

**BHRS Partner's in Quality Workgroup
Minutes from 6/14/10 Meeting
1:00 – 2:30 in Room 123
Lehigh County Government Center**

Participants: Pat Theodore – CASSP, Paulette Hunter – Parent, Victoria Hughes – CASSP Intern, Brooke DiBlasio – CASSP Intern, Tim Boyer – MH/MR, Gloria Hamm – LC Commissioner, Matthew Bauder – Health Choices, Allison Frantz – Health Choices, Kay Achenbach – Health Choices, Lisa Sportelli – Parent, Paige Keeter - KidsPeace, Emily Leayman – ARCH/Elwyn, Corinna Bealer – LC CMHU, Natalie Bojko – VYH, Clare Burgess – ASERT Lehigh University, Lynn Kovich – LC DHS, Suzanne McFadden – Access Services

Follow-up - BHRS Completion Reports/ Access to Services –

Information continues to be collected. Handouts were provided; one data sheet indicates when providers are able to offer services and another documents if someone was authorized for services, how many hours were actually received. Providers call Magellan and Magellan maintains a log. Currently 8 out of 13 vendors are able to provide BHRS. The list contains all providers who offer BHRS. Not all of the listed providers have a specialty in Autism. The goal of the BHRS Partners in Quality Workgroup is to establish a training curriculum that would include all BHRS providers.

It was noted that some provider information was incorrect.

Task: Allison will contact Magellan to address this.

It was questioned if a list of calls (each requester's name is documented) to request BHRS services is being maintained. Providers have a form to document this information; however it is not being captured nor is it sent to a central repository. Tracking this information would indicate the length of time it takes for families to receive services after the initial request is made.

Task: Allison will check if the provider data sheet information is available or can be available on Magellan's website. The Data Sheet can also be kept in the resource room at the ARCH.

Magellan Pilot

Magellan will soon begin a pilot with 2 providers. The focus will be on availability of trained BHRS staff, functional outcomes, discharge planning specific to the level of care necessary to work with the child and family based on need, etc. The goal is to look at best practice in BHRS.

Task: The rationale for choosing a provider will be shared with the BHRS group – Allison will gather this information.

BHRS Rate Increase

Effective June 1st BHRS providers will be receiving a formal notification about a rate increase. The hope is that the increase will filter down to direct care staff. This has been targeted due to the BHRS Workgroup.

Review of Provider trainings

Lisa contacted Essential Learning <http://www.essentiallearning.com/pdf/EssentialLearningCourseLibrary.pdf> and they are willing to do an hour presentation on their trainings at one of our meetings. They have partnership discounts. Essential Learning in San Diego has a contract with Magellan. Lisa also shared a handout of HCQU (Health Care Quality Unit) online Training that is free of charge www.lsmhmr.org/hcqu/DC_Website/default.asp .

The Bureau of Autism Services has free trainings www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/Autism/Training. PATTAN has free trainings that are online <http://www.pattan.net/profdev/trainingcalendar.aspx>.

The group reviewed the compiled provider trainings. The focus will be on Autism specific trainings. It was requested to list the providers and trainings on a spreadsheet, include BHRS providers, ASERT, BAS, HCQU, and PATTAN.

Task: Pat will compile trainings on a spreadsheet. Pat will re-contact BHRS providers who have not submitted their trainings.

Task: Tee Decker will contact Todd Harris to participate in our next meeting.

A recommendation was made to offer Act 147 training to parents and staff.

Our next meeting – August 9, 2010 in room 516 at 1:00