

Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Council Meeting
Wednesday May 8, 2013
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
La Quinta Inn and Suites
5217 East Terrace Hotel
Madison, WI 53178

Meeting Minutes

Council Chairperson: Liz Hecht

Council Members Present:

Cheryl Berg, Shirin Cabraal, Hugh Davis, Sharon Fleischfresser, Melanie Fralick, Lynn Green, Barbara Katz, Kristin Mennigen, Jeff Muse, Jodi Pelishek, Katie Sepnieski, John Shaw, Melissa Stoltz, Julie Turkoske

Council Members Absent:

Charity Eleson, Walt Schalick,

DHS Council Staff:

Julie Bryda, Sheldon Kroning, Sue Larsen, Gail Propsom

Guests:

Andy Forsaith, Ellie Hartmann, Sarah Lincoln, Craig Steele, Jessica Thompson

I. Welcome & Introductions - Liz Hecht

- Review of Agenda
- Introduction of Council members
- Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - Cheryl Berg asked that the minutes be corrected to reflect her attendance; Sue Larsen asked the minutes be corrected to reflect that Keith Keller had submitted his resignation to the La Crosse County Department of Human Services, and thus was resigning from the CLTS Council effective December 31, 2012.
 - John Shaw made a motion to approve the December 5, 2012 meeting minutes with the noted corrections; Jo Pelishek seconded the motion, the motion carries.

II. State Budget Updates/Recommendations - Liz Hecht

- Long-Term Support for Children document was discussed during Survival Coalition
 - Focused on increasing current spending in the Children's Long-Term support system by adding \$6.7 million to reduce waiting lists and providing short-term assistance
 - Calls to four senators have been made to discuss the reduction of waiting lists for children

III. Circles of Life Conference Update – Liz Hecht, Barb Katz, John Shaw & Sue Larsen

- This year's Circles of Life (COL) conference attendance exceeded 400

- Conference participant representation included Birth to 3 Program, Family Support Program, CLTS Waivers
- 2014 Circles of Life Conference will be held at the Marriott, in Middleton
- Barb relayed that there was a lot of participation among attendees and the various break-out sessions” were valuable to the conference. Notes from the conference will be posted on the Family Voices website in the near future:
- “Creating a Vision” was a new session that attracted approximately 65 + individuals; 30-40 percent were new conference participants, with large representation from the Hispanic population.
- Would like to identify a keynote speaker for the 2014 conference soon

IV. Non-Agenda Item – Prior Authorization

- Recently there has been an increase in access/delays: 5%-80% since June 2012.
 - Administrative errors are causing long waits
 - Reviews should be 6 months vs. 6 weeks
 - Who sets the federal requirements?
 - 94% are approved, 6% denied (of the 6%, 3% are overturned)
 - Individuals interested in being involved in the “Prior Authorization” discussion should let Liz Hecht know directly.
 - Action Item: Send a letter to Brett Davis to ensure that a representative from Medicaid attends CLTS meetings to address questions.

V. Youth in Transition- Jessica Thompson, Ellie Hartman, Sarah Lincoln

- Long Term Care Sustainability “Youth in Transition” was provided along with a Power Point presentation.
- Transition Action Guide (TAG) was discussed and that Service Coordinators should be aware and have knowledge of TAG (Link was identified in Power Point)
 - Sarah will address the lack of tribal information in TAG.
 - Jessica discussed the importance of children’s exposure to work experience.
 - There has been 5 Regional meetings across the state discussing the importance of the Youth in Transition Initiative.
 - Currently Jessica is working on a pamphlet/brochure for parents to give an overview of the importance of the Y.I.T.I.
 - The Sustainability Document consists of feedback from emails regarding current services
 - No specific questions yet
 - Agenda Item: Retrieve data from DVR (Ellie Hartman)
 - Sessions this fall regarding outreach strategies are in process.

Lunch

VI. Impact of Affordable Care Act on Medicaid – Craig Steele

- Another presentation will be provided once high level policy decisions are made
- All questions for Craig should be directed to Sue Larsen

VII. Wingspread Report- Liz Hecht

- Supporting Services versus Supporting Families
- 3 Strategies in supporting families: (Document was provided to council members)
 - Knowledge and skill to navigate the systems
 - DHS is currently providing; 5 Regional Centers, ADRC's, Compass Threshold WI, Circles of Life Conference, Exploration of Family training
 - Emotional support; networking with others formally/informally
 - DHS is currently providing; Community Ties and Parent-to-Parent support
 - Goods and services; Medicaid, Home and Community Based Medicaid Waivers, Family Support
 - Will follow up on this discussion during the next CLTS Council meeting

VIII. Governor's Budget Update – Andy Forsaith

- 2013-2015 Biennial Budget
- Currently being reviewed by the Finance Committee and should be finalized by the beginning of June.

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

- The Heart of the Matter
 - Lynn Breedlove and John O'Brien have held 6 sessions throughout the state with Birth to 3 and CLTS Waiver county staff
 - Totaling approximately 165 participants
 - Summary of sessions will be available in the next few months
- CLTS Technical Assistance Day Summary
 - Summary document was shared with the Council members
 - Five CLTS regional technical assistance sessions were held throughout the state during Fall 2012
 - Treatment Intervention Advisory Committee (TIAC)
 - Agenda Item: A clear process needs to be identified to define the role of the TIAC
 - Agenda Item: Additional training for the Long Term Functional Screen

X. Children's Services Programs: Proposed Quarterly Data Report

- Draft document detailing proposed data elements to include in a quarterly Children's Services data report was provided to council members
- The intent is to produce this report on a quarterly basis and share with a variety of stakeholders for public dissemination
- The report reflects key data elements from all programs covered under the Bureau of Long-Term Support's Children's Services Section, with the intent of providing greater accountability, transparency and accuracy

XI. Potential Discussion Topics for next council meeting

- Treatment Integration Advisory Committee overview
- Governor's Budget status update

XII. CLTS Council Meeting adjournment

- The Council meeting was adjourned at 3:16 pm