Statement of Consideration (SOC)

PPTL 20-21 SOP 12.3 The following comments were received in response to SOP drafts sent for field review. Thanks to those who reviewed and commented. Comments about typographical and grammatical errors are excluded; these errors have been corrected as appropriate

**SOP 12.3**

1. **Comment:** We have staff that do not agree with placing children in a FH with Foster Parents that have the same issues their biological parents have even if they are compliant in a MAT Program.

**Response:** A child would not be removed from a family solely for a parent’s participation in medication assisted therapy (MAT). All protective and risk factors, including length of sobriety, etc. must be assessed.

1. **Comment:** Staff feel that a KASPER report should be done on the Foster Parent’s as well as obtain any/all records from the MAT to ensure their compliance.

**Response:** DCBS is not authorized to use KASPER in this manner**.**

1. **Comment:** Staff would like a clear cut definition of what we are considering sobriety? Is this sobriety while on MAT or is it following release from MAT?

**Response:** Sobriety can be defined in a variety of ways; therefore, there is not a ‘clear cut’ definition. Compliance/history with MAT will be assessed in the home study.

1. **Comment:** Staff would like for the SOP to be clear – can they be approved if they are currently prescribed MAT or would the MAT Program need to be completed?

**Response:** An applicant can be approved if they are currently participating in MAT. Some individuals may be involved in MAT their entire lives. All elements of MAT should be assessed thoroughly for compliance and all other factors assessed within the home study.