

Residential Work Group
June 15, 2009

Attending: Tara Larson, Leza Wainwright, Ted Lane, Grayce Crockett, Michael Watson, Bob Hensley, Kevin Kelley, Tara Fields, Mark Upright, John Koppemeyer, Karen McLeod, Nancy Costen, Rob Turner, Jay Coughenour, Jim Shaheen, Will Woodell, Ranota Hall, Laura Beaver, Stephanie Alexander, Catharine Goldsmith, Sherry Bradsher, Donald Grantham, Denise Ramseur, Jim Jarrard, Cliff Parker, Delwin Clark, Tyronne McRae, Deanna Janus, Mike Rider, Carla Roberts, Kelly Crowley, and Martin Pharr. Dan Zorn could not attend but sent email

Handouts: Dan Zorn email, minutes from June 8th meeting, and latest draft of Therapeutic Family Service Definition

Discussion:

Review of the charge to the group – to work on a comprehensive plan in order to successfully carry out the legislation. The group recognizes there are issues that impact, providers, jobs, etc.; however, the focus is developing strategies and roles/responsibilities that will address meeting the needs of the recipients. Another charge is to make recommendation to the existing draft special provision that impact the recipients.

The group was also recommended that their participation is to represent “their field” and not the individual interest of their agency. Expectations are open dialogue, respect for opinions and staying focused on the charge.

Review of the issues/concerns discussed in the June 8th meeting (attached below).

- Expedite the approval of the child Facility Based Crisis Service
- Train the providers in clinical competencies
 - Approved curricula
- Expedite process for conversion of licensure and enrollment
 - Increase capacity in enhanced Services and Level II Family
- Remove bed limitation off PRTF
 - Research nursing requirement for PRTF
 - RN/LPN
- Obtain list of active authorizations for Level II group, Level III, IV, TimberRidge and Three Springs
 - Distribute to LMEs
- Fund evidence based treatment options as priority
- Research and eliminate barrier preventing crisis services from working across LME catchment lines.
- Define and coordinate care coordination activities. Activities of this group have direct impact on the case management consolidation special provision
- Pro-level CS will be needed to assist in the transition

In addition, the following items were added for review and/or considered by the workgroup.

- Mobile Crisis Service needs to be expanded
- Interaction of the residential transition activities with the other budgetary reductions such as rate reductions, CS elimination, and case management consolidation.
- The new therapeutic family service definition must be adequate to reflect the requirements, special training and supports that the families will need to meet the clinical acuity of the children. The rate must also be closely reviewed in light of the foster care rate currently paid through DSS.
- Beds and periodic provider capacity must be considered as providers possibly close due to budget reductions as well as admissions/utilization is reduced. There is a point where numbers don't support continued operation even though a few kids may remain.
- Continue to address standardization especially as it related to process and documentation for the transition activities.
- Timelines are too short for implementation, transition/discharge plans, growth in other service lines and provider capacity.
- Stopping admissions effective July 1 is problematic.
- Rate reductions will be an impact as providers who are trying to address the service gaps and expand.
- Case Management/care coordination provision impacts the ability to successfully carry out the transition/discharge activities
- Recipient Appeals
- There will be system impact to both DSS and DJJDP. Children may be staying in detention longer. Discussion of experiences with the juvenile court judges and impact.
- Licensure (both by DSS or DHSR) is time consuming, taking from 90 days to 6 months to license a home and up to a year or longer for licensure of a Child Placing Agency.. This could affect the ability to have alternative placements available for children.
- Training for Judges and court counselors
- Communication plan for recipients and families, providers and other agency/stakeholders.
- Possible establishment of a priority list of children who need to be screened/reviewed as part of the transition activities.

Requested Data:

- PA data for level II kids
- Beds availability in all levels of residential and PRTF
- Beds in TFC
- DJJDP kids
- Available providers and capacity

Tasks:

- DMA to email to work group the draft child facility based crisis definition
- DMA will take lead in addressing the appeal issues
- DMH will distribute to each LME, the list of current authorizations for children in their catchment area for Level III, IV, TimberRidge and Three Springs.
- DJJDP will work with DMA to compare data files to determine which children with current authorizations are in the custody of DJJDP or who have open files. (Karen/Mike/Catharine)
- DMA will share list with DSS.

- DMH will distribute the list of quarterly provider list. This list is composed of providers by type of service, with billable claims. This will assist with knowing which providers were active with Medicaid.

Assignments were made and chairs assigned. Chairs are encouraged to solicit additional membership in order to gain greater representation and to ensure broad representation (rural/urban, large/small, diversity, etc).

Agenda for 6/22

- Corrections to 6/15 Minutes
- Update of status of tasks identified above
- LME/DJJDP/DSS (Mike/Karen/Mike W/Grayce)
 - Transition roles
 - Child/Family Teams
 - Process
- Discharge/Transition Plan content and process (Karen/VO/DMH)
- VO directions/process (VO/DMA)
- PRTF (Mark/Jay)
- Crisis Response for the System (Jay/Tara F/Karen)
- Emergency/Crisis response for the recipients (Karen)

Parking Lot/Future Agenda items

- Endorsement
- Ways to reduce administration and lower costs without compromising quality
- Study of the children after transition has occurred to determine impact, etc.
- Appeals

*****Since the meeting: Family and Consumer representation has been added to the group.