

Wisconsin Council on Children's Long-Term Support Needs
Council Meeting

Minutes

Friday, August 4, 2006

LaQuinta Hotel

8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Madison, WI

Members: Liz Hecht, Beth Wroblewski, Sally Mather, Marge Hannon-Pifer, John Shaw, Carrie Pomije, Barb Katz, Keith Keller, Deanna Yost, Julie Turkoske, Glenn Johnson, Pat Patterson, Pam Garman, Michelle Sturz, Hugh Davis, Sue Gilbertson, Judith Frye

Guests: Julie Strenn-Wood County DHS, Ilsa Gaulke-Wood County DHS, Melinda Gordan, Christine Wolf-DHFS, Joyce Binder - I Care, Amy Whitehead – Children with Special Health Care Needs Regional Centers

Staff-Katie Sepnieski DHFS/DDES

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I. Christine Wolf from DHFS presented the PowerPoint: The ABC's of Medicaid Services for Mental Health and Substance Abuse. The presentation included:

- An overview of the services that are provided by the card (Evaluations, Individual Psychotherapy, Group Psychotherapy, Family Psychotherapy, Crisis Intervention Services, Hospitalization, Medication, Management of Medication, Community Support Program Services, Case Management, Day Treatment, In-Home Mental Health and Substance Abuse.)
 - Crisis Intervention was discussed in more detail. The intervention can include an assessment and services for up to a year with the possibility of an extension if the goals of the client have not been met. A client could also be referred to another mental health service for a more comprehensive program.
- The Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) program that many counties are utilizing through-out the State to provide psycho-social rehabilitation services for adults and children. The services to be provided are individualized to each person's need for rehabilitation as identified through a comprehensive assessment. The services must fall within the federal definition of "rehabilitative services" under CFR 440.130 (d) in order for the services to be reimbursed by Medicaid. The intent of the services and supports are:
 - To provide for a maximum reduction of the effects of the individual's mental and substance abuse disorders
 - To restore consumers to the best possible level of functioning
 - To facilitate their recovery

- Handout: Mental Health And Substance Abuse Services Booklet
- Handout: Parent Guide to Accessing Mental Health Services for Your Child through HealthCheck (can be found at www.wifamilyties.org)

II. The Council agreed that a Mental Health Subgroup needs to be created to review mental health services for children in a managed care system.

- The Council Members that volunteered for the subgroup are: Pat Patterson, Hugh Davis, Carrie Pomije, Glenn Johnson (or an alternative from Waupaca County), and Deanna Yost.
- Christine Wolf asked for a DHFS Mental Health staff to be included and offered suggestions: John Franz, George Heulick, Bruce Camerson, Mary Kay Willis, Christine Wolf, or an Integrated Services Director.

III. Updates from DHFS

- BadgerCare Plus listening sessions have been taking place across the State. The DHFS website (<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/index.htm>) has more information about the BadgerCare Plus Initiative and a list of listening sessions taking place around the State.
- The biennial budget is being prepared and the Council's priority to make a recommendation to the Secretary regarding Managed Care needs to be made before the end of August, beginning of September in order to get it into the budget for 2007-2009.

IV. Discussion and Break-out of Small Groups regarding Qualities of a Long-Term Support System and the ACCESS handout.

- The assignment: To review and assign the different functions and services on the ACCESS handout to a structured process following the criteria below:
 - Intake-Family is looking for information
 - Assessment-Family needs to give more information in order to receive more assistance
 - Eligibility and Evaluation-Determine if child is eligible for a service and evaluation is completed with a functional screen
 - Service Planning-Child is eligible for services and needs to be provided with services.

See attachment: Small Group Discussions.

V. Public Comments:

- Julie Streen of Wood County : What is the goal of the State for managed care and how will the Council's recommendations affect the work of the pilot counties?
 - A discussion followed and the Council will take into consideration the work of each Pilot County as the Council moves forward with the recommendations to the Secretary.
 - Each Pilot county needs to submit a quarterly report to the State. These will be made available to the Council once they are received

from each county and reviewed by the DHFS Children's Services Section

- Pam Garman announced the State of Wisconsin DHFS Bureau on Long-Term Conference October 9-11th at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells.
 - The Conference will have a children's track.
 - A brochure or website link will be sent to the Council once it has been distributed.
 - The website is:
http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/ltc_cop/BLTS_Conference/RidingTheWave.HTM

VI. Review and discussion of Services being included or excluded from a Children's Long-Term Support Managed Care System Model.

- Hospice was excluded. All the services provided under Hospice Care are bundled (routine care, continuous care, inpatient respite care, and general inpatient care). In the adult managed care model the Hospice Association did not want to be included.
- Pharmaceutical/Medicine was excluded. The concern is the coordination between private insurance and MA. Getting prior approval has not been an issue; however it is difficult to get the correct medicine that the doctor prescribed because the pharmacist needs to get approval for the name brand instead of the generic brand.
- Prosthetics was included because the prior authorization takes a longer length of time than other states for a child to receive the prosthetic. Minnesota has a quick turn around of 48-60 hours.
- EPSDT-Could Treatment be unbundled from the services? It may be possible to offer services that EPSDT currently offer through a managed care system. It would not unbundled EPSDT but there could be more options through a managed care system.
- Mental Health services were tabled until the subcommittee met to discuss the concerns for children currently receiving services.

VII. What concerns and issues are there if services are pulled into managed care?

- Some children do not need high level of services but get in door. It may be unnecessary and possibly intrusive for the family.
- Flexibility issues, families may want to be able to maintain what they have and not move into the managed care program.
- The current services are flexible with finances, i.e., water bills, paying for ensure, etc.
- Each county does it differently-some are more strict about monies, others are much more flexible.
- Families receiving programs which they like may lose those programs
- By brining in the Family Support Program it will need to follow CMS rules which may mean losing the flexibility.
 - The Council recommended developing a mechanism to maintain flexibility.

- Maintain paying for child's needs not the families
- Other systems (CPS, School, and Juvenile Justice) overlap. It will need to be determined how to utilize or maintain services with program that best meets the needs of the child while still being able to use the other programs.
- Ability to have consumer groups stay as watchdogs for quality assurance and family and child directed services.
- The Family Support Program allows for savings by paying for devices that may be more expensive through the card but may be less expensive out of pocket.
- Ability to have fewer hoops/doors to gain access to service
- Private insurance may do cost shifting

VIII. Recommendations to Secretary Nelson

- Utilize Managed Care as a tool to advance the values and concepts developed in the Foundations Paper and CLTS Council's work including an increase in flexibility, choice and resources, a decrease in costs to the system, and expand availability of services to serve more eligible children and families.
- Develop and implement an infrastructure that will provide information, assistance, advocacy, and access to children and families with long-term support needs consistent with the concepts of the Foundations Paper and CLTS Council work.
- Liz Hecht will draft a letter to Secretary Nelson with the recommendations from the Council and submit it before the September 19, 2006 meeting.
 - Motion made to Accept Recommendations to Secretary Nelson
 - Motion 2nd
 - Motion Passed