

## CCR FFA/STRTP Workgroup Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Date: 07/22/16	Time: 10:30 am to 2:30 pm	Location: CDSS, 744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814/Webinar
Presenter(s)	Agenda Items and Discussion (Major Points)	Action item
Stuart Oppenheim	A. Welcome and Introductions	
Stuart Oppenheim	B. Review the agenda and any additions to the agenda	
Sara Rogers	<p>C. CCR Updates and Progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACIN (All County Information Notice) I-50-16 released 7/8/16, general overview of AB 403, and clarifying legislation AB 1997. County CCR Implementation Guide is attached to the letter provided as a useful tool for multi-agency collaboration. <a href="http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/lettersnotices/EntRes/getinfo/acin/2016/I-50_16.pdf">http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/lettersnotices/EntRes/getinfo/acin/2016/I-50_16.pdf</a></li> <li>• ACL (All County Letter) 16-58 released 7/11/16, County implementation of Resource Family Approval (RFA). <a href="http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/lettersnotices/EntRes/getinfo/acl/2016/16-58.pdf">http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/lettersnotices/EntRes/getinfo/acl/2016/16-58.pdf</a></li> <li>• ACL 16-52 released 7/14/16, Foster Parent Recruitment Retention Support (FPRS). Letters and Notices link: <a href="http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/lettersnotices/EntRes/getinfo/acl/2016/16-52.pdf">http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/lettersnotices/EntRes/getinfo/acl/2016/16-52.pdf</a></li> <li>• AB 1997 in the final stages of amendment. Policy implementation through Interim Standards. Interim Standards are a framework for providers, youth, and stakeholders. <a href="http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB1997">http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB1997</a></li> <li>• Mental Health (MH) provisions developing a streamlined certification process.</li> <li>• Child and Family Team (CFT) ACL outlining guidelines. The initial draft will be available for input in early August. CFT letter includes: placement changes, funding, guidance on expectations of CFT, building on Katie A, and core practice model.</li> <li>• The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) are working together for integrated services and the goal of clear access to mental health services.</li> <li>• MH Workgroup meeting regularly with topics discussed including: medical necessity criteria, Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) accessing MH services, mild to moderate managed care system, fee-for-service, how children access services, and CFT from a MH perspective.</li> <li>• A frequently asked question (FAQ) document is in development to ensure consistent answers to inquiries.</li> </ul>	Interim Standards released in August 2016 by CCR
John Sanfilippo	<p>Rates Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New rate structure effective 1/1/17.</li> <li>• ACL introducing the new Level of Care (LOC) rate structure and the Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) rate for GH's that convert to a STRTP and rates currently in review process. August release planned.</li> <li>• ACL for group home (GH) extension request outlines procedures/process for GH's request an extension of their existing Rate Classification Level (RCL) rate. August released planned.</li> <li>• ACL draft document in the form of a Q&amp;A about accreditation and rates to be released in August.</li> <li>• LOC Assessment Tool and Protocol Workgroup have met twice to determine child/youth level of need to establish level of care (level 1-4). There will be a subsequent meeting to review the 5 domains that have been identified; date of next meeting is August 26<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	<p>CDSS to release ACLs in August 2016.</p> <p>CDSS to check if requests for Accreditation reimbursement can be retroactive.</p>

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<p>John Sanfilippo</p>	<p>D. Review Process for requesting an extension for GH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counties must request an extension on behalf of GH providers.</li> <li>• Extension allows for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A GH to continue receiving their existing GH RCL rate.</li> <li>○ GH time to meet requirements for accreditation and/or MH certification.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Extension request also sent to and reviewed by the Foster Care Rates Bureau in CDSS. GH's need to apply to become a STRTP with Community Care Licensing (CCL).</li> <li>• Effective 1/1/17, no new RCL rates will be issued.</li> <li>• Extension requests only for GHs, not needed for FFAs.</li> <li>• If the GH is not ready to convert to a STRTP, in order to continue receiving their RCL rate they must request extension through the county welfare or probation department.</li> <li>• Extensions may be granted for 6-12 months on a condition that the GH is working on becoming a STRTP or the county has yet to develop the capacity needed to step youth down to a Home Based Foster Care (HBFC) setting.</li> <li>• If GH is converting to a STRTP, more time may be needed due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lack of resource families willing to have youth placed with them.</li> <li>○ Insufficient home based services to transition youth.</li> <li>○ Material risk to children.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Partnering is needed with County MH, Probation, and Child Welfare Services (CWS) where MH is provided.</li> <li>• In attempting to step youth down from GH to HBFC settings, counties should determine the placement/capacity needs with GH providers that provide specialty MH services and include the local MH dept.</li> </ul>	
<p>Rami Chand</p>	<p>E. Review requirement for county review of Program Statement &amp; Letter of Recommendation</p> <p>GHs looking to become STRTP need and new FFA applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a new program statement</li> <li>• Outreach to host county where facility is located and other counties that may place in the facility.</li> <li>• Letter of recommendation from a county placing agency with statement that the agency reviewed the program statement.</li> <li>• Provide statement to CCL that you reached out to the host county for review if the letter of recommendation is not from the host county and the facility notified the host county that another county provided a letter of recommendation.</li> <li>• A new letter of recommendation not required if the facility moves locations.</li> </ul>	

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	<p>Once submitted a county can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the program statement.</li> <li>• Decline to review and decline to provide recommendation.</li> <li>• Provide letter of recommendation.</li> </ul> <p>Currently licensed FFAs should submit a copy of the updated program statement to all county placing agencies with which placements are coordinated or for which services are provided.</p>	
<p>Lanette Castleman, DHCS Dina Kokkos-Gonzales, DHCS</p>	<p>F. Mental Health Program Approval Information—Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)</p> <p>DHCS has developed a streamlined, non-duplicative protocol for Program/Medi-Cal Certification for RCL 13/14 and STRTPs. This will improve and add integrity to the process. The draft protocols are being reviewed by County Behavioral Health Directors Association Of California (CBHDA) and will be out for other stakeholders to review in August 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DHCS currently has oversight authority over level 13/14 GH Certification delegated to counties.</li> <li>• Certification and contract is to be obtained in 12 months from licensure.</li> <li>• If no full certification, facilities have to at least provide access to mental health services.</li> <li>• During first year will be reviewing requests for program approval will issue provisional license until site visit is made.</li> <li>• Medi-Cal 101 Power Point to be created and made available publicly to break down some of the complexities of the MH system in an easier to understand format.</li> </ul>	
<p>Stuart Oppenheim</p>	<p>G. Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting August 30, 2016, Courtyard Sacramento Midtown, 4422 Y St, Sacramento, CA 95817</li> </ul>	