours. Read the link to the LA article and why they closed the two Welcoming Centers in LA Counter
From Teresa McCollough	Yes, Daniel-this was a huge oversight on the part of your organization to overlook including the community. While I appreciate our apology, we really need to have the opportunity to discuss this.
From Tod Williams	so again it appears the existing community was an "afterthought"

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From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	why aren't we looking for another bldg
From Julie	Noone supervises the children in current Seneca program (kids at the duplex).
From Daniel Little	Vanessa agree with that
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	doesn't seem like a lot of effort is being made just being handed off to seneca
From Robyn	does any of the Seneca start up team live in SCC?
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	w/ no accountability or oversight
From Judith Hurley	I have yet to hear a single word about the failure to supervise the existing programs. For me it's very simple. If you have a facility that requires regular attention from the police, and there's nobody at Seneca who attends to those matters or responds to questions about them, it's hard to imagine that this entire presentation is anything but smoke blowing.
From iPhone	How can anyone move forward with a new Center when the difficulties and neglect of the past have not been addressed and resolved. looks like the Raic has a new name and owner, a plan that sounded as compassionate at the Receiving Center claimed but the failure was devastating to many children and to move forward you need to heal your past mistakes first.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	SARC is payer of last resort so it falls on DFCS. can't rely on SARC picking up DFCS responsibility
From Shannon A	Wendy- If there are no scattered sites and they can" take more than 4 kids, where do the sibling groups go while they wait? What if they come in the middle or the night?
From Teresa McCollough	Yes, I agree with Judith.
From Teresa McCollough	This is nothing more than grandstanding by an organization that just wants our tacit approval.
From Daniel Little	Maggie- we will have an evaluation plan developed by a third party, which includes specific measurable outcomes. This will also be an opportunity to build a joint accountability between DFCS, Social Services, Behavioral Health, and our community based organizations.
From Daniel Little	Shannon- they can take more than 4 children.

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From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	or what if 7 kids come in in the middle of the night. since they can't sleep or shower at WC. they will all go to the scattered sites?
From Michael Hurley	They can" explain how the Seneca deal came about. They have to fall back and figure out how to make it look as good as possible for the next step.
From timothyclauson	As a resident I do not see how you can get out to our residents before your next meeting Again it appears too RUSHED and that makes many feel that there is something to hide. Transparency should have been done form the start as Margaret sated You dropped the ball. We all care about our fragile youth. Clayton is a street with three group homes and an 18 bed drug rehab center. Is this the right location?
From iPhone	Going through this process, how many placements are we looking at for each child?
From Daniel Little	Maggie- they can go to the Welcoming Center
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	Shannon- for larger sibling sets -they would need to be welcomed at the welcoming center in the middle of the night- Seneca can take more than 4 children- this would be an average.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	joint accountability should be built out before the contract is signed
From Shante Henderson	I agree Maggie.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	but they cant sleep at the WC so what will they do?
From Judith Hurley	Ken Epstein You wouldn" feel "heard" if you were on the receiving end of this session.
From Don Taylor	will the current Keiki Center be closed, or will it remain open along with Seneca Welcoming Center to separate the different populations?
From Michael Jenkins	Is this session being recorded?
From Shante Henderson	Who will oversee Seneca?
From timothyclauson	How will you get the message out Maragret?
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	Maggie- the County did look for additional space as well. AND agree concerns about greater feedback on contracting out the Welcoming Center and additional types of placement options.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	we need real consequences for contract violations
From timothyclauson	When did you ask and who did you ask in our community?

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From wren bradley	Was the union notified of this? What is impact for the current workers at Keiki?
From Daniel Little	Don- Keiki would close once the Welcoming Center was fully operational. We would transition to using space at Julian and would keep the scattered sites
From Tod Williams	What community leaders were asked/involved in the process?
From Teresa McCollough	Thank you Ken. No one questions the mission and intent of the staff in DFCS and Seneca. We question the process and the lack of engagement with the community. We thought THIS was the community forum. Happy to forward you the email announcement.
From timothyclauson	Lance Shoemaker is a Co President did you reach out to him?
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	Michael- This session is being recorded and all of the dialogue in chat.
From Daniel Little	Wren- union was notified. Current workers at Keiki will still have a place at DFCS. In the foreseeable future we will still have the scattered sites that are staffed by DFCS. We can also provide some supervision for low-acuity youth at Julian.
From timothyclauson	Everyone has to be notified. Start with a flyer to all residents and include Hensley.
From Vanessa Payne	3. This isn't the first time I've heard we could've done this differently. How will management use this situation to improve transparency in the future and promote a teaming environment?
From Julie	what about the union? I saw a comment about the county union. Is Seneca a union business?
From Judith Hurley	We thought we were going to be heard today. Did we really need to spend an hour and a half to come to the conclusion that the community would like to be heard?
From Teresa McCollough	Yes-Judith
From timothyclauson	Government
From Julie	Yes - Judith
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	Vanessa- the internal steering committee is one way to do better and open to specific thoughts and ideas about who we do better in transparency.

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From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	remove the contract from the consent calendar so community can speak at the Board mtg
From timothyclauson	Was there a vote to approve this in the last meeting scheduled?
From Tod Williams	So the community forum was being scheduled after all the planning was done and right before the vote?
From Shannon A	Wendy- ok so would the sibling group all be at the same location? Is the 4 in the big house and 1 in each duplex numbers just about staffing and not about space?
From Teresa McCollough	Please send out an email to EVERYONE on this meeting and also a flyer to the surrounding neighborhood.
From Julie	Can you make the neighborhood meetings later in the afternoon please.
From Michael Hurley	Is it better to be ignored after being heard, than to be ignored without being heard?
From Teresa McCollough	We asked these questions at the City Council meeting and were told they would be answered by June 1st. And now, you want to answer the questions? Very confusing
From Judith Hurley	Btw,I'm still waiting to hear from Ms. Wayne re the police calls to 32 Hawthorne. Ms. Wayne did you need me to resend my message?
From Tod Williams	Why wasn't the community brought to the table at the very beginning?
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	Shannon- siblings should stay together if that is best for them both at the Welcoming Center or to placement and sometimes it is recommended for siblings to not all be placed together and that should be accommodated if needed. We want to have enough placement options that we can meet the needs of what is needed for children.
From Julie	Communication is a problem.
From timothyclauson	Flyers need to go out to all residents as not everyone has email. People should have the ability to write in as many can not take the time to sit through Zoom meeting but may want to express their support or concerns prior to our county reps voting for this proposal.
From Julie	Seneca doesn't communicate and never has with their neighbors, the Vendome
From Kimberly Wayne	@ Judith-yes please resend your emial to me.
From Teresa McCollough	It seems that the community neighbors are not considered important partners to this venture. Very disappointed in this meeting

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From Judith Hurley	Kimberly, Please repost your contact info. that slide didn" hang around all that long.
From Kimberly Wayne	kimw@ senecacenter.org
From Julie	Social Services Agency assumes that Seneca is a good neighbor to keep us in the neighborhood updated but guess what. You dropped the ball too Social Services Agency. Bad communication.
From Teresa McCollough	Seneca ignores our complaints about previous issues so Ken is correct to state that there is a tremendous amount of mistrust.
From Julie	I agree Teresa. Ditto
From Julie	no trust. no communication.
From timothyclauson	Santa Clara County has stopped processing children at a foster care intake center plagued by reports of abuse and holding kids for weeks-sometimes months-beyond the legal 24-hour limit. As of last week, county officials say children are no longer being held in the Receiving, Assessment and Intake Center (RAIC), a single-story facility across from Valley Medical Center on San Jose's Enborg Lane.
From timothyclauson	Why we would be alarmed!
From Vanessa Payne	2. question # 58, can you provide data driven outcomes of Seneca's 20+ years of services?
From Tod Williams	I think the neighborhood should send their concerns directly to the County supervisors as it seems we have been left out of this process
From Michael Hurley	My own mistrust has only increased during this meeting.
From Teresa McCollough	Yes, I agree with Michael. This is not helpful.
From Julie	Timothy - I believe there was a kid hurt at one of the county's receiving centers.
From Kimberly Wayne	There are two emials to reach me kimw@senecacenter.org or kim_wayne@senecacenter.org
From Teresa McCollough	If kids are not going to be residing there than why are there apartments?
From timothyclauson	Santa Clara County has stopped processing children at a foster care intake center plagued by reports of abuse and holding kids for weeks-sometimes months-beyond the legal 24-hour limit. As of last week, county officials say children are no longer being held in the Receiving, Assessment and Intake Center (RAIC), a single-story facility across from Valley Medical Center on San Jose's Enborg Lane.

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From timothyclauson	what is our guarantee this is not going to happen again?
From Michael Hurley	What is our guarantee that this is not going to happen again in the Vendome neighborhood?
From timothyclauson	From January to October last year, the DFCS processed 670 children 848 times through RAIC. Of those kids, 639 were new to the foster care system and 209 were already in out-of-home placements and required a new place to live. During that timeframe, the county placed 251 of those kids in foster homes under its supervision, 176 in homes overseen by a private contractor, 35 in group homes and 57 in medical facilities. In that 10-month span, 104-or 15.5 percent-of those children required a higher level of care than they did when they first entered the safety-net system.
From Michael Hurley	What will be the maximum length of stay?
From iPhone	Its a shame his "Forum" has not let the people speak. Their passion and genuine concern is very generic when a third party is presenting their questions.
From Teresa McCollough	What does that mean "home setting"? It sounds like foster care that is not monitored
From Julie	when you say that Daniel, youth with more needs you mean youths that have been violent and cannot be placed in a foster home.
From timothyclauson	DFCS will work alongside probation and behavioral-health officials to find individualized home-like settings for the children who were at RAIC, according to a board memo penned by the Social Services Agency (SSA). As of Dec. 23, DFCS secured one home and apartments and is working on long-term plans for the most difficult-to-place youth. A lease for yet another location has been cleared by the county and awaits a landlord's signature, per the memo.
From Teresa McCollough	Yes-I would like Julie's question to be answered
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	Home like setting is having children in home settings with family if possible or those who have been trained and licensed caregivers to support children's care.
From Teresa McCollough	Please clarify "more therapeutic" needs
From Teresa McCollough	euphemisms
From Julie	But you do have youth that are violent and cannot be placed correct?
From Tod Williams	What has changed from the previous program (that failed) an this one?

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From Teresa McCollough	again what does "intensive care" mean?
From Daniel Little	Julie- we have youth with all levels of trauma that need a home to provide care and supervision.
From blopez	How is COVID-19 precautions being incorporated with the Welcoming Center?
From Julie	thank you Daniel for confirming
From Teresa McCollough	I feel like you are just talking around the issue that these are at-risk youths that present a great challenge to a residential neighborhood
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	if the 7 scattered sites are full and it you get a sibling set of 5 and its 11PM. the kids will have to sit on the couch and not sleep until other sites open up in the middle of the night?
From Daniel Little	Tod- the prior program was a transitional shelter model, where children could reside there for uptimes to 5 days and were supervised with rotating staff. The new model is to utilize foster homes to care for these children and not a congregate care facility.
From Teresa McCollough	"higher dosage of services" Please explain
From timothyclauson	Is it smart to place this center on a street with three group homes and an eighteen Drug rehabilitation center already impacting a SFD neighborhood?
From Tod Williams	How many County Supervisors or their representatives are participating in this call?
From Julie	During Covid at the Seneca duplex, there were 2 times that the police were at the duplex. I saw 3 teens (males) that were going in and out of the duplex during shelter in place. We inquired w/Seneca why the police presence, no reply.
From Daniel Little	Maggie- this will be the challenge for any site we use. we'll need to be creative how we can meet this need while also working with the state to ensure we're not building another shelter.
From Vanessa Payne	2. question 71 - 2 welcome counselors, 2 intake officers, 1 clinician. What is the education background and training requirement for each of these positions.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	so as of now the kids have to sleep on the floor until the you resolve the challenge?
From blopez	What about the youth that have difficulty being placed as it gets closer to the 23hr 59min. What happens at the 24th hour?

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From Teresa McCollough	Please answer the question - how many staff will actually be working at the Seneca Center on First Street?
From Daniel Little	No kids are sleeping on the floor as we wouldn" transition out of Keiki or the scattered sites until full implementation. This would include working with the state on what they will allow
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	Maggie- we would not be able to have beds per licensing regulations- but would need to find alternatives to ensure children are able to sleep if they come in during the middle of the night. This is also going to be a challenge if the County is operating. We are open to creative thoughts on this for alternatives that are not beds. We are talking to other counties and looking at what options other utilize and working with the State about what is possible.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	my question includes if all 7 scattered sites are full
From Daniel Little	Blopez- for now we will still have our DFCS staffed sites to utilize as backup.
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	its happened in other states where kids are sleeping in DFCS offices
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	I just want to make sure that doesn't happen to our kids
From Vanessa Payne	2. For the high needs kids that need one on one support, what type of staff will this be? welcome counselor, intake counselor, or clinician? If you are full and have kids that need one on one support, how do you accomdate this?
From Daniel Little	Regarding questions for Covid-19, DFCS has worked with Public Health to develop response strategies to include using a separate scattered site as a quarantine location. We anticipate still having this resource available.
From Teresa McCollough	I am not as concerned with the licensing of your staff as the numbers.
From Michael Jenkins	when the state provided this notice, what recommendations were provided? Feels like we are still doing the same thing as at the Raic just scattered sites. Professional parents seem like site managers that are only committed to the child 30-60 days
From Kimberly Wayne	the staffing of the welcoming center will be highly individualized with at least 4 staff on providing individual support to up to 4 youth during waking hours and 3 staff on during overnight hours

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<p>From Judith Hurley</p>	<p>What Seneca staff don" seem to understand is that we understand that their model might have some virtues, but we are not interested in having it on our corner. Our resistance is the result of the ongoing indifference to the small concerns that the neighbors have raised over time. We have no reason to believe anything that has been said, and the fact that it has taken this much energy to get to a meeting and we haven" been allowed to say a single word does nothing to support Seneca's case.</p>
<p>From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org</p>	<p>Maggie- we hear you- we don't want children sleeping in offices either - which is why we have been doing the scattered sites- while on this path to increase placement options so we come to the day- where we have more placement options than the numbers of children who need them.</p>
<p>From Michael Hurley</p>	<p>Does "one-on-one" mean that the staff-kid ratio will be 1 - 1 at Seneca on First Street? If not, what does it mean?</p>
<p>From Tod Williams</p>	<p>Dan-Wasn't the inability to place some youth the reason for the increased length of stay (at the prior program). What systems are in place to make sure this won't happen at a new location?</p>
<p>From Daniel Little</p>	<p>Maggie- absolutely! We do not want this to happen, and see this in still occurring in several other counties.</p>
<p>From Julie</p>	<p>If Seneca wants to become a Welcome Center, they should get a realtor to find them a closed school property and remodel to convert into a nice Welcome Center for youths to be counseled, etc. It seems they have the funds to buy a property like this. This type of business should not be in a single family neighborhood.</p>
<p>From Jaime Eke</p>	<p>For keeping the community and family safe what type of deescalation or crisis training do they have? Pro-act, safety care, CPI? These type of training's require more than one trained personal to be present.</p>
<p>From Teresa McCollough</p>	<p>Seneca tripled their workforce at that site last year and it caused problems for the neighborhood. No one on your staff seemed particularly concerned.</p>
<p>From Judith Hurley</p>	<p>But if someone has a mother's day party and people coming and going at a Seneca residential facility there is nobody to call to bring that to a stop.</p>
<p>From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org</p>	<p>Jaime- we are currently training on TCI both within the County with our partner agencies.</p>
<p>From Kimberly Wayne</p>	<p>@ Michael that is corretn one on one is a ration of 1- 1 adult to child</p>

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From Teresa McCollough	I would like to know exactly how many people work at that facility in "normal" non-Covid times, and how many staff will increase with this proposal?
From Jaime Eke	Secena staff too?
From Judith Hurley	Send the Covid Task Force over to 32 Hawthorne Way and tell those people about the Shelter In Place Orders. They don" seem to have gotten the message.
From Daniel Little	Tod- you are absolutely correct. The additional higher level foster home capacity across all providers will address this inability to place children. The Welcoming Center itself doesn" address the placement issue, but does address the initial clinical engagement. We have looked at several years of data to determine how many treatment-level foster homes our County would require in order to meet the needs.
From Teresa McCollough	Ken I hope you will conclude this "forum" with a plan for DCFS and Seneca to ensure a real community forum where we can all speak
From Shannon A	I understand it is not always in the children's best interest to be placed together for the longer term, however I don" feel my question is being answered. Let me try again. If a sibling group of 7 comes in to care and needs to stay for 23 hours until placement can be found, can Seneca keep them all together in the welcome center until then? It seems that we could reduce trauma by not initial separating them.
From Wendy.Kinnear@ssa.sccgov.org	Michael- in the Continuum of Care model- we have both a short term placement while we may be assessing relatives and then longer term placements for 6 months or longer where there may be more therapeutic needs to be made. The hope is that the Continuum of Care builds out options that support children's needs.
From Teresa McCollough	We were promised that at the last meeting. Didn" happen
From Julie	The current youths at the duplex and the family, did not wear masks. At least when I saw them outside getting into vehicles and when they had a birthday party in Seneca's backyard about a month ago noone was wearing masks
From Maggie Cockayne - Resource Parent	can you remove the contract from consent?

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From timothyclauson	the neighborhood notification should include all Vendome residents and Hensley residents as well.
From timothyclauson	not just 1000 ft for the proposed site
From Michael Hurley	Is there enough time to adequately address our concerns well in advance of the 7/21 BOS meeting?
From Julie	They had loud music playing from the afternoon into the night. No masks.
From Teresa McCollough	When is the neighborhood meeting? There is another "forum" on the 14th. Is that when it is?
From Daniel Little	Maggie- I'll follow-up on the consent piece
From Julie	They had a dog behind a metal gate that barked all day and night. Even when we hit the 90 degree heat the dog was outside. barking at all who passed by. just laying there. day in and day out...barking early in the morning and in the night.
From timothyclauson	I believe that writing the County Supervisors is our only way to be heard!
From Daniel Little	Teresa- the 14th is similar to this meeting. We're scheduling a separate meeting specifically for neighborhood concerns and questions.
From timothyclauson	Their experience doesn't make them a good neighbor
From Julie	I agree Timothy
From Vanessa Payne	3. q 88 so probation only youth will not be allowed at welcome center

