

Waiting List Guidelines

MDCH issued the TSG Waiting List Guideline as a draft technical advisory in April 2010 for public review and comment. MDCH intends to release this guideline as a Technical Advisory after further review of public comment received on this draft document.

Enhanced Data Submission

The data warehouse is now available for submission of incident data according to PIHP/MDCH FY 11 contract requirements. The CIO Forum Data Exchange Workgroup developed Principles of Data Submission, Guidelines for Reporting Events (including definitions, populations, types of events, and timelines for reporting), and Technical Specifications for Incident Reporting (including file formats, data definitions). Members of the CIO Forum of TSG jointly developed and built the Data Warehouse which is being used for statewide reporting to MDCH on critical incidents. Additional information and detailed documentation can be found at:

<http://www.MiPIHPWarehouse.org>.

Casemanagement/Supports Coordination Core Competencies

TSG has developed a draft set of system core competencies for effective Casemanagement & Supports Coordination. Stakeholder feedback has been solicited from over 300 staff, program managers, consumers and advocates. The advisory group is currently working on a plan for information dissemination, tools for self-evaluation, and curriculum evaluation based on these competencies. The TSG workgroup is interested in facilitating pilot projects and learning more about flexible models of service delivery consistent with these competencies.

Administrative Efficiencies

TSG Director is participating on the MDCH Quality Council workgroup reviewing Site Review processes and recommendations related to PIHP monitoring. Workgroup recommendations are currently under review by MDCH leadership. Changes to the MDCH site review process will be implemented during FY 11.

Needs Assessment

This TSG workgroup, under the chairmanship of David Schneider, has completed its research on MH code requirements, public health models, data elements, and recommended processes to meet the Mental Health Code requirements for reporting to MDCH while also making the data locally useful. The workgroup is in the final stages of developing draft guidelines and intends to present its recommendations to the TSG board in December 2010.

Direct Support Staff Development

TSG Director is participating in planning efforts on a pilot project and solicitation of grant funding from DELEG for identification of core competencies, curriculum evaluation, recruitment, training and retention of Direct Support Staff. Lessons learned from this pilot project will be shared through TSG with the state's community of employers and community mental health boards.

For copies of any TSG product, information about meetings or workgroup activities, or to provide feedback or comments on current or future TSG projects, please contact Director Laura Vredevelde at laurav@network180.org.