

Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 13, 2016
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Crowne Plaza
4402 East Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

Council Members Present: Liz Hecht, Kirsten Menningen, Lynn Green, Naomi Beahm, Wendy Heyn, Charity Eleson, Patti Becker, Barb Katz, Jo Pelishek, Dan Idzikowski, Joanne Juhnke, Sharon Fleischfresser, Nissan Bar-Lev, Darsell Johns, Melanie Fralick – via phone, Sandy Tierney – via phone

Council Members Absent: Cheryl Berg, Jonelle Brom, Pilar Guzman, Jeff Muse, Walt Schalick, John Shaw, Melissa Stoltz

DHS Council Staff: Deb Rathermel, Autumn Knudtson, Kim Pertzborn

Public Attendees: None

The meeting commenced at 10:00 AM.

1. Welcome and Introductions – Liz Hecht, Chairperson

- Council members and Department of Health Services (DHS) staff introduced themselves and went over the agenda. Members also discussed new members to the council.

2. Public Testimony

- There was no public comment

3. Children's Long-Term Support Waiver Program Renewal

– Deb Rathermel, Director, Bureau of Children's Services

- Combining of all three waivers into one Children's Long-Term Support Waiver Program application.
 - Combine the current three CLTS Waivers into one comprehensive waiver that includes the three target groups for child with physical disabilities, intellectual/developmental disabilities and severe emotional disturbance.
- CLTS Waiver Renewal Application
 - Posted for public comment on July 8, 2016. The waiver will remain open for public comment until August 8, 2016.
 - Overview of the key features that are changing with the current Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waiver Renewal application.
 - Benefit package changes were reviewed based on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) prohibition of services that are allowable and authorized under the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit. The EPSDT benefit is unique to children up to age 21 as part of the State Medicaid Plan therefore prohibited from being included in the CLTS Waiver Program.
 - Each proposed service in the CLTS Waiver Program benefit package was reviewed to highlight the additions and CMS prohibitions.
- Aligning compliance with the CMS Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Final Settings Rule. There is a statewide transition plan for Wisconsin to come into compliance with the final

settings rule. For all 1915 (c) Waivers that are renewed after 2014 the State has until 2019 to come into full compliance of the Final Settings Rule, because CLTS Waiver is in the process for a renewal for 2017, full compliance will be 2019.

- Implementation of the CMS mandated Corrective Action Plans (CAP) that includes two main systems changes:
 - Statewide Rate Setting Methodology. The state must create a statewide rate setting methodology. DHS has contracted with the Center for Health Systems Research and Analysis (CHSRA) to partner with DHS on development of the statewide rate setting methodology.
 - Wisconsin Provider Management System (WPM). The DHS is working on the development of the statewide WPM to come into compliance with CMS mandate that the State be responsible for the maintenance of the provider enrollment system.

- Revisions of each Performance Measure (PM) throughout the CLTS Waiver Application.
 - The CLTS Waiver has six main sections and each section has quality Performance Measures. DHS collects data regarding each PM in order to assure CMS that the minimum requirements for quality services and supports via the CLTS Waiver are being met at the local level.
 - The county receives an on-site record review in order to validate compliance on both the state and federal level.

- Statewide wait list for services. CMS mandates that DHS develop and maintain one statewide wait list for services for children accessing the CLTS Waiver.
 - Counties had the ability to manage their wait list at the local level and this will no longer be permissible.
 - Crisis criteria will remain the same for children/family involved in a crisis situation in order to access the CLTS Waiver out of order of the wait list.

4. Children's Long-Term Support Waiver Renewal Council Discussion- Liz Hecht

- The council requests that DHS consider development of some type of competency training for Support and Service Coordinators so all families have equal access to supports and services based on the knowledge that the SSC has regarding the CLTS Waiver Program.
- The council had discussion regarding the creation of a Family Experience Survey as a mechanism by which families are able to share their experiences.
- The council picked two subject areas to discuss further. Those subjects are recommendations to the CLTS Waiver Renewal Application and Recommendations for the Budget.
 - Subcommittee formed including Council Members and DHS to develop recommendations regarding the CLTS Waiver Program Application to include review the benefit package, performance measures and how to incorporate a family experience survey as a data source.
 - Meeting for the subcommittee is scheduled for Wednesday July 20th from 3:00-4:30 at DHS. Room to be determined.
 - Subcommittee formed including Council Members and DHS to discuss the Budget.
 - Meeting for the Budget Subcommittee scheduled for July 26th from 2:00-3:30 at DHS. Room to be determined.

5. Next Steps CLTS Waiver Renewal

- On-site meeting with County Waiver Agencies scheduled for Thursday July 28th.
- The application will remain posted until August 8th.
- One the application is taken offline all public questions and comments will be reviewed prior to submission to CMS for approval.

6. Bureau of Children's Services Updates – The Council tabled this discussion until the October meeting due to the CLTS Waiver Renewal.

- Children's Community Options Program (CCOP)
- 40 hour work rule
- Functional Eligibility

7. Council Business

- The next council meeting will take place on October 5, 2016 at La Quinta in Madison.
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.m.