

Children's Issues Committee, June 12, 2018, 1:00pm

Children's Administrators Forum Update – Regina Demetrakeas – AuSable

Regina reviewed the minutes from the April 2018 and May 2018 meetings. These were distributed to the group as handouts. A June meeting was held on June 9, 2018, and minutes were provided for this meeting as well. Regina stated that July would be the last month for her as Chair of this group. Gwenda Summers will be the Chair for the next year. Ann Heerde will also be stepping down as the minute taker in December. Highlights from the April meeting were work in schools such as family needs, OK2SAY, anti-bullying efforts, student advocacy, etc. Highlights from the May meeting were Adoption Subsidy and a presentation on FASD by Kathy Fitzpatrick. Highlights from the June meeting were Children's Transition team and a PowerPoint on Eligibility Criteria. MDHHS gave updates at all 3 meetings, as is standard. Group had no questions.

DHHS Updates – Kim Batsche-McKenzie (MDHHS)

Kim reported that they have approved almost all applicants for the Intensive Crisis Stabilization. She stated that sites should start tracking data on calls coming in beginning on July 1st. Kim stated that this is a Medicaid service, so recipients would need to be Medicaid eligible. Group wondered if a communication from DHHS has gone out to the CMHs to explain this covered service. Kim stated that she will work to get some clarification out on this.

Kim then reviewed the Treatment Foster Care Oregon initiative. She stated that the Department is collaborating with Wayne State on this. Two sites (Children's Center and CEI) are ready to implement this service for children who are eligible for the SED Waiver. She stated that teams are being hired, and a training for those teams will be scheduled. They are therapeutic homes and licensed foster homes as well. Capacity would be for up to 10 youth when they are fully up and running.

Kim stated that DHHS has contracted with the Building Bridges initiative where residential providers are working on increasing permanent placement. She asked Kadi Prout (Michigan Federation for Children and Families) to talk about upcoming events. Kadi stated there were 3 webinars coming up on July 10, August 14 and September 12. She stated that there is also a day long event coming up on August 8, where experts from Maryland who have implemented these techniques on engaging and involving families will provide training. Kadi will send this information to Monique and she will send out to the Committee.

Group discussed Autism recipients in the system currently, and the rise in these numbers. Group expressed concern for how to continue to support these recipients with the increase in numbers, and not enough additional funding. Group agreed that this problem was statewide. Additionally, group felt that the workforce is not present to provide these services in a timely manner. Kim will reach out to Lisa Grost to see if she can join us for the September meeting.

Legislative Update – Alan Bolter

Alan stated that the budget passed out of the Senate this morning and will likely pass out of the House this afternoon. He reviewed the handout that was distributed to the group. He stated that Section 298 saw the removal of Section E. \$5.5 Million stayed in the budget for GF. SUD saw an additional \$500,000 for a 10-bed facility in Livonia. Direct Care Wage increase is maintained in the FY19 Budget, with other employee costs able to be covered by these funds as well. Alan stated that an FY18 Supplemental of \$60 Million – a one-time PIHP payment – was also approved for the rate adjustment. There was an additional \$1.5 Million to cover audit costs to make sure the DAB issue does not happen again. \$6.9 Million was added to pick up the risk sharing for Lakeshore Regional Entity, and \$1 Million was added to Macomb to smooth out Medicaid rebasing from previous years. Group discussed how distribution will go to the PIHPs from the State, which is still to be determined. Alan covered other boilerplate language and then spoke about Autism. He stated that the House and Senate had very different outlooks on how to fund this line. Boilerplate Sections 924 (Autism Reimbursement Limit) and 959 (Cost containment language) established a fee schedule for autism by Oct. 1, and cap rates at \$50 for BH techs; and establishes a workgroup that will do several things including rates, diagnosis process, etc., and will make recommendations by March 1, to the Senate and House subcommittees and the State Budget office. The final number on the line item for Autism Services is \$192 Million.

“Call to Action to prevent gun violence and school shootings”

Alan reviewed the recommendations that came from the workgroup developed by the Association on the gun violence and school shooting issue. He stated that the group consisted of Board Members, Providers, Consumers and Directors from PIHPs and CMHs. These recommendations were sent to may State leaders for their review. Four categories (prevention, early intervention, community safety & health, and promoting protective factors for those experiencing difficulties, and proven interventions for individuals where violence is present or appears imminent) were identified by this workgroup to be addressed. Recommendations were reviewed on each of these topics in the handout that was distributed to the group. Discussion was held regarding whether school representatives were involved in the development of this document. Alan stated that at this point in the process, it was simply an internal formation of the Association's views on this topic. Involvement by others will be encouraged in the future. Suggestion was made to use Youth Peer Support Specialists and Parent Support Partners in future development as well.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.