



CCR State/County Implementation Team
Meeting Notes
 December 8, 2016

Purpose: Monthly meeting to identify and address cross discipline policy issues related to the implementation of Continuum of Care Reform (CCR). This meeting was held via teleconference.

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| I. Welcome, Agenda, and Introductions Theresa Thurmond | |
| II. CCR Updates CDSS, DHCS | <p>Interim Licensing Standards</p> <p>Working on updates to staffing requirements and minimum qualifications and the overlay between Interim Licensing Standards (ILS) and Program Approval.</p> <p>The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) held a webinar at the end of November as a follow up to the Foster Family Agency (FFA) and Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) ILS Regional Meetings/Orientations. The CCR Policy Unit is drafting a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document based on the nearly 400 questions received.</p> <p>Most providers have requested and received extensions; even those planning to become STRTPs.</p> <p>An identified challenge has been noted that not all FFA's have received Originating Agency Identification (ORI) Number to do background checks. The CDSS will provide guidance to providers.</p> <p>CDSS is monitoring the transition processes to become STRTPs through a comprehensive spread sheet. This document will be made available to the counties.</p> <p>There are no extensions for RFA for all new applicants as of 1/1/17.</p> |

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| | <p>Mental Health Program Approval Protocol changes</p> <p>The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) held an internal meeting to review the protocol and made changes pursuant to discussions. The DHCS will be meeting with CDSS to come to a conclusion about staffing ratios.</p> <p>Notices of Action (NOA)</p> <p>Meetings scheduled with State Hearings at CDSS. The plan is to create a document that clearly articulates who receives the NOA's and what the hearings and appeals processes is. This will be disseminated to county leadership and providers. Want to make sure to take into account the variation of county appeals noting where the process occurs in each county's structure.</p> <p>Medi-Cal 101</p> <p>First session to be held in the Northern Region on 12/16/16 with subsequent regions to follow. Regionally counties are being invited with their providers. The CDSS to be part of the presentation. The Alliance is helping to distribute the flyer and an idea was suggested that the Regional CCL offices facilitate distribution to providers.</p> <p>A question was posed about Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPA's) attending? The reply was for Education not to attend the first set of meetings since the focus is on FFA's and STRTP's with the goal to teach providers about the requirements for becoming Medi-Cal providers. A suggestion was made to schedule a session for Education once the original goal is reached.</p> <p>Roadmap to Mental Health Services</p> <p>This is a deliverable that the Department Directors committed to developing to provide a simplified visualization of the process that will be described in the Information Notice. The DHCS has developed a visual that they will share with CDSS.</p> <p>Information Notice on Mild to Moderate Early Periodic Screen Diagnostic & Treatment Services</p> <p>The final draft is complete and with DHCS Director.</p> |

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| <p>III. Education Sub-Workgroup Report out Renzo Bernales, CDE Stuart Oppenheim, CFPIC</p> | <p>Advocates and providers would like to join the work group and will be invited after the next meeting on January 17, 2017.</p> <p>Two draft documents have been developed that describe the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and Child and Family Team (CFT) processes. The first document is side-by-side comparison. The second document describes why each process would be initiated.</p> <p>A third document under consideration would describe when Education (other than Special Ed) would be involved in CFT's.</p> <p>Additional policy area to be mindful of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of Home Placement funding that is provided to SELPAs for students who qualify for Special Education and related services (technically this is not a primary concern of CCR, but CCR has an effect on the calculation and amount of funds to be provided to SELPAs) (both are the responsibility of the California Department of Education—CDE—in consultation with the Department of Finance). • Funding for out of home placements provided to SELPAs for Special Education students is now outdated based on CCR. A new funding methodology needs to be developed. The workgroup has heard from SELPAs and Local Education Agencies (LEAs)who have expressed a hope for a census (student count) based funding methodology rather than one based on available capacity (old formula was based on bed capacity). • The Department of Finance (DOF), the Legislative Analyst Office (LAO), and the CDE will hold meetings to discuss a new methodology. The DOF is responsible for providing this source of funds as they are the state agency that controls the allocation of funds through the state budget. • Addressing the funding gap, by studying the potential that a funding gap might be created through the revised funding allocation formula/methodology. Note – group heard from SELPAs and LEAs that now outdated methodology created a “funding gap” as it did not provide enough resources to account for the number of students involved. |
| <p>IV. RITE Meetings Sara Rogers Theresa Thurmond</p> | <p>Review of feedback and discussion about next steps.</p> |

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| | Interest has been expressed in scheduling another round of RITE meetings most likely in late spring or early summer. Scheduling to consider the Medi-Cal 101 trainings and the numerous changes taking place in the early part of the year. |
| V. Next Steps Theresa Thurmond | Next Meeting- January 26, 2017, 3:00-5:00 p.m., CBHDA Office |