

OCDD STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

HELD ONLINE

March 9, 2022 from 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Kathy Dwyer, Chair, call the meeting to order at 12:34 pm

ATTENDANCE

SAC Voting Members Roll Call: 13 out of 15 plus 3 vacant slots – There was a quorum

Present:

Holly Bell (Reg. 1), Michelle Wall (Reg. 2), Tiffany Brunet (Reg. 3), Rebecca Fruge' (Reg. 4), Mylinda Elliott (Reg. 5), Dana Fullington (Reg. 5), Kristen Reed (Reg. 6), Nicole Bilberry (Reg. 8), Konstance Causey (Reg. 8), Suzanne Bourgeois (Reg. 9), Kristen Essaied (Reg. 9), Kathy Dwyer (Reg. 10), Jen Walle (Reg. 10)

Absent:

Penny Curran (Reg. 1), Kay Lewis (Reg. 2)

SAC Ad Hoc Members:

Paul Rhorer for Julie Foster Hagan, Tanya Murphy, Brenda Sharp, Jacquelyne Cobb

Public:

Dr. Marilyn Thornton, Kristie Curtis, Alishia Vallien, Andrea Albert, Tory Rocca, Charlie Michel, Karissa Jackson, Nicole Flores, Christy Comier, Margaret Cruz, Nicole E. Williams, Rona Burkett, Sharon Delvisco, Stacy Guidry, Stephen Kauffman, Tami Schilling, Anthony Stafford, Brenton Andrus, Julie Folse, Torrie Keller

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Kathy asked for a motion to amend the agenda noting 18 voting members and 3 vacant. Tiffany Brunet made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and Jen Wall seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTE - Kathy requested a motion to approve the minutes for November 10, 2021 and January 12, 2022. Kristen Essaied made a motion to approve the minutes and Konstance Causey seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REPORTS FROM REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Region I – Representatives not present

Region II – Michelle Wall reported – meeting January 23, 2022 at 1:30 pm. They approved a new member, i.e., Katie Kroes. Katie gave a report LaCAN updates regarding legislation.

Region III – April Young reported they met November 27, 2021 to discuss a need to create a new membership roster. A meeting was scheduled to take action on that item, but it had to be postponed because of COVID. Hopefully a member of RAC will have reports for the next meeting outlining the most recent RAC activities.

Region IV – no report

Region V – ImCal HSA - ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN FY 21/22 2nd QUARTER

- The Individual & Family Support Program (IFS) successfully provided services to 148 individuals which there were none of the recipients requiring placement. Funds were spent accordingly. The performance indicators on quarterly monitoring were all met at 100%. Percentage of IFS funds expended for individuals and families was 38.15%. \$200,091.54 was expended with \$524,522 being the amount of IFS budget. Priorities 1, 2, & 3 were served in Q2. PI #4 (148/148) 100.00%, 5 (18/18), 6 (18/18), 7 (18/18), 8 (\$200,091.54/524,522) 38.15%.
- The Flexible Family Fund (FFF) program has all their 91 slots filled and no child received placement services. 91 individuals receiving FFF remain in the community vs. an institutional setting. The quarterly monitoring completed on 10% of the cases was met at 100%. PI #1 (91/91), 2 (91/91), 3 (10/10)
- Level of Care reviews on Waiver Plans were met in all areas. Waiver Performance Indicators that met compliance: PI #10 (18/18) 100%, 11 (18/18) 100%, PI#12 (18/18) 100%, PI#13 (18/18) 100%, PI#14 (0/0) 100%, PI#23 (4/4) 100%, PI #24 (157/168) 93.45%, PI#25 (5/5) & 26 (5/5) 100%, PI#27 (0/0).
- Critical Incident Report compliance rate was not reported for Q2. Due to ongoing system issues with SIMS, quarterly reports were not able to be obtained for Q2. ImCal staff are working to close past due cases & current CIRs. The average pending cases fluctuates between 94-100. PI #15
- Our office completed 10/10 timely approvals for ICF/IID certs. PI #21 (10/10) 100%
- Entry Unit made 100% timely new eligibility determinations 20 out of the 20. We also successfully updated the Request for Services Registry with new approval determinations at 100%. 18 out of the 18 SOAs were successfully updated. PI #20 (20/20), 29 (18/18) 100%
- We processed 8 initial NH requests. One of which was a withdrawal and did not require the completion of a level II determination. Four were monitored and determined that the decisions were appropriate. The average number of days to

complete initials, CSR, & RR was 5.12. None of which received specialized services. PI #17 (4/4) 100%, 18 (87/17) 5.71 days, 19 (0/0)

- The Early Steps indicator reflects the percentage of children receiving Early Steps services by 36 months of age whose parents intend and have completed the eligibility redetermination process. PI #22 (32/32) 100% met
- We received two complaints during this quarter, and both were addressed timely and according to policy. PI #16 (0/0)
- Percent of people employed in a community-based employment setting was captured this quarter. Path to Employment Tool (PTE) for the quarter was utilized. The Corrective action plan will be updated. PI #9 (33/538) 6.13% not met. October was the first time that individuals receiving Children's Choice waiver will not be captured in this indicator. PTE will be required for individuals age 18-59 receiving ROW, SW & NOW.

Region VI – They did not have a quorum.

Region VII – no report

Region VIII – Nicole Bilberry reported they did have a RAC meeting on January 25, 2022 and reported from that meeting.

Region IX – Suzanne Bourgois reported their RAC met December 14, 2021. They had a quorum. They received reports and updates from Florida Parishes HSA. Entry still with redetermination during 3 contact attempts. Serving 1,853 waiver participants: 148 not yet certified; 196 Flexible Family slots filled; She reported on their Quality Assurance Indicators noting employment is up 5.57%. EarlySteps – Jennifer Johnson reported the SICC and RICC meetings were held; 819 children had active ISPs. The state noticed increase in DCFS cases. Hurricane Ida may have affected 67% of the cases. St. Tammany had a large majority of EarlySteps cases. Northshore Families Helping Families had 742 contacts, they held seven trainings in December including a breakfast drive through with Santa with 193 children attending. The ABLE Club has been active. LACAN did an update on some changes to the Camera Bill, i.e., Act 456. Their next RAC meeting will be held on February 8, 2022.

Region X – Jen Walled reported that they didn't have a RAC meeting since the last SAC meeting. New Officers were elected, i.e., Tara Rozencrantz as Chair; Cecile Burr as Vice Chair, and Jen Walle a Secretary. Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority (JPHSA) posts the meeting information on their website on the DD Community Services page at the bottom.

Dental Task Force:

Kathy reported there is a meeting coming up this Friday. At the last meeting they discussed the upcoming Legislative Session and the need for HB 172 – which is now

ACT 450 – Comprehensive Dental Services for Adults with Developmental Disabilities to be amended to include residents of ICF/DDs. She also received a text from Representative Butler confirming that LDH has included the funding for Act 450 in their budget. The budget starts July 1, 2021. Rep. Butler drafted a copy of the amendment to Act 450 to include ICF/DD residents. Look for the amendment to support or advocate for this Legislative Session this upcoming spring. Next SAC meeting is March 9, 2022.

OCDD REPORTS – Paul Rhorer gave the report for Julie Foster Hagan

- Budget Update: The Executive Budget is being vetted by the legislature and includes the following:
 - Funding for comprehensive dental services for adults in OCDD Waivers
 - Rate increase of \$12 / day for ICFs
 - Continuation of rate increase for OCDD waiver services provided by a DSW
- Legislative Update: We have been advised of the following potential legislative asks:
 - Funding for comprehensive dental services for adults in ICFs
 - Providers are asking for consideration of payment to vocational / day habilitation providers for a flat fee for transportation
 - EarlySteps providers are asking for consideration of a rate increase for services
- COVID Update: Nothing new to report
- Update of Appendix K Exceptions in Waiver Application
 - These are still pending CMS approval
- American Rescue Plan Act HCBS Funds Update
 - We received approval for START assessment pilot
 - Training of community practitioners of dental services
 - Value-Based Payment Model implementation, and
 - Provision of technology equipment
 - OCDD is working on implementation plans for these activities and we will share more with SAC once developed
- We are still awaiting approval of our recommendations for bonus payments for direct support workers and support coordinators, support coordinators' temporary rate increase, and the Office of Adult and Aging Services waiver rate increase
- Early Steps: Brenda Sharp reported the measurement process to track the transition from EarlySteps to LGEs is still underway and the reporting process will be reviewed at the end of the fiscal year. Tanya Murphy added that the LGEs are being monitored and the transition results are very good. Brenda also reported on the LDH budget request process and that a rate increase for Early

Steps was not included in next fiscal year's budget. The LDH business plan includes a priority to develop a process to review and recommend rate increases as part of its ongoing process. A group of providers have collaborated to request from the Legislature an allocation to OCDD to increase the EarlySteps provider rates for 2022-2023.

- Act 421: TEFRA: Tanya Murphy reported that as of March 8, 2022, 427 applications for Act 421 were received, 11 completed the process and were approved for Medicaid. Average length of time for those 11 applications was 30 days. Tanya also answered questions about the Medicaid Family Opportunity Act vs. Act 421 TEFRA