

**Endorsement Criteria and Service Definitions Sub-Group
Of the Community Support Steering Committee
Minutes
Sept. 28, 2009, 9:00 – 10:30
Dix Campus, Anderson Building, Room 139**

Attendees:

Cindy Ehlers
Debbie Webster
Dr. Cheryl Nicholas
Beverly Bell
Mabel McGlothlen

Dave Peterson
Khalil Nassar
Dexter Mitchell
Cathy Estes

Welcome and Introductions:

Cindy Ehlers, ECBH, sub-group chair, welcomed everyone and expressed appreciation for those in attendance.

Minutes:

The minutes from the last meeting (9-22-09) were approved.

Overarching Concepts Presented:

The group discussed three overarching concepts that would need to be vetted as part of the endorsement process. The concepts are:

1. Access to Care: recommend that providers be able to accept referrals within specified time frames, based on consumer choice. Providers need to have the capacity to meet established timeframes for urgent, emergent, and routine.
2. Primary Care: recommend that provider have a direct relationship with primary physicians. utilizing a MOU, letter of support, or some other document as evidence within a certain amount of days of endorsement. Promoting a conscious awareness of primary health role/relationship/responsibilities and consumer needs within a holistic approach including medical issues and care.
3. Diversified Payer Mix: recommend that providers be required to use a variety of payer mixes (3rd party, investments, grants, loans, county, state, VR, etc.), so providers are not totally dependent upon Medicaid funding for financial stability.

The group discussed that the conceptual recommendations are not decisions, but are suggestions that will go to the CS Steering Committee.

Service Definition Checksheet:

Debbie Webster had prepared a draft checksheet for PSR using the CST format. The group discussed staffing requirements of the service definition; Debbie will take the comments back to the service definition workgroup.

Next Steps

This concluded the work of the group unless the CS Steering Committee requests additional items be addressed.