

CWAC High End Comprehensive Services Subcommittee

Minutes for Wednesday, February 18, 2015

I. Welcome and Introductions

Michal C. Jones announced new members, Anne Pearcy – Co-Chair and Denise Briglio, Congregate Care Administrator.

Minutes from 12/12/14 were reviewed. No objections noted.

Dan Finney and Cathy Smith will be joining to address licensing issues and DCP concerns.

Stacy Sloan will not be joining us today to discuss the child trafficking concerns.

Announcement: Last year former director Bobbie Gregg talked about reshaping the CWAC committees. Michael C. Jones and Anne Pearcy will discuss further. Many new tasks will be assigned to all the committees. The discussion has to occur on how assignments will be assigned and moved around. What will be the focus for the upcoming year? The new DCFS director started yesterday and his viewpoint has to be considered.

II. High Performance

Dennis Wiley provided a report referring to the executive summary report which can highlight some of these issues; such as Identifying group homes, what are kids being stepped up from -group homes to residential, career residential children; benefits and children making lateral moves.

III. Data Test

Meeting occurred in Bloomington, a mock of the quarterly reports were presented to the group. The quarterly report will be coming out about 6 weeks after the quarter ends. The first quarterly will be released Feb 24. North Western University Intent: when we received the report, is to send a copy to the providers as well as provided a snapshot on D-Net. When this report comes out it too will be housed on DNET. Another report will be added late this month. Executive FY14 report was reviewed and changes will be made and it will be sent out and posted on the DNET.

In the last meeting, we received a draft copy of the quarterly report, a preliminary unreconciled report was sent and absence of maltreatment reports. All are examples and will be what the reports will look like. MCJ went over the report and school and maltreatment information will be added. The reports will be sent to the executive director and a point person.

Question: Each time report comes out will it be individualized agencies?

Response: No, nothing has been put into place at this time.

Question: Then how will an agency be able to reconcile information?

Response: This will be discussed at the next data test meeting on how often reconciliation will occur. Judy Griffeth suggested that more reports from data test come to this group for discussion.

IV. Workgroup Updates – SBT, RTDP, Conduct Disorder

SBP statewide coordinators were present at the meeting. The SBP module is still being worked on and the committee is trying to finalize implementation soon. There are Plans to pilot the module with SBP agencies on a volunteer basis.

V. Medicaid Update

Medicaid – there has been discussion about having the CWAC committee members involved in a discussion on medication.

Managed care- if you are trying to get medical appointments for wards and the providers say that the child should be a part of managed care, it was reported that providers should be told that wards are excluded from managed care.

Choices Pilot – Notification of enrollment

Notification when a child is enrolled and is in residential – There is a list of contact people available in Christine Herman's Office. Care Co-coordinator's should be notifying the agency. It was reported that the notification enrollment process seems to be working fine.

Billing issues – authorization and technical issues have been occurring with Cunningham Children's Home. There are some systemic issues with CHOICES. Christine Herman will bring up the issues with CHOICES and follow up with agency.

VI. Residential Human Trafficking Training

Stacy Sloan will not be joining us today to discuss the child trafficking concerns.

FOID Reporting

Follow up – Michelle Jackson was asked about the F.O.I.D concerns. She felt that the majority of residential providers would not have to report but will revisit the concerns.

VII. Discussion with Dan Finney and Kathy Smith regarding licensing and DCP concerns.

Summary by Dan Finney

Allegations when a client accuses an employee

Dan provided information on Rule 383, Licensing rule. If there is an abuse allegation it is harder for licensing to complete their investigation. The alleged perpetrator must be removed from the building. Different counties interpret the rule differently. This issue has affected the 'staff and morale within the agency. Staff can be reassigned to other duties to keep employee on payroll, but there is very little wiggle room with protection plans.

Protective plan alternatives: .

There are options available, but not granted often. Licensing and DCP must agree with the proposed plan.

Rule 383 does not require licensing to put in a protection plan in place. Because DCP is unable to do an initial unfound – then a protection plan must be agreed upon. Once a mandated caller calls in the report, there is a twenty day hold. Each situation has to be looked individually to determine if a protection plan can be lifted. An employee can be out of work 60 -90 days plus a possible 30 day extension. GAL and has 15 days to request a review. This could prolong the process up to 106 days for a false allegation. Agencies do alert DCFS licensing with employees separate from the agencies.

Summary by Cathy Smith

Question: what are the factors that affect the time of 24 hours - when a youth make against staff in a residential?

Question: What affects the time to get these cases resolved? Most cases are unfounded. They can last up to 60 days or more.

Question: Is there a way to reduce the time of an investigation beginning and ending?

There is nothing saying that the investigation should take up to 60 days, most people to take up to 60 days.

Question: Are there ways now that things can be fast forwarded? No once an investigator starts that investigation he/she should finish. Management must become more aware when they assign a worker who may on a vacation.

Simply put, agencies have complex rules also that can hold up investigations.

Meeting Schedule

Next scheduled meeting is for April. Programs plans need to be done by April for all levels of care. A meeting may be scheduled for later in March with the focus being to review the program plan. There will be changes made with regards to the program plans. Feedback will be welcomed. The scheduled meeting for March will probably occur late in March. Notice will be provided prior to the meeting.

Meeting ended without incident at 3pm. Next Meeting April 9, 2015.