

County of Financial Responsibility (COFR) Dispute Resolution Committee - Case 2007-4

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The Committee met in Lansing on August 16, 2007 concerning a dispute between two county CMHSP's. CMHSP representatives from the two counties participated to explain the case and the rationale for each CMHSP's position.

Issue: A child from County A was placed in County B at the age of 8. Since then he has been in a licensed home in County B, with services provided by County B CMH. He has now reached the age of 26. He has some particular problems which require substantial individual attention. County B has prepared a person-centered plan for this individual and has provided services, notably supports coordination, based on this plan. County B has asked for reimbursement for those service costs by County A.

County A has always acknowledged that it is the COFR for this individual. It pays for the licensed home directly. However, it contested these County B charges, which it said are much higher than for comparable services in County A. It suggested a permanent 307 transfer for the individual. County B's response was that it would not accept permanent responsibility for the individual because of the expectation of escalating costs. Also, County B said that its rates are higher because the face-to-face time is backed up by significant office time.

Resolution: The Counties agreed upon the following solution. For past charges, County B will send backup which supports the high cost for this particular service. The two CMHs will then work to resolve their differences over these charges.

Going forward, the counties agreed to move the responsibility for the annual person-centered plan to the payer. County A will provide the supports coordination and prepare the person-centered plan for this individual in conjunction with County B. County A will then pay County B for the services that it provides within the plan.