

PD STEERING COMMITTEE
December 7, 2006
Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library

Present: Janet Williams, Communityworks; Jennifer Schwartz, KACIL; Jill Enyart, Independence, Inc.; Tanya Dorf, Independence, Inc.; Karen Swearingen, Home Team of Kansas; Evelyn Harden, The Whole Person; Tania Harrington, RCIL; Joe Leal, The Dream Works; Paul Paquette, The Dream Works; Sheila Nelson-Stout, Independent Connection; Ami Hyten, TILRC; Rose Scott, Three Rivers; Audrey Philip, Three Rivers; Ken Gifford, ILCNEK; David Mason, Mason's Memory; Shari Coatney, SKIL; Margaret Zillinger, Frank Stahl; Amy Swanson; and Candace Cobb, CSS.

The meeting was facilitated by Jennifer Schwartz, Janet Williams, Margaret Zillinger, and Candace Cobb.

August 10, 2006 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Standing Agenda Item: Stakeholders and SRS

Jennifer reported:

The ANE Council's last meeting was today.

There is a special judiciary committee reviewing guardianship and conservatorship.

KACIL is advocating for an increase in base funding for Centers for Independent Living and rate parity across waivers

Candace reported:

HCBS/PD Waiting List: Currently there is no waiting list, rather a processing time.

HCBS/PD waiver Plans of Care are coming to CSS. Beverly Gabel has been hired as Plan of Care Coordinator. She began approving Plans of Care for the South Central Region. A proposed timeline information will be sent to this group and all IL Counseling agencies by Monday, December 11, 2006.

MFP Proviso: KDOA, KACIL, SILCK, SRS, and significant community partners have reviewed the current MFP Proviso, and proposed modifications that include removing the waiting list criterion. The proposal has been submitted to both the Acting Secretary of KDOA and the Secretary of SRS for their signatures. A revised letter from IL Counseling agencies to nursing facilities has also been submitted to both Secretaries for approval.

The SA/DV Training workgroup has met to review curriculum. The current proposal is to schedule eight trainings statewide, opening the training to waiver case managers and Independent Living Counselors, SRS APS workers, and SRS Regional QA and PI staff.

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Current members of the workgroup are Stephanie Sanford, PILR; Sarah Thomas, TILRC; and Candace. Susan Mikesic, Independence, Inc. and Bessie Walker, APS Program Manager, SRS, have been asked to share their expertise to the workgroup.

The Cognitive Risk workgroup met December 1, 2006. Extensive modifications are being addressed for scoring the UAI to bring instructions into a consistent format, and to allow for the scoring of “non-physical support.” Workgroup members are Ami Hyten,

Barb Grinter, Jennifer Prunte, Jill Enyart, Sheila Nelson-Stout, Tania Harrington, and Candace Cobb.

Frank reported:

Regional realignment is underway. The people in the Regional SRS offices known to the group are transitioning to new positions. Brian Bolen and Amy Swanson, CSS, will establish workgroups to review and redesign the QA Tool and to review and design a quality management strategy.

For all waivers in CSS, for Mental Health and for Addiction and Prevention Services, there will be separation of Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement. QA will be meeting minimum standards while PI will be reviewing performance over and above minimum standards.

The Regional SRS offices will supervise all QA and PI staff. Liz Long, CSS, will act as liaison between Regional offices and CSS. She is responsible for training SRS staff.

MFP Grant: Frank reported that first round of awards to be January 1, 2007, with official notification to be January 17, 2007.

Real Choice Systems Grant: Frank has been appointed the lead with Michelle Ponce as the contact person.

A UAI database is suggested to combine the PD waiting list database with UAI information in order to track trends and to pull data for legislative requests. The

Budget: Currently the budget allows the PD waiver not to have a waiting list.

Upcoming Policy Changes:

PD Training Feedback:

The MR/DD and the TBI waivers are being submitted with the PD waiver. All will include Oral Health Services as well as other amendments.

Remaining Issues:

Meeting participants requested:

EDS audits: Could there be just one per agency in a set timeframe?

(This would be policy between KHPA and EDS that is currently being reviewed.)

Sleep Cycle Support: Is the policy of family member providers allowed only if not living in the same household being reconsidered? This policy was mentioned at the 2006 PD waiver training this spring. Candace requested that no new family member providers living in the same household be enrolled to provide Sleep Cycle Support for their family member consumer, but that consumers could either secure a different SCS provider, or stay as is until a formal memo was issued by Candace.

KDOA has requested provider rate changes in their waiver amendment. Meeting participants request future PD waiver rate changes for parity across all waivers.

Agenda/Date Setting:

The next meeting was scheduled for November 9, 2006, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at a location to be announced.

Note: The meeting was first rescheduled to November 16, 2006, and then to December 7, 2006.