

Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 29, 2013
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
La Quinta Inn and Suites
5217 East Terrace Drive
Madison, WI 53178

Council Members Present:

Liz Hecht (Chairperson), Shirin Cabraal, Hugh Davis, Charity Eleson, Sharon Fleischfresser, Lynn Green, Barb Katz, Jeff Muse, Jodi Pelishek, Walt Schalick, John Shaw, Melissa Stoltz, Julie Turkoske

Council Members Absent:

Cheryl Berg, Melanie Fralick, Sue Gilbertson, Kirsten Menningen, Katie Sepnieski

DHS Council Staff:

Julie Bryda, Lisa Kulow, Sue Larsen, Beth Wroblewski

Guests:

Becky Burns, CLTS Coordinator, Children's Services Section, Bureau of Long-Term Support; Craig Steele, Project Coordinator, Division of Health Care Access & Accountability, Darsell Johns, Milwaukee County

1. Welcome and Introductions – Liz Hecht

- **Review of Agenda**
- **Introduction of Council Members**

2. Children's Long Term Support Updates – Sue Larsen

- **CompassWI: Threshold**
 - Current implementation is in Jefferson, Kenosha, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha counties.
 - On November 4, 2013, six counties will be added: Adams, Columbia, Green, Lafayette, and Marquette.
 - The Bureau currently enters children's names in the HSRS Children's Wait List system; a conversion of the HSRS Children's Wait List system to the Program Participation system module is scheduled to launch in early 2014, increasing accuracy of the current wait list.
- **The Children's Long-Term Support Update is tabled for Division Updates; will be continued later in the meeting.**

3. Division of Long Term Care (DLTC) Updates – Beth Wroblewski, Deputy Administrator

- **Care4Kids**
 - The DHS and Department of Children and Families (DCF) joint initiative, Care4Kids provides foster care children a comprehensive, integrated, coordinated health care plan with timely access to a full range of developmental, trauma-informed and evidence-based services.
 - Care4Kids will be piloted in 6 counties: Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Washington and Waukesha, with implementation targeted for January 2014.
 - Children's Hospital of Wisconsin – Milwaukee is the selected provider.
 - Enrollment will be offered first to children entering into foster care; then, to those children already placed in foster care. Goals include:
 - Responding to children rapidly with a physical and mental assessment.
 - Educating the court system about Care4Kids.
 - Engaging with the family.
 - Ensuring an integrated health record for children in foster.

- Medistar will conduct external quality reviews/evaluations.
 - **Money Follows the Person**
 - A grant application has been submitted to Tribal entities; would allow money to be used for affordable housing, counseling, working vs. institutions.
 - The Department is working on a caregiver provider network.
 - **PROMISE Grant**
 - PROMISE grant, an effort by DHS, DPI and Department of Workforce Development (DWD)/Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), is:
 - A study to compare how children on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and their family members are impacted by interventions.
 - Built on the “Let’s Get to Work Grant” structure; an objective is to work with employers to increase community-based work opportunities.
 - Targeted to children age 14-16 years old who are Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients.
 - \$6 million for each of 5 years - \$32.5 million total.
 - The Promise Grant Team will be invited to a future Council meeting to discuss the grant activities.
 - **Department of Public Instruction’s (DPI) Academic Career Planning**
 - The program will launch in 2017 for all Wisconsin students; DHS Secretary Kitty Rhodes and DPI Superintendent Tony Evers are collaborating to launch the program earlier for youth with disabilities.
 - **Amendments of IRIS Waivers**
 - Allow for choice between multiple IRIS agencies.
 - Introduction of Community Supported Living service for all Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waivers; not permitting large residential settings
 - Pending approval from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, anticipate service will be January 2014
- 4. Children’s Long-Term Support Functional Screen Overview – Becky Burns**
- CLTS Functional Screen Coordinator Becky Burns provided an overview.
 - The Children’s Long-Term Support Functional Screen (CLTS FS) determines functional eligibility and replicates four levels of care (LOC) mandated requirements.
 - Special features offer increased security and accuracy, and ease of use.
 - Questions adapt to 12 age cohorts (developmental groups): 0-6 months; 6-12 months; 12-18 months; 18-24 months; 2-3 years; 3-4 years; 4-6 years; 6-9 years; 10-12 years; 12-14 years; 14-18 years; and age 18 and up.
 - Current and previous determinations are displayed upon data entry completion.
 - CLTS FS to be completed in private, following the interview.
 - Families can request rescreening at any time; no change in condition required.
 - Screener must explain eligibility results accurately to families based on LOC Requirements rather than the CLTS FS.
 - No CLTS screen updates in 2013; updates were implemented in February 2011, June 2011, and 2012.
- 5. Approval of June 26, 2013 Meeting Minutes – Liz Hecht, Chairperson**
- Walt S. made a motion to conditionally approve the June 26, 2013, meeting minutes. If any edits are necessary, provide them to Sue Larsen. Julie T. seconded the motion; motion carries.
- 6. Affordable Care Act Update – Craig Steele**
- Craig Steele provided an Affordable Care Act (ACA) update and discussed the impact on families and children with disabilities.

- BadgerCare Plus changes include:
 - To qualify for coverage, income for children and pregnant women must be at or below 300% of the federal poverty level (FPL); childless adults and parents/caretaker relatives must be at 200% of the FPL.
- November 18-23, 2013, DHCAA will re-determination eligibility before participants are possibly terminated from BadgerCare Plus.
 - BadgerCare Plus participants with a disability are referred back to Medicaid.
 - The Department may handle those with a pending disability application.
 - The Department is reviewing the data for families above 300% FPL to ensure a smooth transition for families who have a child with a disability who may be eligible for the Katie Beckett Program or the CLTS Waivers.
 - Given recent updates from CMS, if encountering a family whose income is under 300% of the FPL and have received a termination notice, have them apply after November 18 to ensure no delays.
- DHS Outreach Activities:
 - Sent letters to 4 groups: Transitioning members, members eligible for TMA (extension), CORE waitlist members and Basic Plan members. Each household will also receive a phone call.
 - Contacting current members that may transition to the Marketplace, and those uninsured individuals that will be eligible for BadgerCare Plus.
- Federal Marketplace:
 - Apply at healthcare.gov; or call 800# or visit job centers for in-person assistance.
 - If over the new income limit, follow the online link to the paper application and mail the paper application to not delay enrollment for January 1.
 - If trying to assist someone at healthcare.gov, they must create an account and have an e-mail address, even if submitting a paper application.
 - Enter zip code for 100-mile search radius; entities will be listed (counties currently not listed).
 - Scenarios are only of a 27-year-old and 50-year-old; actual premium will be shown at the end of the entire process.
 - Currently, enrollment cannot be confirmed due to bandwidth issues.
TMA: When over fpl, they have the opportunity to stay on the program for an additional 12 months at premiums they would be charged in the Marketplace; when extension ends, they qualify for Marketplace plan. (Must have triggering mechanism to have received extension; must currently get extension based on current fpl.)
 - For enrollment updates, contact:
 - e4healthwi.org = Regional Enrollment Network
 - Wisconsin Access Network
 - AmeriCor member contact
 - DHS is currently providing free Partner Trainings statewide to build capacity.

7. New Business: Council Procedures

- Agenda Timeframes
 - The Council agreed agenda topic timeframes will be flexible as needed to accommodate guest speakers, and to continue necessary and time-sensitive discussions.
 - A suggestion was made for Department Update reports at the end of the agenda.
- Meeting Frequency
 - The Council recommended adding 1 meeting each year; 5 meeting dates for 2014 will be proposed at the December meeting.

8. Potential Discussion Topics for Next Council Meeting

- Invite Promise Grant Team; Tabled - consider for early 2014.
- Draft Family Support Program Guidelines
- Review of Council Charge
 - Current Council recruitment activities:
 - Recruiting Darsell Johns—experience with wide range of children’s services programs; current Milwaukee County supervisor for programs for children with disabilities
 - DPI has recommended Nissan Bar-Lev to represent Special Education issues; currently serves on the Autism Council and has broad perspective for issues that span the Councils.
 - Awaiting recommendation from Wisconsin County Human Services Association Long Term Support (LTS) Policy Action Committee (PAC) to provide recommendation.
 - Encouraging families/parents to apply.
 - Seeking a representative from DHS Division of Health Care Access and Accountability (DHCAA); potential members include Brett Davis, Vicki Jessup, Greg Dimiceli, Dave Stepien.
 - Council application forms will be posted on the website; submit applications to Lisa Kulow.
- Report from field/direct service coordinators with challenges/stories from families; the Council is interested in formulating questions for families.

9. Children’s Services Section Updates, Continued – Sue Larsen, Chief

- **Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)/Children Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waivers Coordination & Integration Services Memo**
 - Working collaboratively with Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to develop joint Numbered Memo with clarified policies and procedures.
 - Have shared draft memo with WCHSA LTS PAC members to finalize policy clarification; will be sharing final updated memo with county waiver agencies (CWAs) once approved, and scheduling training events.
 - Council members cited the information may be of interest to families; Hugh Davis and Barbara Katz discussed co-developing a fact sheet for families.
- **2013 Fall CLTS Regional Meeting Summary**
 - Five regional meetings were held; 190 county waiver agency supervisors and service coordinators attended; received formal evaluation feedback from 105 individuals.
 - CLTS Visions for 2014:
 - Policy and Procedure Communication:
 - BLTS CLTS Waiver teleconferences (Program)
 - BFM CLTS teleconferences (Fiscal)
 - CLTS teleconferences will move to bimonthly schedule.
 - Bi-annual (March/September) Regional Meetings
 - Developing CLTS Waivers Policy & Procedure Guide
 - Developing Family Support Procedure Guide
 - Training, Technical Assistance and Networking:
 - Determining training and TA sessions for 2014
 - Proposing a web-based New Worker Training module, with layered approach, interactive opportunity
 - Statewide networking events
 - CSS county site visit opportunities

10. CLTS Council Meeting Adjournment

- The Council meeting was adjourned at 3:02 PM.