



CCR State/County Implementation Team
Meeting Notes
 September 22, 2016

Purpose: Monthly meeting of County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA), California Department of Social Services (CDSS), County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA), Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC), County State Association of Counties (CSAC), and Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) County Representatives to identify and address cross discipline policy issues related to the implementation of CCR.

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| I. Welcome, Agenda, and Introductions | |
| II. Updates Sara Rogers, CDSS | <p>Rates All County Letter 16-79 will be posted soon. It provides instructions for how Phase I of the new Home Based Family Care (HBFC) rate structure including Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP's) will be implemented on 1/1/17. The CDSS will issue additional guidance to implement Phase II of the HBFC rate structure. The Level of Care Protocol (LOC) workgroup is continuing the work to complete the tool used to determine a LOC. The workgroup will gather input from Probation to finalize the tool, develop the training material (with UCD), and have the LOC Protocol available for use in the first quarter of next year. County welfare/probation should note the request for Group Home extensions as outlined in ACL 16-65 should be submitted to the FCARB by Friday November 11th.</p> <p>Interim Licensing Standards (ILS) Version 1 of the ILS for FFAs has been finalized and published on the CDSS website: http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/PG4869.htm. The ILS for STRTP will be finalized and published in early October. Assembly Bill (AB) 1997 was enrolled August 31, 2016. The Department is in the process of drafting an ACIN that will summarize AB 1997.</p> |

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| | <p>Regional Ideas and Transformational Exchange (RITE) Convenings CDSS, DHCS, CBHDA, CPOC, CIBHS, the RTAs, and Casey Family Programs are sponsoring CCR RITE Convenings in the Northern, Bay, Central, Southern regions as well as Los Angeles in order to provide technical assistance. The Bay and Los Angeles took place in August 2016 and the Central Region convened in September. The Southern Region Convening will be held in Riverside on October 11, 2016. The Northern Region is scheduled to meet on October 27, 2016, in the Sacramento area. These meetings are currently for county leadership in Child Welfare Services (CWS), Mental Health (MH), and Probation. In the Spring of 2017, a similar series of meetings will be opened to other stakeholders.</p> <p>Tribal Consultation A letter has been drafted to send to the tribal representatives. The primary purpose is to engage tribal partners in the development of a CCR Tribal Workgroup. This would be in addition to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Workgroup.</p> <p>Child and Family Teaming A joint CFT (Child and Family Team) All County Letter (ACL) and Mental Health Substance Use Disorder (MHSUD) Information Notice will be released in October by the CDSS and the DHCS. The departments are in the process of their final review; the ACL and MHSUD Information Notice provides counties with information and guidance regarding the use of the CFT to deliver child welfare services, the composition of the CFT, eligibility criteria, meeting frequency, and other pertinent information. An attachment to the letter, which contains helpful Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's), will also be provided.</p> <p>Confidentiality/Information Sharing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More work to be done on this area. • Specific requirements in AB403 to inform the case plan and needs and services. • The JV 220 process (psychotropic med approvals) requires sharing of information but needs clarification. • There are at least four statutes that guide the sharing of information between MH, Substance Abuse, Education and CWS. Consider creating a matrix that compares confidentiality requirements side by side. (Check if this has already been done for Katie A.?) Further |

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| | <p>consideration is required depending on whether the practitioner is guided by Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) or Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)? Even when the consent is signed by the parent a conservative practitioner might not believe they can share.</p> <p>Other considerations related to confidentiality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Holder of Privilege -Clinical judgment -Universal Release of Information -County Counsel/Judiciary -CDE has legal group addressing the issue -Department of Justice (DOJ) issued guidance on the sharing of education information -Is there some statewide guidance to start with? <p>ACTION: The CDSS will start pulling together the relevant materials. Send materials you have to CDSS Theresa.Thurmond@dss.ca.gov.</p> <p>Per DHCS the notes from the last meeting don't reflect what the recertification process is and edits were provided to CCR Branch staff.</p> <p>ACTION: Correct notes from August 18, 2016, meeting.</p> |
| <p>III. County Coordination of Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP) Transition/Group Home (GH) Extension Sara Rogers, CDSS</p> | <p>What are counties plans if one county wants a STRTP but the host county does not?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition issue for youth that do not meet the STRTP requirement and are currently in a GH. Youth will not be “kicked out” but the higher rate will have to be paid and the facility will need to provide the appropriate services. • There needs more time for counties during this transition time about when a child will “step down”. • CDSS not moving toward dual licensure. <p>ACTION: Further discussion needed.</p> |
| <p>IV. Education Sub-Workgroup Report Out</p> | <p>The Education Sub-workgroup met on September 20, 2016, through a teleconference. The two hour meeting was well attended and provided and opportunity for “level setting” for the intersection of CCR and Education. There were a number of questions and issues identified for further discussion.</p> |

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| Renzo Bernales, CDE | <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing collaboration between Individual Education Plans (IEP), other teams in Education and Child and Family Teams (CFT). • Overall impact of CCR on Education. • Funding allocation determination for each SELPA (currently based on RCL 14). • Capacity issues- Will there be enough STRTPs (out of state placements)? • The frequent moves of youth in CWS and Probation create a problem for schools. It was mentioned that only 18% of youth in foster care met the benchmarks for grade and age. <p>The next meeting of the Education Sub-workgroup will be on October 24, 2017. It will be a full day meeting at CDSS. For more information contact Ahmed.Nemr@dss.ca.gov.</p> |
| <p>V. Mental Health Workgroup Report Out Karen Baylor, DHCS</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Medi-Cal manual for Intensive Care Coordination Based Services and Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) services is almost ready to be posted. • The TFC Committee continues to meet to provide feedback on the development of TFC. DHCS is considering a name change for TFC since this service will be available to all Medi-Cal children and youth who meet specific criteria (will not be limited to children and youth in foster care). • Dates for Medi-Cal 101 trainings have not been determined. <p>Notice of Action (NOA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Notice of Action is required to inform beneficiaries of their rights to appeal and/or request a state fair hearing under specific circumstances (i.e., reduction of services, denial of services due to medical necessity criteria, not meeting timeliness standards for service provision, etc.). There are several different types of NOA's and regulations around these. For example: if beneficiary doesn't meet medical necessity criteria or if the plan doesn't approve the level of services requested by a provider. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a NOA is required for a foster care youth, to whom does the MHP send the NOA? Does it go to the social worker? Parent/guardian? NOA goes to the parent not the school district (per clarification from CDE). <p>ACTION: DHCS to provide a Power Point for State/County Team regarding the NOA processes that exist with follow-up discussion.</p> |
| <p>VI. Topics for Future Meetings</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of county Medi-Cal disruptions (issue for Counties and for youth on Social Security). • Collaborative Planning to Identify Needs and Services for Children and Youth • CCR Messaging |
| <p>VII. Next Steps</p> | <p>Next meeting: October 20, 2016, 3:00-5:00 PM</p> |