

Residential Workgroup Minutes  
July 20, 2009

Attendees:

Jim Jarrard, Stephanie Alexander, Dave Peterson, Leza Wainwright, Nancy Cleghorn, Will Woodell, Jim Shaheen, Jay Coughenour, Carolyn Wisner, Susa Robinson, Delwin Clark, Laura Beaver, Linda Gunn-Jones, Karen McLeod, Annie Smith, Cliff Parker, Thomas Smith, Bob Hedrick, Rob Turner, Mike Watson, Nancy Costen, Carla Roberts, John Koppelmeyer, Leslie Kellenberger, Ted Lane, Dan Zorn, Christina Carter, Kelly Crowley, Catharine Goldsmith, Yvonne Copeland, Chris Simmons, Tanya Simmons, Sherry Bradsher, Tara Larson. On the phone, Grayce Crockett, Martha Joslin, Tara Fields, Bob Hensley, Alisha Weaver, Teresa Rowe, Mark Upright, and Mark O'Donald.

**The July 13th minutes were approved.**

**Handouts** were distributed which included the following: Agenda for 7/20/09 Meeting, Memorandum to Residential Level III and Level IV Providers, Local Management Entities; Draft Child Facility Based Treatment Definition; Endorsement Checklist and Therapeutic Family Services Definition; Transitional Placements/DHHS Crisis Planning Workgroup Minutes and Transitional Placements Subcommittee of the DMA/DMH Level III and IV Residential Workgroup Reports.

**Status Updates**

Letters to the parent/caregiver were mailed to the LMEs last week.

Data was sent out to LMEs.

The Dear System letter was mailed last week.

The Residential Provider letter was mailed on Friday.

All letters have been posted to DMA's web site.

The draft SPA for the TFC definition has been sent to CMS.

**Update on the Endorsement Checklist for TFC**

A copy of the endorsement checklist was distributed and discussed. The endorsement language was taken from the definition and the reference to rules is referring to core rules, basic information around standards of care and practice. Suggestions were made for some changes, ie, take out references regarding corporate verification; 4 b. discussion, DSS sometimes makes preplacement visits; Susan said this component (4b) is not required, and wording will be changed to "may" to be permissive. Bob H. talked about staffing, licensed professional serves as Clinical Director, Qualified professional masters level (social worker II, supervisor in DSS world). There is a difference in DSS licensure and DMH licensure. Some rules are conflicting. DSS's reporting system has different time frames from DMH, forms are different, and any differences in restraints issue were discussed. DMH will work with DMA and DSS on rules reconciliation. The question was raised which rule supersedes? The decision was made that DMH rules will take

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precedence for now. (However, in follow-up discussions with DMH, DSS and DMA staff representative, it was recommended that this be revisited with management in certain areas.) The endorsement checklist will need to go to CMS. Action item: continue to work on the endorsement checklist and complete in two weeks. NOTE: LCPAs will need to be fully staffed in order to become endorsed to provide TFS.

### **Draft Child Facility Based Treatment Definition**

The draft Child Facility Based Treatment definition was distributed and discussed. The definition will go to CMS under the Rehabilitation Option. This is an intensive service; capability is there for accepting involuntary committed children and adolescents. The definition also includes the services for persons with IDD as a start for using Medicaid funds to sustain crisis services for this population. Suggestions were made by the group for example: clarify the service order requirements, address documentation requirements when the child/adolescent is admitted as well as requirements for grouping children by age and gender. A group will also discuss the nurse staffing requirements to assure adequate medical coverage for children in crisis. Comments/suggestions must be sent to Susan Robinson by Tuesday.

### **Transitional Placements/DHHS Crisis Planning Workgroup Report**

The Transitional Placement Workgroup Report was distributed and discussed. One of the handouts was a tool (a flow chart) to be used for appropriate placement and to assess provider capacity. Suggestions were made and changes will be made to the flow chart. Further discussion focused on challenges and issues related to managing the system during this transition.

Questions were posed regarding the implications of EPSDT and the use of this policy. We will need to examine the issue of appeals and EPSDT as we move forward.

### **Follow Up on Budget**

Revised budget numbers at this time:

Provider rate reduction 2.8% reduction, \$76,000,000 the first year  
\$82,000,000 the second year

Prescription drug cost will gain more money, \$25,000,000.

Consolidated Case Management: current reductions include \$41,000,000 State dollars the first year and \$72,900,000 the second year

Hospice has been restored

There will be moratorium on new letters of support for Levels II, III, and IV. As the system moves toward decreasing reliance on out of home placements and increasing use of TFS, it is essential to include planning for careful management of children's behaviors and issues in their new placements. These plans must be an integral part of requests for authorization for services. Evaluations and Outcomes need to be put in place during the transition. DSS already has mechanisms to track children's movement from placement to placement.

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**Next Steps:** System of Care Coordinators are continuing weekly conference calls regarding transition of children and services in each LME area, based on data received to date..

The FBC definition is being finalized and will be submitted to CMS for approval.

DMH is following up on Endorsement Rules and activities.

Further meetings will monitor implementation.

**Next meeting will be August 3, 2009.**