

Access Standards:

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

MDCH will be including the Access Standards in the FY 2010 site visit protocols and will be conducting interviews of consumers who had recent contact with Access systems.

Waiting List/Needs Assessment

This workgroup convened in March 2009, with Dennis Grimski as Chairperson.

The workgroup has developed draft guidelines for establishing and managing lists for general fund waiting lists.

Members of the Waiting List workgroup will be presenting at the Fall MACMHB conference. Draft documents are now available for review.

TSG will formally transmit the guideline to MDCH in October 2009 for expedited review and comment, with the goal of issuing a technical advisory by January 2010.

Active Engagement

TSG Director is facilitating a subgroup of the DD Practice Improvement Team in developing system expectations for active, meaningful engagement in the community for all persons served, with an initial emphasis on the vulnerable adult DD population.

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".

Enhanced Data Submission

This workgroup convened in March 2009 with Chuck Dougherty as Chairperson. Currently making good progress on developing a new method and protocols for submitting client-specific, timely data to DCH related to critical incidents.

The workgroup has reached consensus on the types of incidents, definitions, reportable populations, and timelines for potential reporting.

A technical workgroup is developing file submission formats, technical schemas and fine-tuning data parameters and definitions.

TSG, CIO Forum, and MDCH staff are currently investigating options for developing, housing, and managing such a data warehouse

CIO Forum

TSG Director meets with the Chief Information Officers monthly in this forum. The group is currently focused on CHAMPS implementation, state data reporting and information exchange.

TSG Director is also working with a subgroup of CIO Forum members on standardization of 837 claims across PIHP's and development of a common companion guide.

Looking Forward:

The next Meeting of TSG Executive Committee and Governing Board is October 30, 2009. With approximately one year of funding remaining, the TSG Board will be discussing priorities for 2010. Suggestions for areas of focus and attention may be submitted to Laura Vredevelde: laurav@network180.org.