

Provider Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2010

DHR, 311 W. Saratoga Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Attendees:

Terry Manning, Paul Brylske, Zachary Dingle, Walter McNeil, Mark Mittleman, Carnitra White, Anne Davis, Tom Curcio, Nancy Kay Blackwell, Carmen Brown, Oronde Miller, Brenda Donald, L. Kai Boggess, Andre Cooper, Kamala Green, Cleveland Williams, Roland Riviere, Kevin Keegan.

Provider Forums:

Follow-up from Provider Forum Meetings - A brief discussion on the process and the response to the process of the forum(s). There was a consensus that small group settings for future forums should be considered.

Data Requests:

Follow-up on data discussions from previous PAC meetings - A handout was distributed. Discussion around timeframes and what can be expected, when. Numbers 1 and 5: could be completed within 6 months; number 2: requires a longer study, needs more information; number 3: will require thesis level work; number 6: needs more time, DHR has plans to integrate the Federal outcomes, CHAFEE and national database information.

Census:

Follow-up on census discussions from previous PAC meetings - Discussion and handouts regarding counting dormitories and residence halls within the Group Home category. Staff of homes will distribute information and questionnaires to the youth. DHR will send out information/ requests to the providers. Kevin Keegan and Oronde Miller will follow up with the Governor's office.

AWOL:

Follow-up on AWOL discussion from previous PAC meetings - Discussions regarding the safety risks of the runners versus the ones who run to something/someone. The suggestion to hold the bed for 10 days and the policy to pay for children who return after the AWOL timeframe. A decision was made to review data for how quickly children return. The Provider Advisory Council agreed to look within their organizations for rate of incidents over a 6 month timeframe. Kai Boggess will lead the data collection. Discussion/ review to look at the policy of practice for children who return, the police policy to return the child(ren) back to the location that reported the AWOL, and how to facilitate a re-admission to be more manageable.

TFC Redesign:

Secretary Donald led a discussion on TFC redesign. She announced that there will be an RFP for 2012 contracts. The Provider Advisory Council should be included to provide information for updating the model to focus more on outcomes. DHR would like to consider eventually moving to a process that would separate service bundles, but is currently focusing on an array of services to establish a “base” of services in line with what is needed. DHR needs to gain a better understanding of what is needed, to understand who does what, and to provide a coordination of efforts in order to decrease duplication of efforts and gaps in service. Assessments are needed for appropriate placements, flexibility for service provisions, placement stability and proximity to family. The suggestion to bring back to the TFC coalition was made. There is a need to clarify what doesn’t work, what would work better, and should DHR come to the table with “drivers”. DHR will provide the Coalition with a complete listing of all licensed CPA providers so that ALL can be invited to participate in this discussion.

Open Discussions:

Graduation package policy - when will DHR provide guidance/policy to the LDSS re: graduation and other rites of passage re: spending of the LDSS funds versus spending that of the provider. Carnitra White will assign staff to this matter.

Meeting adjourned.

The next Provider Advisory Council meeting will be held Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at Arrow Child and Family Ministries, 1605 Cromwell Bridge Rd., Baltimore, MD 21234, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.