

## **Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Council Meeting Minutes**

**May 13, 2015**

**10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Crowne Plaza**

**Madison, WI 53178**

**Council Members Present:** Liz Hecht (Chairperson), Cheryl Berg, Charity Eleson, Melanie Fralick (phone), Dan Idzikowski, Darsell Johns (phone), Kirsten Menningen, Jo Pelishek, John Shaw, Julie Turkoske

**DHS Guests:** Brigit Frank (Family Voices Wisconsin), Robin Joseph, Pam Lano, Bill Murray

**DHS Council Staff:** Camille Rodriguez, Alyssa Zirk

**Public Attendees:** none.

The meeting commenced at 10:10 AM.

- **Welcome and Introductions – Liz Hecht, Chairperson**
  - Review of Agenda
  - Council members, Department of Health Services (DHS) staff introduced themselves.
  
- **Public Testimony**
  - There were no public attendees.
  
- **Coverage of Autism Spectrum Disorder Treatment Services by Wisconsin's Medicaid Program: Camille Rodriguez, Director, Bureau of Children's Services**
  - Dr. Robin Joseph, Chief of the Behavioral Health Section, discussed the Behavioral Health Section's role in the Division of Long Term Care (DLTC), Bureau of Children's Services (BCS).
  - DHS held a conference call with county waiver agencies (CWAs) discussing the new Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) behavioral treatment benefit. DHS outlined the project plan and gave CWAs resources to communicate with the Department. A power point presentation, guiding principles, and next steps for the project can be found on a newly created website ([www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/clts/waiver/autism/updates.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/clts/waiver/autism/updates.htm)). DLTC and the Division of Health Care Access and Accountability are meeting to coordinate the project.
  - Council member Dan Idzikowski made a motion to make a formal recommendation to DHS about children currently on the DHS Autism Wait List and the need for them to get an assessment before moving to the Medicaid card. Jeff Muse seconded the motion; motion carries. Dan I. will draft the letter and Liz H. will edit and send to the Secretary.
  - Council member Charity Eleson makes the motion to make a formal recommendation to DHS to develop and post a FAQ on the DHS website to address confusion and concerns regarding the ASD Benefit and provide a contact person for families and providers who can answer questions. Lynne Green seconds the motion; motion carried.
  
- **Bureau of Children's Services, Updates – Camille Rodriguez, Director**
  - Beth Wroblewski retired from state service on May 8, 2015. She is now the Executive Director of Employment Resources, Incorporated.
  - Curtis Cunningham is now Deputy Administrator of DLTC.
  - National Core Indicators is a survey of adults with developmental disabilities. Paper surveys have been sent out to adults and 400 in-person interviews will recommence in late summer.
  - The new state budget currently being reviewed by the Joint Finance Committee proposes that Family Support Program (FSP) and the Community Option Program (COP) merge into one program – the Children's COP.

- **Operational**
  - Compass Wisconsin Threshold expanded to Dane County on April, 1, 2015. Intake has increased 85 percent.
  - Council members reviewed the CLTS Council minutes of the meeting held in February 2015. Dan I. made a motion to approve the February 2015, meeting minutes; Jo P. seconded the motion; motion carried.
- **CLTS Council Meeting Adjournment**

The Council meeting was adjourned at 2:36 PM.