
	
	<b>Meeting Topic:</b> Balancing Workgroup
	<b>Date:</b> July 30, 2007
	<b>Time:</b> 10:30am – 12:30pm
	<b>Location:</b> Riffe Center – 31 <sup>st</sup> Floor – North Conference Room

<b>Meeting Attendees:</b>	Erika Robbins, Julie Evers, Sara Abbott, Karen Langer-Gault, Lauren Phelps, Mike Carroll, Maureen Corcoran, Pete Van Runkle, Steve Wermuth, Wendy Winder, Karen Mayer, Deborah Clayton, Kat Lyons, Mary Butler, Dolores Blankenship, Kathleen Anderson, Paul Jarvis, Beverly Laubert, Michael Schroeder, Christine Kozobarich, Mel Causey, Jim Rosmarin, Jane Taylor, Judy Patterson, Chris Kenney, Chris Murray, Julianne Johnson, Deborah Nebel, Shelley Papenfuse, Laura Mathews
<b>Purpose of Meeting:</b>	MFP Balancing Workgroup

## AGENDA ITEMS:

Time	Topic	Discussion Lead
10 minutes	Overview of Balancing Workgroup -LOC/Preadmission (front door) -Access and Capacity -Purchasing Strategy	Erika Robbins
70 minutes	Presentation of ‘As-Is State of LOC/Preadmission’	Erika Robbins
10 minutes	Assignments for Next Meeting -Questions/Survey to Access System -Other Next Steps	Erika Robbins
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**\*\*Next meeting:** Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm – 4:00pm

	
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## Meeting Notes:

### Overview of Balancing Workgroup:

Erika Robbins (ODJFS) acknowledged the link between the work that will be accomplished in this MFP workgroup and the work that will occur for the unified long term care budget. Erika stated that she and Roland Hornbostel from ODA would be co-leading/co-facilitating this workgroup.

Erika stated that she would like to break down the work/discussions into three (3) main buckets:

- (A) Level of Care/Preadmission (the “front door”)
- (B) Access and Capacity
- (C) Purchasing Strategies


Erika stated that she would like to spend the month of August and first part of September discussing LOC and Preadmission and then move on to items B & C during September and October. Erika acknowledged the short timeframes but stated that ODJFS would like to incorporate short and long-term recommendations related to these topics into the Operational Protocols that are due to CMS in the fall.

### Presentation of ‘As-Is State of LOC/Preadmission’:

Erika shared a draft table with the group for review and comment. The table delineated ODJFS LOC/Preadmission (PASRR) rules and forms for ICFs/MR, NFs, and the various HCBS waivers. Erika stated that ODJFS staff was working on a version that would incorporate sister-agency rules/forms. The purpose of the table was to outline current processes and to facilitate group discussion regarding current systems’ issues, gaps & recommended short & long-term recommendations.

Participants asked if the ODH certification review would be considered a “quality monitoring” review. Erika stated that the quality monitoring field was related to monitoring of the LOC/Preadmission decisions. Under the NF column participants felt the “quality monitoring” answer should be changed to a “no” based on Erika’s clarification. Erika stated the question is one of inter-rater reliability (anecdotally IRR for LOC has been poor).

Judy Patterson stated that ODA does monitor PAA LOC assessments. ODA staff was going to double-check the LOC required for the Assisted Living Waiver (ALW). They also did not think that PASRR was required for Choices or the ALW. Mike Schroeder from ODMH stated they only engage in PASRR for NFs and PASSPORT.

	
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Discussion ensued around MH/MRDD PASRR reviews. Participants felt a field should be added to the table to address processes like the MH/MRDD PASRR reviews (may not be a specific quality monitoring measure but does constitute a quality control to ascertain if consumers are placed appropriately & receiving appropriate services).

Karen Langer-Gault clarified that PASRR NF determinations are required to use the same criteria as Medicaid uses in making its LOC determinations and that PASRR is about identifying individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and/or MR/DD to determine whether or not they need NF services, and if so whether they also need specialized services. Karen also clarified that for MH specialized services, individuals cannot need/receive both NF placement and MH specialized services (unlike MRDD specialized services).

Julie Evers noted for the NF column that the table did not delineate exceptions to the standard processes such as convalescence stays (exceptions to PASRR requirements but not LOC).


Various participants expressed concern about the accuracy of the LOC determination and redetermination numbers contained in the draft table. Erika asked that they research the issue and provide updated counts by the next meeting.

Karen Langer-Gault clarified that the 2399 form referenced in the table was really an HCBS referral form- it did not deal with ascertaining LOC.

Pete Van Runkle stated that the “entry” row should be clarified (agency versus referral sources). Participants wanted the table to capture the role that hospitals play with regards to NF placements/entry. In addition, participants wanted ombudsman added to the referral sources field.

Discussion occurred around the Transitions MRDD and Transitions Carve Out waivers. JFS staff clarified that one way the Transitions Carve Out waiver differed from PASSPORT was that the Carve Out waiver provided nursing services. It was also clarified that as individuals age out of the Ohio Home Care waiver they could be moved (ongoing) to the Transitions Carve Out waiver (60+). JFS clarified that the intent is to eventually move the Transitions Carve Out waiver to ODA for administration and the Transitions MRDD waiver to ODMRDD for administration. Participants wanted JFS to add the RSS program to the table since a protective LOC was required.

Deb Clayton asked if to participant in MFP/Home Choice the consumers had to be enrolled on a

	
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waiver. Erika stated they did not need to be on a waiver; the consumer would only receive Medicaid card services and they could access demonstration services as long as they meet the LOC. Deb asked if the county boards would need to assure health and safety. Erika stated they would need to meet the requirements of the demonstration regarding health and safety but it would not be the same as appendix H of the waiver requirements.

Participants discussed LOC recommendations versus decisions in the various systems. It was decided that JFS would add a row to the table to clarify in which systems the local entities made the LOC decision versus in which systems they made a recommendation. It was also suggested that in the “sister-agency” version of the table a field be added to delineate other documents/forms that may not directly dictate a LOC but are related (e.g. the ODEI/COEDI in the MRDD system).

Review of Level of Care Continuum document:

Karen Langer-Gault provided an overview of the LOC Continuum document. Karen stated it was originally developed in 1993 and that it doesn’t specifically address children. Karen clarified that when determining LOC a reviewer needs to look at all levels of care.

Karen stated that the workgroup should look at the LOC rules. In the ICF/MR rule (revised in 2002) the various criterion were broken down by age range. A current IRR issue is how the various criteria are applied to kids. Erika provided examples of how criteria may be applied differently for certain populations, e.g., TBI, dual MH/MR. She stated these individuals/children may be pushed towards certain programs that may not be entirely appropriate.


Erika noted that ODJFS was looking for a PASRR flow. Mike Schroeder from ODMH stated they had one and would pass it along.

Assignments for Next Meeting:

Erika asked that participants complete the “Assessing the Current Systems’ Entry Doors” worksheet. Erika stated that Lauren Phelps from ODJFS would be e-mailing a copy to everyone and asking for feedback prior to the next meeting (feedback due by August 7<sup>th</sup>).

Erika also asked that participants send rule references and associated forms to Lauren Phelps for the sister-agency version of the LOC/Preadmission table.

The group decided that meetings should occur every other Monday; starting Monday August 13<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm. ODJFS staff will locate conference rooms and telephone conference lines. If possible, ODJFS will also look into using video conferencing facilities. Meeting appointments

	
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will be forthcoming from ODJFS staff.		
<b>The August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting is canceled.</b>		
Action Item	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
Complete “Assessing the Current Systems’ Entry Doors” worksheet/questionnaire- send to Lauren Phelps	Workgroup participants	August 7 <sup>th</sup>
Send comments on draft “Table of Current Entry Doors” to Lauren Phelps	Workgroup participants	August 7 <sup>th</sup>