

FULL BOARD MEETING
Minutes
Friday, September 25, 2009
Lansing Community College – West

Present: Mike Head (MDCH); Corine Mann (Detroit-Wayne); Don Habkirk (Macomb); Joanne Sheldon (Lifeways); Dennis Grimski (Thumb Alliance); Toby Bayless (CEI); Alexis Kaczynski (North Country); Robert Blackford (Bay-Arenac); Michael Brashears (Ottawa CMH); Sandra Lindsey (Saginaw); Laura Vredeveld (TSG)

On Conference Call: Irene Kazieczko (MDCH), Bill Slavin (Northern Lakes); Linda Kaufmann (CMH Central MI); Chris Pinter (Bay-Arenac); Jane Konyndyk (network180), Therese VandenAkker (network80)

Minutes Taken By: Laura Vredeveld (TSG)

AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 12:37p.m.

Approval of Agenda – Agenda approved as written

Public Comment – The Board heard public comment from:

Mr. James Gallant , representing Project Parenting Time , P.O. Box 41, Skandia MI 49885 Tel: (906) 362-0765 email: projectparentingtime@yahoo.com.

Mr. Gallant is advocating for children to receive their court-ordered parenting time and for the mental health system to do its part in ensuring that court-ordered parenting time is being adequately assessed and to report when it is not occurring. Mr. Gallant described a high prevalence of child-custody issues in the population the CMH system serves and reported data indicating 2/3 of youth suicides have child custody issues involved. Mr. Gallant also requests that policies be revised to require that a report of child neglect be filed by mental health workers when they become aware that court-ordered parenting time is not being honored. Mr. Gallant is requesting that the MDCH Person/Family-Centered Planning policy and other relevant MDCH policies be revised to require a thorough legal/court related history to specifically include child custody and parenting time issues.

Mr. Gallant voiced additional concerns related to CMHSP and PIHP compliance with the Open Meetings Act. He indicated that frequently consumers' comments are not adequately captured in the minutes of public meetings. Mr. Gallant is requesting that standardized rules be established for CMH meetings which are subject to the Open Meetings Act or where public comment is heard.

The TSG Board agreed that these issues should be taken back to the TSG Executive Committee for further consideration to determine if they warrant further action from TSG at this time.

Approval of Minutes –June 2009 – approved as written

Update from TSG Executive Committee - There was no Executive Committee Meeting held today due to numerous scheduling conflicts. No update at this time.

Budget/ Financial Update – Laura Vredeveld provided a brief overview of TSG expenses. Monthly expenses remain consistent at approximately \$10,600 per month with a current remaining balance of approximately \$150,000. Dennis Grimski noted that based on this pattern of expenses, it appears there is approximately one year of funding remaining. Mr. Grimski asked that the TSG Executive Committee consider the tenuous nature of the Director’s tenure and availability to continue in this role given current funding realities.

TSG Director Update

Laura Vredeveld provided a written update on all ongoing projects and TSG initiatives. The Board discussed the status of the provider contracting/monitoring effort. Laura provided an update related to the uniform provider contract which has not had broad acceptance in the field and there is no expectation that this will become a requirement, based on feedback from CFI. Laura will continue to survey the field (either formally or informally at her discretion) to make a recommendation for any additional work can be done in the areas of training reciprocity, provider monitoring, and other areas of administrative efficiencies.

Data Exchange Workgroup Update

Laura provided a written update on the status of the data exchange workgroup (CIO Forum) on reporting client-specific, date-driven events to MDCH. This workgroup is working towards designing a system which could be expandable for future consumer-specific reporting needs which would augment the current QI/Demographic and encounter reporting and provide new capacity for MDCH to collect and track dynamic consumer specific data.

The end result will potentially be a warehouse at each PIHP capable of holding and submitting data and a warehouse at or accessible to MDCH capable of receiving and holding transmitted data, performing error checks, and responding to queries to extract data. Laura and Chuck Dougherty (workgroup chair) are meeting with MDCH to explore options for who should build the system, whether an RFP should be developed, where the system should be housed, and estimations and expectations regarding cost.

The workgroup has agreed on the types of event data to be submitted, definitions, reportable populations, and time frames for reporting. The workgroup is prepared to submit the Event Reporting Guidelines to the TSG Board at the October 2009 meeting for approval and submission to MDCH.

Waiting List Workgroup Update

Dennis Grimski (chair of Waiting List Workgroup) provided a written workgroup status update to the Board outlining the key activities of the Waiting List workgroup, key issues which have been resolved by the workgroup in conjunction with MDCH, Workgroup timelines, and key policy issues facing the workgroup.

Mr. Grimski indicted this has been a very active and hard-working group and voiced his appreciation for outstanding effort from workgroup members.

Mr. Grimski walked the Board through the basic products and conclusions from the workgroup, including the population cell grid, which is a visual representation of the “shall” and “may” population and who must go on

the waiting list. Clarification sought from board members on whether individuals with developmental disabilities could be placed on a waiting list. Me. Grimski clarified that such individuals must be prioritized according to risk factors, severity and urgency of need, and may in fact have to be placed on a wait list if funding is inadequate to meet the needs. Question asked about "other risk factors" and whether individuals who are homeless or have corrections involvement would be considered priority. Mr. Grimski indicated that these may be factors in determining risk, severity and urgency of need, but by themselves do not constitute a priority population.

Discussion was held related to due process rights and whether individuals will be provided the right to a 2nd opinion. The workgroup is recommending that the individual be provided an opportunity for "review of decision" but has concerns about using "2nd opinion" language due to the requirement in the MH Code that if the individual is found eligible, they must be immediately served. Since only eligible individuals will be placed on the waiting list, this could become problematic. Mike Head indicates this may be an area where there needs to be language change in the Mental Health code to indicate "as funds allow".

The workgroup will be presenting its draft guideline at the Fall MACMHB conference in Traverse City and there will be opportunity for written Q & A at that time.

Agreement that the workgroup will submit the final version of the Waiting List Guideline at a Full Board meeting to be held October 30, 2009 for formal transmittal to MDCH. MDCH expects to have an expedited internal and external review, including opportunity for public comment, and hopes to issue the guideline as a technical advisory in January 2010.

The workgroup chair and members of the workgroup were commended by the TSG board for their efforts on this project

Development of 2010 Work Plan Priorities

This agenda item was deferred until next Full Board meeting to be held October 30, 2009.

Adjourn