

The Standards Group
Update on 2009 TSG Work Plan
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Access Standards:

Over 250 Access Staff, Supervisors, and other stakeholders have been trained on the Access Standards, Technical Manual and DCH Site Review Protocols.

The Access Technical Resource Manual will be available electronically through the MACMHB/TSG website.

Waiting List/Needs Assessment

This workgroup convened in March 2009, with Dennis Grimski as Chairperson. The workgroup consists of PIHP/CMHSP reps, DCH Staff, and consumers/advocates.

The initial workgroup focus has been clarification of Mental Health Code and Administrative Rule language related to establishing and maintaining waiting lists, the “may” vs. “shall” populations, and due process implications. Good progress is being made on this important task.

Casemanagement

The TSG Board has requested that DCH prioritize and clarify the deliverables desired in order to assign a workgroup with a reasonable charge.

Potential areas: core functions, core competencies, training requirements, coordination with primary care.

CIO Forum

Currently focused on CHAMPS implementation, development of CIO Roadmap, RHIO updates, state data reporting and information exchange, and implications of HITECH Act

Provider Contracting/Monitoring

The TSG Director has completed an environmental scan of current initiatives in the areas of provider contracting, training reciprocity and monitoring.

While there are “pockets” of reciprocity regionally, and continued statewide efforts by Uniform Contract group, Training, and Rights Directors to promote reciprocity and portability, there is still much that needs to be done in this area to gain administrative efficiencies.

Enhanced Data Submission

Workgroup convened in March 2009 with Chuck Dougherty as Chairperson.

Workgroup is charged with developing a new method and protocols for submitting client-specific, timely data to DCH related to critical incidents.

Currently making good progress on identifying types of incidents, definitions, reportable populations, and timelines for potential reporting.

Active Engagement

The concepts of active engagement and meaningful activities are included in the recently released ARR & PPG’s but are not well-defined.

TSG Director working with DD PIT group to develop an action plan in this area.

Goal is to develop definitions and minimum standards for active, meaningful engagement in the community for all persons served, with an initial emphasis on adult DD population.