



Project Updates –October 2011

The Standards Group continues its efforts on numerous statewide projects, with active involvement of CMHSP and PIHP staff, MDCH staff, provider representatives and consumers/advocates. The following are updates on some of TSG's current projects:

Case Management/Supports Coordination Core Competencies

The Standards Group has developed a comprehensive set of system core competencies for effective Casemanagement & Supports Coordination and tools for self and program evaluation. TSG Director has been meeting with CMHSPs and provider programs across the state interested in incorporating these competencies into their staff training and development programs. A workshop will be held at the November 7 Self-Determination Conference on this topic as well.

Needs Assessment Guideline

The TSG Needs Assessment workgroup has developed its draft guideline and recommendations for Community Needs Assessment. The guideline includes background/regulatory overview, standards for process/methodology, data to be compiled including waiting list data, request for service data, community factors, key stakeholder feedback, identification of priorities, and templates for reporting to MDCH. The final product was approved by the TSG Board in August 2011. TSG will work with MDCH to provide technical assistance once these Guidelines are released by MDCH.

CIO FORUM

The Data Warehouse, developed by members of the CIO Forum, is being used for statewide reporting to MDCH on consumer-specific critical incidents. MDCH has been developing its internal process for tracking, trending, and responding to particular types of incidents.

CIO Forum member have also been involved in the development of common methodologies for the Cost of Services requirement and has developed a model format that is being reviewed by MDCH. In addition, the CIO Forum is addressing HIPAA 5010 requirements, ongoing CHAMPS implementation issues, and other state data reporting requirements.

TSG Director Activities with MDCH

TSG Director continues to work with MDCH staff on several projects and workgroups including the Site Review Workgroup led by Tom Renwick, the Risk Event workgroup led by Nora Barkey, and a subgroup of the IPLT group focused on best practices for individuals with co-occurring MI/DD conditions. TSG Director will be presenting as part of a panel at the December QI conference on implementing the risk event monitoring requirements included in the FY 12 contract.

Planning for FY 2012

The Standards Group Governing Board will be meeting in October to review potential projects for FY 2012. Projects under consideration include analysis of the IT interface required for exchange of essential health/clinical information across service providers and health records, competency development related to integrate care models, and continued strategies aimed at administrative simplification and efficiencies in provider monitoring and training.

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