

Children's Issues Committee, March 19, 2019, 1:00pm

Children's Administrators Forum Update – Gwenda Summers (CEI)

Group reviewed the meeting minutes distributed in the packet from Gwenda Summers. Gwenda reported on each of the minutes from January, February and March meetings. Review of January's meeting was given at the January Children's Issues Committee meeting. She stated that Suicide Prevention was discussed at the February meeting. In March, Dr. Pond and Dr. Petti gave a presentation on the Hawthorn Center. Dr. Pond has taken over for Dr. Mellos. Group discussed wait lists and denials for acute hospitalizations. The next meeting will be on April 12, 2019.

DHHS Updates – Kim Batsche-McKenzie (MDHHS)

Kim reported that she is still Acting Director since Sherri Falvay's retirement in November of 2018. She stated that MDHHS is waiting to see what appointments will be finalized for them in the next month or two. She stated that Robert Gordon is going to establish three divisions within MDHHS – Health, Opportunity and Administration. Children's Department will be under Health. Human Services will be under Opportunity. Each division will have a Chief Deputy Director reporting directly to Robert Gordon. Chief Deputy for Health has not yet been named.

Kim spoke about the Healthy Transition SAMHSA grant which is using the TIP model, with sites being Kent County and Kalamazoo County. Each of the two sites have hired facilitators and Peer Support Specialists. She then spoke about the HRSA grant which is an expansion of MC3 (Michigan Care Collaborative Consortium). Treatment Foster Care Oregon model teams were discussed. Kim will send information to Monique to distribute to the group.

Kim reported that PRTF (Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility) is a Medicaid service that is currently not offered in Michigan, but they are exploring adding this Medicaid service to the State Plan. Kim stated that the model would be small scale, with a 5-6 bed group home setup for those exiting the Hawthorn Center. Kim stated that the draft concept paper can be shared with this group after it has been submitted to CMS.

*Email excerpt from Kim RE: PRTF

*"The proposed Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) Program consists of multiple 5-bed community group homes, licensed and accredited to serve youth with serious emotional disturbance (SED) or SED with co-occurring intellectual and developmental disability (I/DD) who present severe and persistent challenges in social, emotional, behavioral and/or psychiatric functioning. This therapeutic and trauma informed setting for youth ages 12 to 21 years will provide 24-hour staff supervised, highly individualized programming to treat significant behavioral health concerns. Each home will provide specialized and individualized services based on the needs of the identified youth. This will include clinical interventions, psychopharmacology services (when applicable), education, medical services, and structured programming within a safe, controlled environment with a high intensity of supervision and structure. *This Medicaid service would need to be added to our State plan."*

Lisa Grost gave an update. She stated that the Autism Council has added 4 seats. Those seats will be representatives from the Michigan Rehabilitation Services, BCBA, Recipient Rights, and LARA. She stated that the reporting for Family Training has not been reported accurately from a lot of agencies, and the Department would like to see this corrected. She stated that there are some issues with the Autism diagnostic piece of the evaluation. A capacity survey was done last year and a second one is being done now. This gages how many providers are available. She reported that clinicians with questions can send those to her. Clinical guidance needs to be offered from within the system to those performing the evaluations. ASD Diagnostic Clinical Guidelines are going to be worked on this year by the Department to clarify and help increase capacity. Lisa stated that site visits have been scheduled. She will share that schedule with this group. Lisa stated that FY19 will continue to see a capitation model being used. Rates appear to be about the same.

Jane Shank reported that several initiatives are being worked on within ACMH. The Healthy Transitions SAMHSA Grant mentioned by Kim earlier is one of them. She stated that a workgroup has been formed to discuss implementing this policy from the Department to the CMHs, etc. She stated that Family and Youth needs to have representation at all types of Board meetings. She stated that Children's Mental Health Awareness Day will be on May 7, 2019 at Boji Towers from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Jane will send the flyer to Monique, who will forward to the group.

Julia Rupp stated that several counties were working with STARS regarding the TIP model. Kim asked if she could send her the names of those involved.

Kim stated that Belinda Hawkes has been placed as Division Director of Quality, Planning and Compliance. She stated that she, Belinda and Lisa Grost comprise the Children's and Families Division contacts at the Department.

Legislative Update – Alan Bolter (enc)

Alan reviewed the handouts in the packet provided to the group. He reviewed the Budget Proposal issued by Governor Whitmer on March 5th. He reviewed several line items and highlights of that proposal. He reported that the House Behavioral Health Day will be on April 11th, with the Senate Behavioral Health day being held this week on March 21st. Also reviewed Boilerplate sections that were included in the proposed Budget, as well as Boilerplate that was NOT included. Alan stated that the House and Senate will both go through their processes of reviewing and altering this proposal. Alan stated that \$1.5 Million for Court Appointed Guardianship was put in the Budget proposal last year but was not this year. He reported that the Association's focus is going to be on funding, and the lack of it. The financing system is outdated, and this is what the Association will push to Legislators. Alan spoke about the funding and risk

system, giving examples of how the funding is inadequate to meet the demand for services, and the changes in services in the last 30 years. Alan then reported that he received an email reporting that the building of the Caro Center has been put on hold for discussions to re-examine where it should be located.

Biggest areas of challenge with children/youth/families: draft doodle poll

Connie reviewed the poll that was sent to the group for discussion.

Item 1(b) – Group discussed who recommendations would be made to. Connie stated that the Association or Legislators could be examples. Group wondered who this poll would be sent to. Connie stated that it would go to the Children’s Issues Committee, and possibly Children’s Administrator Forum. Connie stated that the questions could also be shared at the Directors’ Forum. Kadi suggested adding a question to gauge what the future issues may be as well as current.

Item 2 – Connie stated that this question listed what this group had “brain-stormed” about at prior meetings. Jane suggested that Family and Youth Voice/Representation needed to be added to this list in Item 2. Gwenda suggested adding Young Adult to the list as well.

Group discussed membership of the Children’s Issues Committee and what could make the meeting more useful. Kim suggested problem solving first and updates second.

Committee Focus Areas for 2019

Collaborative efforts to support students, especially those expelled, suspended or at risk with mental health needs

Child Psychiatric Beds

Service Models for transition age youth

Other

Connie would like to add the School Mental Health Learning Collaborative presentation to April’s meeting agenda.

The next meeting of the Children’s Issues Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 1:00pm, CMHAM office, Lansing.

Meeting adjourned at 2:13pm.