

INTEGRATED FAMILY SERVICES PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the January 9, 2009 Meeting

I. Welcome/Review Minutes/Introduction of Members

J.C.S. welcomed members and began a round of introductions.

II. Magellan Presentation

D.M. from Magellan Behavioral Health Services provided a PowerPoint presentation on MBH's Perspectives on Residential and Community-Based Treatment for Youth and Families. Also distributed were descriptions of Lehigh/Northampton Counties HealthChoices Levels of Care and Bethlehem CMC Children's Outpatient Levels of Care. A copy is attached for those who were unable to attend the meeting.

Discussion occurred on the family's participation in the various levels of care, specifically community based programs.

III. PIT Team # 2 Tips for Parents Update

J.C.S. distributed revised "Tips from Parents for Parents" and "Creating a Portfolio" brochures and welcomed comments. Brochures will be distributed by Mental Health staff to consumers and their families, and are also available on the DHS web site.

It was suggested that the following information be included into one or both brochures:

- Educational information on when it is appropriate for a parent to release confidential information, i.e. whom they are speaking with about their needs.
- What forms/documents are involved and when they should be signed.
- Confidentiality release of information guidelines.
- Information on Act 147 (Act where a parent can sign for treatment for a child 14-18 years of age.) so that parents are aware that this Act exists. It was noted that many parents are not aware of this Act.

TASK: A.F. indicated that she would bring this public awareness idea before the Community Health Care Alliance.

J.C.S. indicated she is in the process of developing templates for forms to be used to create a portfolio.

L.K. noted that, prior to the meeting, J.B. distributed Network of Care (NOC) brochures. The NOC web site (www.networkofcare.com) contains various mental health forms that may be helpful to consumers.

IV. Parent and Youth Advisory Groups Update

J.C.S. stated that training for staff on CASSP, LCM and IFSP will be provided in late January. Letters to Lehigh County contracted providers have been mailed. Letters to families identified as being involved in the DHS system over the past year will be mailed late January.

V. High Fidelity Wraparound (HFWA) Update

Allison updated the following on the HFWA RFP:

- RFP is near finalization.
- Fiscal guidance has been received from the state.
- RFP will be placed on HealthChoices web page following the mailing of notices to providers who attended the HFWA training in July of 2008.
- Reinvestment dollars will initially be used for the start up of HWFA. When reinvestment dollars run out, capitation dollars will be utilized. There are no state or federal dollars attached to this initiative.

Additions to the agenda:

L.K. indicated that reinvestment dollars are available from Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and that community input is desired to identify community needs. A.F. noted that in order to utilize HealthChoices dollars, programs must be MA eligible and provide mental health and/or substance abuse services.

The following needs were brought forward:

1. Short term residential treatment for children/adolescents.
2. Crisis center for younger children.
3. Significant follow up services need to be made available for items #1 and #2.
4. Parental training services to work with parents, either group or individual.
5. Community treatment expansion for those children/adolescents who do not have home supports available to them, i.e. places where children could come together to socialize such as roller rink, bowling alley.
6. Additional Spanish speaking resources for the completion of psychological evaluations. Currently waiting periods are quite lengthy.
7. Can funds be made available through HCU (Health Care Unit funded by the Office of Developmental Programs) for residential services for MH/MR clients?
8. ARCH for children/adolescents to use Camp Fowler.

VI. Next Meeting: IFSP Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, January 26, 2008, 8:30 a.m., Room 201

IFSP Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, February 23, 2009, 8:30 a.m., Room 123

IFSP Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday, March 13, 2009, 10:00 a.m., Room 123

IFSP Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, March 23, 2009, 8:30 a.m., Room 123

IFSP Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, April 27, 2009, 8:30 a.m., Room 123

Submitted by K.C.