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Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 11, 2017
Crowne Plaza, 4402 East Washington Avenue, Madison, WI

Council Members Present: Liz Hecht (Chair); Patti Becker; Jonelle Brom; Charity Eleson; Sharon Fleischfresser; Wendy Heyn; Dan Idzikowski; Joanne Juhnke; Barbara Katz; John Shaw; Sandra Tierney.

Council Members participating by phone: Naomi Beahm; Cheryl Berg; Melanie Fralick; Walt Schalick; Connie Sherd

Council Members Absent: Nissan Bar-Lev; Lynn Green; Pilar Guzman; Darsell Johns; Kirsten Menningen; Jeff Muse; Jo Pelishek; Melissa Stoltz

DHS Council Staff: Deb Rathermel; Andrea Jacobson; Autumn Knudtson; Ann Pooler; Samantha Ninnemann; Alyssa Zirk; Nancy Bills

Public Attendees: None

1. Welcome and Introductions – Liz Hecht, Chair (Meeting started at 9:35 a.m.)

- Council members and Department of Health Services (DHS) staff introduced themselves and went over the agenda.
- Charity had an update: New Katie Beckett subcontractor for Waukesha, Milwaukee and Ozaukee – Pennfield Children's Center, now staffing and officially providing services on January 16, 2017.
- Barb announced – Family Voices, changes in federal landscape regarding healthcare. Family Voices is trying to interpret information and will be posting information that is relevant and nonpartisan on website through the Family Voices Network: familyvoicesofwisconsin.com.
- Annual advocacy for change is March 2 at the Concourse Hotel. If anyone knows of families interested in registering, information can be found on the website listed above.
- Dan – Survival Coalition Advocacy Day is March 21 (volunteers are needed).
- Liz – Meeting with the Department of Health Services Secretary is on January 19 to share CLTS Council recommendations and request an update to the Council's charge. Liz passed out two handouts she prepared for the DHS Secretary's meeting. These included a Background and recommendations Paper and a separate paper detailing Service Funding, Access (No Wrong Door), coordination – EPSDT and Medicaid (HealthCheck), and a Quality Improvement overview. Both papers are focused specifically on the 2017-2019 Biennial Budget Recommendations from the Wisconsin CLTS Council's perspective. Liz will email these papers to all Council members. On January 12 Dan and Liz will be meeting with Governor Walker's office to talk about ending the waiting list.

Welcome and Introductions – Liz Hecht, Chairperson (Continued)

- The Council discussed and verbally approved to move the National Core Indicators (NCI) discussion to the afternoon section of the agenda (if time permits) and have the Council goals discussion after the DHS updates.

2. DHS Updates – Deb Rathermel, Director, Bureau of Children’s Long Term Support Services, Department of Health Services (DHS)

Reorganization of the Department of Health Services:

- New Division of Medicaid Services will be led by Medicaid Director Michael Heifetz
- Deputy Medicaid Director currently being recruited
- Three new divisions
 - Long Term Care Benefits and Programs (Curtis Cunningham, Administrator)
 - Systems, Fiscal and Operations Management (administrator to be decided)
 - Eligibility and Benefits Management (Marlia Mattke, Administrator)
- Bureau of Children’s Services has been renamed to Bureau of Children’s Long Term Support Services
 - No other changes in Children’s Bureau
- Objective is to create a seamless customer service and coordination of care infrastructure to serve the public
- Discussed having someone from MA prior authorizations join the Council

Autism Transition Update:

- As of December 31, 2016, autism transition services (ATS) are no longer funded on the waiver. All are funded on the MA benefit.
- 2,200 prior authorizations (PAs) were approved; 3,500 PAs were in process in 2016 for behavioral treatment. \$13 million in claims were paid by Medicaid in 2016.
- Of the waiver population, approximately 1,500 children are on the list to transition; 1,050 have PAs approved or are in process. Of the 330 kids on the waitlist for autism treatment under the Waiver, 157 kids obtained PAs.
- Children’s with autism continue to access supports and services on the Waiver. Needs are met through other waiver services.
- Counties have worked very hard to make transition as seamless as possible for everyone.

CLTS Waiver Renewal:

- Three waivers are now combined into one application.
- DHS is in the process of responding to CMS Request for Information (RAI). DHS has a temporary extension of the existing waivers in order to continue administering the program while our renewal application is under review with CMS.
- Council members expressed concerns specific to the transition of EPSDT services expected following the waiver renewal.

Children’s Community Options Program (CCOP) Guidelines:

- Draft CCOP guidelines are expected to be issues during the first quarter of 2017.

DHS Competitive Integration Employment Guiding Principals

- DHS Long Term Care Functional Area is working on guiding principles related to community inclusion employment for people with long term supports. These guiding principles are expected to be shared with stakeholders in the coming months.

Bureau of Children's Long Term Support Services 2017 Priorities

- CLTS program reforms
 - Service efficacy initiative
 - Look more intentionally at what we are doing and how it is working
 - Promote administrative efficiencies
 - Counties can regionalize some administrative functions (not mandated).
 - Measure child outcomes.
 - Look intentionally overall
 - Are people better off because of the program?
 - How do we quantify this?
 - Bureau-level scorecard
- Birth to 3
 - Early intervention model/benefit through MA
- Bureau
 - Quality framework, creating a scorecard specific to children
 - Elimination of wait list
- Employment Initiatives
 - Increase employment preparedness of children transition to adult programs
- Systems
 - WPM (Wisconsin Provider Management)
 - E&E (Eligibility and Enrollment Streamlining)
 - CITR (Children's Incident Tracking Reporting)
 - Katie Beckett Application increasing automation
 - Discussion regarding adding questions to NCI
 - Subcommittee will meet to develop an additional set of questions
 - Same group as from last meeting and Sharon

LUNCH BREAK

CLTS Council 2017 Goals

- Council will discuss priorities, rank priorities and discuss how to best accomplish these priorities.
 - Department priorities
 - Useful interventions (service utilization criteria)
 - Measurement of child/family outcomes
 - Quality framework, scorecard, and survey
 - EPSDT Transition
 - What is the one issue that is most important for the Council to work on?
 - The Council also needs to recognize their capacity and timelines.
 - Consider expertise in certain areas that might be different from other resources than what DHS can provide.

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- The Council explained and discussed each priority from above –
 - Elimination of the waitlist was crossed out due to unknown future of this effort.
 - Council voted (in person and through email) and ranked the following as their priorities:
 - EPSDT Transition
 - Measure child/family outcomes
 - Quality framework/scorecard
 - Usefulness of interventions
 - What is the scope of each topic? What questions do we want answered before the next meeting?
 - Capacity of Council around EPSDT
 - Advanced background reading two weeks before next meeting
 - Basic summary of what EPSDT is before next meeting
 - How is HealthCheck administered currently from someone who runs it?
 - What does the Department specifically want to know?
 - Current family experience with HealthCheck, and how it is currently working
 - More information on the Prior Authorization process
 - Identify expectations and provide an understanding of what this service looks like for children
 - Next meeting will be fact finding and informative
 - Half of next meeting should be just for EPSDT
 - Parking lot items
 - Single point of entry/no wrong door
 - Supporting family's framework and elimination of the waitlist
 - Training and workforce competency around supporting families

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

- No National Core Indicators (Child Family Survey) presentation was done at this meeting, due to time constraints. A meeting date will be set for any interested members to meet with Andrea Jacobson at DHS to discuss the National Core Indicator Project questions.
- Next meeting is April 12, 2017 – EPSDT and NCI will be discussed.
- Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Charity Eleson and seconded by John Shaw to approve the October 19, 2017 meeting minutes – motion passed.
- Adjournment: Motion was made by Liz Hecht and seconded by Charity Eleson – motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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