

Access Standards:

The Access Standards are included in the FY 2010 MDCH site visit protocols and reviewers are conducting interviews of consumers who had recent contact with Access systems.

TSG Director will be meeting with site reviewers in the coming months to review results of site reviews conducted using these standards.

Waiting List/Needs Assessment

The TSG Board approved and formally transmitted the Waiting List guideline to MDCH in October 2009 for expedited review and comment. MDCH will be issuing this guideline as a draft technical advisory for public review and comment during February 2010.

The Needs Assessment phase of this workgroup is currently meeting under the chairmanship of Dave Schneider. This workgroup has clarified its workgroup charge and vision/values and is currently in the information gathering & analysis phase to determine core elements and requirements for community needs assessment.

Casemanagement/Supports Coordination Core Competencies

MDCH staff Nora Barkey and TSG Director Laura Vredevelde are jointly leading this project using an advisory group for ongoing feedback.

The goal of this effort is to identify core competencies (skills, abilities, knowledge) required for individuals in the role of casemanagers/supports coordinator, independent facilitator, or support broker to effectively support individuals in the community.

Draft competencies have been developed and are currently under review.

Enhanced Data Submission

The workgroup has developed draft guidelines for submitting client-specific, timely data to DCH related to critical incidents. The document, approved by the TSG Board for submission to MDCH, includes types of incidents, definitions, reportable populations, and timelines for potential reporting.

A technical workgroup has developed file submission formats, technical schemas, data parameters and definitions.

A subgroup of CIO forum members is currently developing the data warehouse for statewide use.

Active Engagement

TSG Director is facilitating a subgroup of the DD Practice Improvement Team in developing system expectations and a best practice guideline for active, meaningful engagement in the community for all persons served.

This group is charged with developing draft policy/technical assistance language re: expectations and best practices for the DD system in supporting people in "Getting a Life". Members of the group will be presenting at the February MACMHB conference.

TSG Future

The Governing Board of The Standards Group voted on Friday, February 5, 2010 to approve the continuation of TSG for two additional years. For details of the current TSG work plan and the long term priorities and projects identified for TSG moving forward, including budget and cost information: <http://www.macmhb.org/TSG>