

Children's Issues Committee, January 14, 2020, 1:00pm

Children's Administrators Forum Update – Gwenda Summers – CEI

Gwenda reviewed the minutes from October, November, December and January. She stated that SED Waiver was discussed at the October meeting. Angelo Powell gave info at the October meeting on implementation. An Autism Services presentation was given at the November meeting. Lack of funding and obtaining Providers were discussed among the group at that meeting. The December meeting discussions centered around CAFAS and PECFAS. Gwenda reported that the January meeting had a presentation regarding system redesign from the Department. Also discussed were the School based mental health care initiatives that have come up. Of interest are 31n and C4S. Funding and services were discussed. Group discussed Steering Committees for these initiatives to have input on funding for them. Group discussed the need for programs after school as well as during school, which brings about the need for partnerships with other organizations and/or CMHs.

DHHS Updates – Kim Batsche-McKenzie (by phone), Krista Hauserman (by phone) ShaRon Crandall & Justin Tate (MDHHS)

Kim stated that Krista Hauserman will be working with the Department on PRTF as a consultant. She is working on the concept paper, with a State Plan Amendment planned as well. They will likely do an RFP for 2 providers. Krista joined by phone, stating she was contracting with MDHHS on this project. Krista reported that the concept paper will include best practices from other states and countries. They are looking into details of the target population and are currently working on an RFP for 2 providers for a pilot program. During the pilot period, a Michigan model will be created to meet Medicaid requirements for billable reimbursement to be possible. It will be created so that the referral will go through CMHs. SED diagnosis is required for the child to qualify. Family engagement and interaction will be encouraged daily. The model will be a wraparound type model. Group wondered if the 2 providers in the pilot would be in multiple locations, or just 2 locations. Krista stated that at the beginning it would be just the 2 locations.

Kim then introduced Justin Tate who is filling Kim's spot at the Department. She spoke about the System Redesign public forums that are taking place currently. Two have already taken place with many more upcoming. She stated that there will be a webinar forum on February 6 for those who could not travel to one of the scheduled live forums. Group asked Kim about the PMTO Statewide meeting next week. Kim stated that there is a call-in option for this meeting if needed. She reported that the PMTO group is looking at evidence-based practices and trying to make some changes to their approach to accomplish a statewide effort. Mary Ludtke will be coordinating this meeting. Group discussed the need to keep the current efforts in PMTO (regionally) as they are if they are working, and not uproot those efforts during next week's meeting.

Justin Tate then spoke about the Youth Advisory Committee, stating that there are openings for membership, with the deadline for applying on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. Justin will forward info to this group on this. They are looking to start a Parent Advisory Committee, with an application deadline for that on February 15, 2020. Jane Shank added that the ACMH will likely accept applications beyond those deadlines. Justin stated that the Wraparound Conference will be in June this year at the Great Wolf Lodge. Call for Presentations went out earlier this week. 'Teamwork' and 'Needing each other to succeed' will be the common theme for this conference. Justin stated that he will send info on this conference to the group as well.

Jane Shank will be added to the agenda for an ACMH update moving forward.

Legislative Update – Alan Bolter

Group reviewed the legislative handout provided by Alan Bolter in the packet. He was unavailable to join the meeting.

Committee Focus Areas for 2020

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

Connie stated that this committee needs to focus more on policy and advocacy. Input needs to be gathered on what should be prioritized, and themes need to be identified. Building the bridge around partnering with the Department should be discussed. Knowing that there is a shortage of child psych beds, having to make alternative plans... this needs to be talked about more. Lease Restriction, core values, system redesign (and where children's services fall in those discussions) all need to be discussed deeply to find suggestions, ideas and answers. Problem solving needs to take place. The need to treat children as children, not adults, needs to be realized in our commitments and values. Some of the cost benefits of some of the services offered by MDHHS (Parent Support Partner, Youth Peer Support, etc.) need to be acknowledged. Youth suicide issues need to be deconstructed. Partnerships must continue to be formed, even in the light of System Redesign and other bigger efforts, because there is still work to be done. Jane Shank stated that she agreed with Connie that work must continue in the light of statewide efforts. She also agreed that children must be treated and handled as children. She stated that we need to promote the work being done. Julie Bayardo stated that flexibility around service delivery is highly needed. Mobile Crisis is a good example of intervention services. Effective and efficient use of service dollars needs to be discussed and highlighted – both regionally and statewide. What works for some may not always work for others. Carl Rice spoke about the System Redesign forum that was held last week in Grand Rapids. He stated that the Department was not prepared with answers to the questions that were asked. The Department seemed to state what was going to happen as if it was a given. He stated that very little was discussed about Children or Youth. Advocacy from this Children's Issues Committee is needed to ensure that Children's Services is not overlooked in this process. Connie will speak with Bob Sheehan and Alan Bolter regarding what would be most impactful as a communication from this committee to accomplish that. Staff retention was briefly discussed an area of focus.

No other business.

The next meeting of the Children's Issues Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 1:00pm, CMHA office, Lansing.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06pm.