

**Coordinated System of Care
Statewide Governance Board Meeting
July 30, 2015
Iberville Building, Room 127, 627 N. Fourth St., Baton Rouge, LA 70821
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Suzy Sonnier.

Roll Call

Board members present:

Michael Comeaux
Kathy Edmonston
Hugh Eley
Annette Gaudet
Lauren Gleason
Mary Livers
Suzy Sonnier
Mark Thomas

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Suzy Sonnier reported that the minutes from the last meeting were distributed to members. With no corrections reported, Sonnier requested a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Comeaux moved and Mr. Eley seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2015 meeting. A vote was taken. Board members Comeaux, Eley, Sonnier, Gaudet, Gleason and Thomas voted "yes." There were no votes in opposition and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Sonnier requested that the agenda be altered to allow Dr. Peterson to present on CSoc integration at her earliest convenience. The board agreed.

Election

Michael Comeaux was presented to the board for consideration for Chairman, and Mark Thomas was presented as having agreed to serve as Vice Chairman for another term. It was moved by Mr. Eley and seconded by Ms. Gleason to accept the slate as presented. A vote was taken. Board members Comeaux, Eley, Sonnier, Gleason, Gaudet and Thomas voted "yes." There were no votes in opposition and the motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report

The Director's Report was presented by CSoc Director Connie Goodson. The full report may be viewed at www.csoc.la.gov/index.cfm/page 1480.

During the presentation of the Director's report, Dr. Peterson arrived at the meeting and the review of the Director's Report was suspended to allow Dr. Peterson to present. Details of Dr. Peterson's presentation are noted in the New Business Section of these minutes.

Following the review of the CSoC Director's report, the board had the following comments and questions:

- Mark Thomas stated that he is eager to see CSoC training developed and shared with alternative audiences. Mr. Thomas stated that sharing this training will help to advance the profile of CSoC, and is a great opportunity to share CSoC values.
- Kathy Edmonston informed the Board about the existence of the ADHD Task Force. Ms. Edmonston stated that the task force is interested in promoting Functional Behavioral Analysis among providers who serve children with ADHA in order to provide practitioners with an alternative to pharmaceutical intervention. The Board discussed how those providers might also benefit from knowledge of the Functional Behavioral Approach, designed by Matt Pierce, who has offered a series of trainings in this approach to a variety of audiences in Louisiana over the past couple of years. Ms. Edmonston asked for more information about this approach. Ms. Goodson agreed to send Ms. Edmonston this information
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- Ms. Edmonston stated she would like to see the IEP table report "the number of youth receiving special education services".
- Dr. Mary Livers asked if there is there still a back log of youth who are awaiting CSoC.
 - Ms. Goodson responded that Region One in the New Orleans/Jefferson Parish region has approximately 100 youth in Magellan's Resiliency Care management program. NCFS, the wraparound agency serving Greater New Orleans/Jefferson Parish Region, has experienced a very high volume of referrals since statewide implementation, and opened a new office in May and are actively recruiting and training staff to meet the expanded demand for service.
- Dr. Livers asked how CSoC slots are divided across the state.
 - Ms. Goodson responded that slots are managed statewide, and the number of slots allocated to individual regions is driven by need, as evidenced by referrals and referrals meeting presumptive eligibility. Ms. Goodson noted that the trends show that the more urban areas with higher census, have demonstrated the need for greater number of slots that the more rural areas.
- Chairman Sonnier asked how many children and youth have participated in CSoC since inception.
 - Ms. Goodson stated that based on data she reviewed last week over 5,000 children, youth and families have been served in CSoC since March 2012.
- Chairman Sonnier asked if the information contained in the "Trends in Children/Youth Outcomes Data" regarding out of home placements reflects placements made by DCFS and OJJ.

- Ms. Goodson responded that it does not. The data reported reflects placements made for youth who require behavioral health services delivered in a restrictive treatment setting.
- Annette Gaudet states there is a lack of child and adolescent psychiatrists in Louisiana. Ms. Gaudet reported that her daughter did very well in Wraparound, but continues to need psychiatric services to manage her medications. There is a need to recruit additional practitioners and providers.
 - Mr. Thomas voiced his agreement and stated that he has recently shared this exact concern with the leadership at OBH. Mr. Thomas reported that OBH responded that the shortage of psychiatrists is noted, and that the move to managed care will enable efforts to recruit and grow the workforce. He also stated that OBH informed him that efforts are underway to interest and incentivize people to go into field of psychiatry.

Chairman Sonnier requested a motion to accept the Director's report. Mr. Comeaux so moved and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion to approve the director's report. A vote was taken. Board members Comeaux, Edmonston, Eley, Livers, Gleason, Sonnier, Thomas and Gaudet, voted "yes." There were no votes in opposition and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Janice Petersen, Ph.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Adult, Child and Family Operations, Office of Behavioral Health presented an update report on the integration to Bayou Health. The full report may be viewed at www.csoc.la.gov/index.cfm/page 1480.

In addition to the written report, Dr. Peterson reported the following updates on the transition of the management of CSoC:

- An RFI for an emergency contract for the management of CSoC was released to the public at the beginning of July.
 - a. Magellan responded and an emergency contract for continued management of CSoC services past December 2015 is in process.
- OBH facilitates bi-weekly transition meetings with OJJ, DCFS and DOE.
- OBH has begun meeting with the five MCOs twice a month to ensure that they develop a deep understanding and expertise in the subtleties and complexities of managing CSoC.
- It is believed that the Management of CSoC will remain the responsibility of Magellan until December 2017. Magellan and OBH are working closely with the MCOs to ensure a smooth transition in 2017, when the MCOs will assume full administrative responsibility for CSoC.

The following comments and questions were discussed based on the information presented by Dr. Peterson.

- Mr. Thomas asked what is the status of emergency contract.
 - Dr. Petersen responded that the contract is in process at this time.
- Mr. Thomas asked if the referral process for CSoC will be the same after Dec 2015 as it is now.
 - Dr. Petersen responded that the specific protocols for making a CSoC referral are in development now. OBH is working with the five MCOs to determine the specific details,

and it is expected that the process will be very similar. It is expected that the BHPs will take the initial referral and then transfer the referral source to the CSoC Contractor.

- Mr. Thomas applauded the idea of instituting a gap year between when the MCOs assume responsibility for state plan behavioral health services and when they assume responsibility for administering CSoC, given the complexity and relative newness of CSoC. Mr. Thomas stated this gap year is needed to make sure there are not lapses in services, and to maintain the quality and integrity of CSoC.
 - Dr. Peterson responded that OBH is working to develop a transition plan and communication plan to help people understand the timing of the transition.

Ms. Edmonston, who arrived late to this meeting, was presented as the nominee to continue as parent representative. It was moved by Mr. Eley and seconded by Mr. Comeaux to accept the nominee as presented. A vote was taken. Board members Comeaux, Eley, Livers, Gleason, Sonnier, Thomas and Gaudet, voted “yes.” There were no votes in opposition and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Finance and Audit Committee

- Ms. Goodson, reported on behalf of Undersecretary Jeff Reynold’s that this committee currently meets on an ‘as needed’ basis, and did not hold a meeting this quarter.

Quality Assurance Committee Report

- Mr. Comeaux reported that the Committee continues to define process measures and have discussed adding new members to the Committee. Cindy Guitrau will assume the role of chair at the next meeting.

Public Comment

- Steve Kaufman with the Advocacy Center commented that he is concerned about the integration of the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership into the Bayou Health Plan.
 - Mr. Kaufman commented that he is concerned that the school based health centers will not be a part of Bayou Health.
 - i. He is concerned that, in this new model, in order for a child to obtain services from a school based health clinic, the service will have to be placed on the child’s IEP, and then the school will bill Medicaid directly.
 - ii. He stated that he is also concerned that the smaller school systems will not have the resources to hire staff to bill Medicaid via Molina, the Louisiana Medicaid fiscal intermediary.
 - Mr. Kaufman also commented that he is concerned about coordination of care. He stated that prior to the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership; a youth could have more than one therapist. One therapist would work with the youth at school and another would work with the youth privately. This was allowed under Medicaid, as long as the appointments were

not on same day. This model resulted in a youth receiving therapy from two different counselors who may not have known about the other, and were not coordinating efforts. Mr. Kaufman stated he is concerned that the transition away from the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership will result in uncoordinated care as it existed before the Partnership. He is concerned that clinicians will narrow their focus, and that school therapists will just focus their work with youth to only address school issues, and those private therapists will focus solely on issues that exist away from school.

- Martha with the Southern Poverty Law Center stated she had several comments/questions:
 - Regarding the percent of youth who entered into restrictive placements, reported in the CSoC Director's Report, since it was stated this does not include youth put in OJJ & DCFS custody, what population and setting does this report does reflect?
 - Does CSoC track youth who become homeless?
 - Is there a wait time for youth who go into Psychiatric Rehabilitation Treatment Facilities or into OJJ custody?
 - Is there a wait time for youth to re-enroll in CSoC after being in a Psychiatric Rehabilitation Treatment Facilities or in OJJ custody?
 - Is the CANS assessment done upon discharge from CSoC and is there is follow-up assessment done post discharge?
 - i. Ms. Goodson responded that the definition of restrictive placement is defined and can be found on the web and that CSoC does not track youth who become homeless.
 - ii. Chairman Sonnier stated the public comment section of the Governance Board meeting is not a question and answer session, and the Board will take all public comments under advisement.

Action items

- Ms. Goodson advised the Board that the next Governance Board meeting will be held October 29, 2015 in the Bienville building, Room #173 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Adjournment

At 2:26 PM, Chairman Sonnier requested a motion for the adjournment of the board meeting. Dr. Livers so moved and Ms. Edmonston seconded the motion to adjourn the April 23, 2015, Statewide Governance Board Meeting. A vote was taken. Board members Comeaux, Edmonston, Eley, Livers, Gleason, Sonnier, Thomas and Gaudet voted "yes." There were no votes in opposition and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting.