

Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services
Office for Children and Families
EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

To: Directors, Public Children Services Agencies
Members, OCF Executive Leadership Committee
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From: Tom Roelant, Assistant Deputy Director, ODJFS, OCF

Subject: Executive Leadership Committee Meeting Notes from June 15, 2006

Date: July 14, 2006

I. Welcome and Introduction

Tom Roelant, OCF Assistant Deputy Director welcomed the committee members and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He also asked the committee to approve the May minutes, a motion was made to approve and seconded. The following individuals were in attendance:

Lisa Wiltshire	Carol Ware	Pamela Dorsey
Tom Roelant	Crystal Allen	Kathy Bartlett
Julie Mogavero	Fred Williams	Judith Chavis
Jessie Tower	Jim Beard	Rhonda Reagh
Jim Smith	John Saros	Katherine Canada
Dean Sparks	Rhonda Abban	Rose Handon
Julie Wirt		

II. Medicaid Manage Care Expansion

Pam Dorsey, Jeff Corzine and Carol Ware from the Bureau of Managed Health Care (BMHC) gave a status report regarding Medicaid Managed Care in Ohio. Their goal for presenting an update to the OCF ELC Committee was:

- To share the implementation plan and timeline for the statewide expansion of the Medicaid Managed Health Care Program;
- To discuss the impact of program expansion on PCSAs; and,
- To gather input regarding PCSA issues and concerns related to mandatory Medicaid Manage Care.

ODJFS, pursuant to Am. Sub. H.B. 66 is required to expand Medicaid managed care statewide for specific populations by December 2006. When expansion is complete, approximately 1.2 million Covered Families and Children (CFC) and 125,000 Aged, Blind, and Disabled (ABD) Medicaid participants will be placed in managed care plans (MCPs). Manage Care today is in operating in 17 counties which include: Butler, Clark, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Montgomery, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Clermont, Greene, Pickaway, Warren and Wood.

The effective date of the statewide expansion program from a county approach to a regional approach is July 1, 2006 with the first regional enrollment beginning August 1, 2006. A readiness survey was conducted which selected the East Central Region to go live first. Counties making up the East Central Region consist of Ashland, Carroll, Holmes, Portage, Richland, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas and Wayne.

Exempt populations include: 1) SSI recipients; 2) Title IV-E adoption assistance and foster care maintenance recipients; 3) children receiving services through the federal Bureau of Children with Medical Handicaps; and 4) children in foster care or in out-of-home care placements. These populations can choose to be exempted from enrollment by contacting the ODJFS Selection Services Center at 1-800-605-3040 or the BMHC at 614-466-4693 on a monthly basis. A draft form for removing or not enrolling children in the MCP was handed out during the meeting. This form can be used by PCSAs to submit monthly electronic updates to BMHC of children opting in or out of the program. The goal of Manage Care is to remove all barriers to coverage if placement has occurred or when there has been a change in custody. PCSA issues for statewide expansion for the *Short Term* include: 1) Limited administrative burden for PCSA staff; 2) Removal of any barriers to access to care; 3) Residence of eligibility information (i.e., CRIS-E vs. FACSIS); and, 4) Disenrollment of children from MCP when in custody. For the *Long Term*, PCSAs must develop policies for how they wish to interact with MCPs. Issues for consideration in policy development include: 1) Statewide Expansion of Managed Care; 2) Change in Administration; 3) Conversion to SACWIS and 4) Recommendations from Medicaid Study Council. A copy of the manage care power point presentation is attached.

For technical assistance and additional information regarding the enrollment process and the statewide expansion, the PCSAs can contact Jeff Corzine, Chief, Bureau of Manage Health Care at 614-466-4693 or

<http://www.jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/bmhc/statemhc.stm> or
<http://www.jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/bmhc/con-man-care.stm> or
<http://www.jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/bmhc/mhcri.stm>

III. ODJFS Research Consortium

Candace Valach, Policy Staff, ODJFS Director's Office, presented an update regarding the ODJFS Research Consortium initiative. The plans are to have the Research Consortium underway and implemented by January, 1, 2007. The HB 130, Grandparents Caring for Grandchildren Implementation Evaluation Proposal by the Wright State University will be the first research project for review. A subcommittee meeting was

scheduled to discuss implementation strategies. County representation is included. The Office for Research, Assessment and Accountability will have day to day responsibility as contract manager and is moving forward on hiring full time staff to monitor this effort. They are also working on a Release of Letterhead Bid (RLB) for the research expert. The Director's Office, ORAA and OCF will provide leadership for the project and consider ideas on a second research project. The goal is to have a second subcommittee established for review, input and comment on a second research project. Topics under consideration for the second project were: IL; TANF Child Only Cases; Child Care; CFSR; and Kinship.

The goal of the Research Consortium is to: have a department-wide, coordinated effort for program evaluation and research; and to convene a Research Consortium ELC that considers research projects, defines mission and goals, establishes a research agenda; and, secures funding. Next steps are to scheduled the first Research Consortium ELC meeting; and meet with Fiscal to discuss the Research Consortium in relation to the SFY08/09 budget.

IV. OCWTP Evaluation Update

Kyle Hoffman, Institute for Human Services and Tim McCarragher, PhD., University of Akron presented the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program (OCWTP) Evaluation Blueprint. The OCWTP Blueprint has adopted the American Humane Association's (AHA) 7 Levels of training evaluation. They are: 1) Level 1 - Satisfaction with Content; 2) Level 2 - Feelings about Trainer; 3) Level 3 - Perceptions Own Learning; 4) Level 4 - Knowledge Acquisition; 5) Level 5 - Knowledge Comprehension; 6) Level 6 - Skill Demonstration; and 7) Level 7 - Application of New Knowledge & Skill. OCWTP is currently doing Levels 1, 2, and 3. Therefore, their evaluation focus will be on Levels 4, 5, 6 and 7 while answering the following three questions: 1) What to Collect?; 2) What can OCWTP give back to the PCSA?; and, 3) What can OCWTP realistically do? They requested input from the ELC committee regarding conducting one Pre and Post Test instead of 8 different Pre and Post Tests. These tests will not impact training workshops because they will be completed online before and after Core training.

Committee member concerns were; 1) The length of time between training and the Post Test; 2) Logistical problems; 3) Time commitments for the Pre and Post Tests; and, 4) that the OCWTP should look at controls such as: 1) Caseload size; and 2) Supervisor to Caseworker ratios. Overall, the blueprint was well received and the ELC committee felt that it would answer the question whether the training is making a difference. Kyle and Tim agreed to provide the ELC committee with an evaluation update in the future. More details about the evaluation strategy can be found at: www.OCWTP.com

V. SACWIS Update

Kathy Bartlett, SACWIS Project, indicated that twenty-eight defects were found which is good. The plans are to go to pilot with some high and low defects. SACWIS has abandoned Cognos 7 and migrating to Cognos 8. The rationale for migrating is because it is more efficient than to developing Cognos 8. The goal is to finalize by mid July and test 8 to 12 reports on a daily basis.

UAT has been extended to compile reports and test the functionality at the same time. The SACWIS timeline is to Pilot with Muskingum CCS by the end of July with a statewide implementation by October 2006. Testing will occur for all Priority One reports at the Pilot implementation. After the final Pilot date, a revised statewide SACWIS Roll-out schedule will be released. There was much discussion regarding the amount of Web based training and management of reports for caseworkers. It was recommended by the ELC that a report should be generated that would allow for the management of caseload (i.e., something that would allow for tracking caseworkers assigned to cases, especially primary caseworkers as cases move through the child welfare continuum). The issue is you can have multiple caseworkers assigned to a case. This must be in place prior to SACWIS going live.

VI. CAPMIS Update

There was much discussion regarding the CAPMIS curriculum, training and concept of Emerging Danger. The following highlights the discussion and points for further consideration by ODJFS, the County Constituent Review Group and the OCF ELC Committee:

1. Further enhance the curriculum, using input from County Constituent Review Group (The four CAPMIS Pilot Counties: Greene, Hancock, Lorain, Muskingum; Franklin; Cuyahoga; OCF and PCSAO.). Items to address include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Additional philosophical underpinnings: i.e., information on why the tool is valid and developed in that manner
 - b. Standardize the terms, definitions, references used in the curriculum.
 - c. Include application exercises within the curriculum, i.e., examples, cases, etc.
2. Questions regarding the curriculum length (3 or 4 days). Issues include:
 - a. capacity of ODJFS to expand the curriculum to four days (cost, time, capacity of trainers to provide that much training)
 - b. some PCSA concerns about agency capacity to send all staff to four days of training, and process four days worth of training
 - c. curriculum enhancement should drive length of training; recognition that capacity is a true issue
3. Initial and ongoing technical assistance. Suggestions included regional TA, make sure all TAMs & TASs are trained; regularly convene regional Super User Groups on CAPMIS
4. Offer a Supervisory Intense Curriculum prior to the Statewide Rollout of the CAPMIS Training Schedule.
5. Recommend PCSA screeners attend the CAPMIS training
6. Use OCWTP Regional Training Centers to assist with scheduling the training sessions.
7. Emerging Danger concept should be carefully reviewed prior to CAPMIS training and SACWIS rollout.
 - a. All four Pilot Counties have expressed difficulty in any consistent use of this concept
 - b. None have expressed that the concept adds value to the CAPMIS tool

- c. There is concern about legal liability with such a concept.
 - d. Takes more expertise than many caseworkers have. Need worker friendly tool.
 - e. Question whether technical assistance will solve the issue.
 - f. Emerging Danger is duplicative with SDM Risk Assessment actuarial tool.
8. Allow the OSU Evaluation to inform the Training Curriculum and handling of Emerging Danger. The OSU Evaluation that addresses Emerging Danger should be provided to the County Constituent Review Group for their consideration.
9. Options Discussed
- a. Keep in, however, change the name to something about risk or label it as an override opportunity;
 - b. Temporary, "Not Applicable" change could be included in SACWIS while pilot counties figure it out; or,
 - c. Emerging Danger be removed from SACWIS.
10. Challenges:
- a. SACWIS Implications - removing or putting in a temporary block or NA re: Emerging Danger from SACWIS would be a change order with vendor, could probably be done without delaying SACWIS but not without a cost.
 - b. OAC Rules - the concept is included in OAC rules (includes a definition), and on forms. Group recognized this as something to address, but did not feel it should impact decision making process.
11. Next Steps:
- The County Constituent Review group to reconvene to address following:
- a. ODJFS will distribute summary of curriculum enhancements prior to meeting
 - b. ODJFS will provide OSU Evaluation information pertinent to training and Emerging Danger issues
 - c. ODJFS will have idea of cost for SACWIS change order
 - d. Decisions to be made on training length
 - e. Decision to be made on Supervisory or Super User training plan
 - f. Plan for Initial and Ongoing Technical Assistance
 - g. Decision for maintaining, or not, Emerging Danger within CAPMIS

VII. Other Information

TANF/IL/Adoption Funding Allocation update. Tom Roelant recommended that the funding distribution for the TANF/IL funding would be based on a formula to the PCSAs with a minimum amount of \$2,500 for those PCSAs who otherwise would not receive an allocation per formula.