

INTEGRATED FAMILY SERVICES PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the May 13, 2011 Meeting

I. Welcome/Review Minutes/Introduction of Members

J.C.S. welcomed members to the meeting, thanked everyone for attending, and began a round of introductions.

II. High Fidelity Wraparound Update

- J.C.S. reported the name of the Mental Retardation Office has officially changed names to Intellectual Disabilities. This change has been made throughout the web pages on Lehigh County's website. If anyone notices any area that has been missed, please let J.C.S. or T.B. know.
- J.C.S. announced there is a new section of the website that lists activities in the community. If there are any items that anyone would like listed, please email J.C.S. J.C.S. thanked K.M. for her efforts in all of the work being done to the web pages.
- B.V. recommended placing links to various provider websites from Lehigh County. J.C.S. believes this is already done, but she will double check. J.C.S. will speak to K.M. further on how more links can be added in regards to providers.
- Another area that is in the process of being updated is a full description of the HFW which will link to Pinebrook to help with referrals. It will also link to the National Wraparound Initiative website, as well as a link to the Youth and Family Training Institute.
- J.C.S. gave an explanation of services that are listed on the website. She gave a brief description of each and mentioned there is also a description of Behavioral Health levels of care on the website. BHRS/Provider 50 is also described.
- P.T. recommended making a change to the website to eliminate confusion with HFW. She suggested adding a statement "not to be confused with provider 50 wraparound BHRS Services" in parenthesis and add a link to BHRS. J.C.S. will speak to K.M. regarding this request. As more things develop with HFW, J.C.S. will update.
- P.H. asked for data on how Lehigh County is doing with HFW and if there is any data to share. R.S. reported that the data goes into the Wonder System and they are waiting on feedback about the profile.
- R.S. distributed her quarterly report with updates since the last meeting in February. She reviewed some of the highlights of the report and indicated since the initiative began in October 2009, 89 referrals were received. Some have not been within the parameters of the criteria. Since the beginning of the initiative, 44 youth were served and there are currently 24 active families. The average length of time for youth and family to move through the process is at least one year, sometimes more. There have been six youth who have graduated and are doing well. R.S. indicated they are eagerly waiting for the evaluation results.

III. Systems of Care (SOC) Update

- J.C.S. reported they are in the process of putting together a page specifically for SOC to explain how it will link together in Lehigh County. She explained HFW is paid through reinvestment dollars. Lehigh County is in the second year and it is a 3-year reinvestment plan. P.H. questioned if it will be paid through MA dollars after the three years. J.C.S. indicated there is one county in PA that is going through the process of getting reimbursement through medical assistance.
- J.C.S. reported that a portion of the request to fund youth that doesn't meet the current criteria was placed in the Needs Based Budget under MH. Some youth have been referred, but do not have a MH diagnosis. Currently, they need to have an MH diagnosis since it is being paid through reinvestment dollars. In the next fiscal year, Lehigh County will have dollars coming from the Needs Based budget to fund HFW. Chester County is being a pilot to see how they are doing and how it is working with the funding aspect.
- J.C.S. reported on a recent SOC retreat. She mentioned that Pennsylvania rated higher than other states. She will copy and email the report to the group.
- J.C.S. reported on the many data pieces that go into the process and that it continues to grow. P.H. questioned if families that can not be served are being tracked. J.C.S. replied that they are not tracked, but R.S. commented the original referral information is available. J.C.S. indicated the referral is logged as to why they can not be referred. A.F. mentioned that if a referral is not accepted for HFW, the referral source is notified.
- J.C.S. clarified that a multi-system child at the state level is defined as being a youth, ages 8-18, and being involved in MH, OCYS and/or JPO. The age was expanded, because there was a lot of 14 and 15 year olds.
- P.H. expressed concern that individuals with high functioning autism are not included. J.C.S. explained that she has discussed this with the state on a few occasions and they are looking at the criteria of the youth that will be able to be served.
- J.C.S. will be working on how to approach SOC before requesting the one-time, non-recurring funds. B.V. suggested making the family the identified unit, not solely the individual to be treated.
- J.C.S. responded their goal is to make one referral for a coordination effort so the group can review and see what services are appropriate. Plans for SOC are still being worked on at this time and will be reported to the group. There may be more representatives added from the community to get more involvement.

IV. Additional Comments / Questions

- P.H. would like to get more information about RTF monies following the youth as it does for an adult at the next meeting. J.C.S. will look into and report on this at the next meeting.
- P.T. shared information she received at a CASSP Coordinators call with the Children's Bureau. She gave an ICSP update and also reported that the draft guidelines are completed. They will be sent at the end of the month. There are no major changes, however, there is more structure and the due date will be in September. P.T. also gave an update on TSS as it is being reviewed and

developed. They shared an idea that one TSS may serve a number of individuals in a classroom.

- P.T. mentioned Act 62 was discussed. They were finding that a number of primary insurance companies were finding ways to deny or delay services for children with autism and Medicaid ended up paying for them. The state is going to work with a new insurance commission on issues that have been addressed. If families are denied services, the state wants to know.
- J.C.S. stated that if at any time someone wants to add to the agenda either before the meeting or during the meeting, please feel free to give her a call or bring it up at the meeting. She will also further discuss with J.C. if as a group or even individually if letters can be written to legislators regarding education and welfare cutbacks.
- D.Z. reported attending a forum on HSDF which was held on education vs. welfare. She reviewed with the group what HSDF is and what these funds have covered in past years.
- J.C.S. commented that by the next meeting the guidelines for the ICSP Plan should be available. She will email the group once they are received.
- D.T. reported on a Leadership Summit training to be held at Life Church. The training is simulcasted globally out of Willow Creek. He will email the information to J.C.S. to be forwarded to the group.

V. Next Meeting Dates: TBD