

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 Guidelines

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.

Needs Assessment

The Needs Assessment workgroup is currently meeting under the chairmanship of David Schneider. This workgroup has clarified its workgroup charge and vision/values, has developed a detailed work plan 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 by a variety of stakeholders

Enhanced Data Submission

The workgroup has developed draft guidelines for submitting client-specific, timely data to DCH related to critical incidents. The document 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 a vision statement for active, meaningful engagement in the community for adults with developmental disabilities

Members of the group presented the draft consensus document at the February MACMHB conference.

Administrative Efficiencies

TSG Director is meeting informally with various providers who contract with multiple CMHSP's or PIHP's to hear their suggestions for areas for focused efforts toward administrative efficiencies and consistency.

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>