

***The Standards Group***  
**Update on 2009 TSG Work Plan**  
**February 2009**

***Access Standards:***

DCH staff are currently working on edits to the Access Resource Manual developed by the TSG Access Workgroup.

DCH Interpretive Guidelines are being drafted for the site review team related to the Access Standards.

Once edits to the Access Resource Manual are complete, planning efforts for state-wide training will resume.

***Waiting List/Needs Assessment***

The TSG Board will meet Feb 20<sup>th</sup> to review and approve the scope, charge, deliverables, and policy issues to be addressed by this workgroup.

Workgroup members have been solicited through the MACMHB Policy Committee and PIHP Directors.

This workgroup will convene during March 2009. The first topic to be considered is to clarify the mental health code requirements related to establishing, maintaining and reporting on waiting lists.

***Casemanagement***

A comprehensive list of potential products and deliverables was developed in the area of casemanagement and supports coordination based on a survey completed in Fall 2007 by previous TSG Director.

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

This workgroup will be formed once the charge/scope of the work has been clearly determined.

***Provider Contracting/Monitoring***

The TSG Director is completing an environmental scan of current initiatives in the area of efficiencies to provider contracting and monitoring.

Emphasis will be placed on training & monitoring reciprocity and/or common provider monitoring protocols.

***Enhanced Data Submission***

TSG is currently soliciting additional subject matter experts to join this workgroup of the CIO Forum.

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

***Active Engagement***

The concepts of active engagement and meaningful activities are included in the recently released ARR & PPG's but are not well-defined and are narrow in the scope of what is being measured.

TSG will be conducting focus groups and will convene an advisory panel to help identify the values for the system, and will develop definitions and minimum standards for active, meaningful engagement in the community for all persons served.

*The CIO Forum – a workgroup of TSG - recently learned more from DCH about the CHAMPS system requirements for reporting funding source in encounter data. For a summary of key issues related to CHAMPS, please email the TSG Director [laurav@network180.org](mailto:laurav@network180.org)*