

**OCDD STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TEAM MEETING MINUTES
HELD ONLINE**

March 13, 2024, from 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Call to Order – 12:33 pm by Al Thibodeaux

Attendance:

SAC Voting Members Roll Call: 13 out of 17 – 3 vacant slots – Had a Quorum

Region I – MHSD – Penny Currand – present – Holly Bell – present

Region II – CAHSD – Michelle Walls – present – Al Thibodeaux - present

Region III – SCLHSA – Julie Folse – present

Region IV – AAHSD – Rebecca Fruge’ –present – Carmen Cetnar –not present

Region V – IMCAL – Mylinda Elliott – present – Dana Fullington –not present

Region VI – CLHSD – Kristen Reed – present

Region VII – NLHSD – Monica Stampley-present

Region VIII – NEDHSA – Vacant

Region XI – FPHSA – Suzanne Bourgeois – present – Kristen Essaied – not present

Region X – JPHSA – Kathy Dwyer – present – Jen Walle – present

OCDD AD HOC Members

Julie Foster Hagan – OCDD – present

Tanya Murphy – OCDD – present

Caroline Oglesby – OCDD – present

Jacquelyne Cobb – OCDD – present

Erin Downing –OCDD- present

Sarah Mulhearn-OCDD-not present

Amy Greer – OCDD – not present

Charles Ayles – OCDD – not present

Bernard Brown – OCDD – not present

General Public:

Robert Blue, Andrea Albert, Brenton Andrus, Christina Martin, Carmen O'Mara, Janise Monetta, Kasey Hill, Konstance Causey, Kristie Curtis, Mary Christian, Rachelle Sibley, Raemi Bieber, Rebecca White, Sandra Trammel, Tracy Barker, Ashley McReynolds, Shontae Johnson, Stephen Kaufman, Susan Riehn, Torrie Keller, Chanel Jackson, Anthony Stafford, Nicole Flores.

1st Public Comment Session – (5 minutes limit per person) - written comments welcomed.

OCDD Report – Julie Foster Hagan

- **Budget Update**
 - No new changes to the budget. No new updates.
- **Legislative Update**
 - No new policy changes under Gov. Landry
 - Provided information to the legislatures, they had a lot of questions about Developmental Disabilities. Staff will go and speak to the Senate Finance Committee on March 21st.
 - House Appropriations talking about Medicaid Buy In Program-they want to raise the threshold of Medicaid eligibility for SSI recipients that work.
- **American Rescue Plan Act HCBS Funds Update**
 - *Systemic therapeutic assessment resources and treatment (START) model assessment and pilot.*
 - The team is continuing to engage with stakeholders. Tentatively wanted to meet on April 1st but START said there were 5 or 6 areas they did not get data on. They are sending individual invitations to get responses from underrepresented groups.
 - *Infrastructure Standup for Technology First Initiative.*
 - They are having issues with provider access and getting paid. They have asked Local Governing Entities (LGE) to help with the space to set up some of the Assistive Technology (AT) Equipment to demonstrate the use.
 - *Implementation of Value Based Payment (VBP) Model.*
 - Bernard Brown is currently having focus groups on the VBP model. Metrics will be shared soon.
- **SUN Screening Update**
No Report
- **Act 421: Children's Medicaid Option Update**
No report
- **Acts 450 and 366 Update: Comprehensive Dental Services for Adults with I/DD**
 - Continuing training.

- **Early Steps Update**
No Report
- **Other Updates**
None

Questions/Comments for Julie:

Reports from Regional Advisory Committee:

Region I – Holly Bell reported:

- Met February 9th.
- Need nomination forms for officers and members.
- Corrective Action Plan-Employment
- Moving to Quarterly meetings.
- Next meeting on May 10, 2024

Region II – Michelle Wall reported:

- Met on Jan 30th, 2024.
- Moving forward, the RAC will meet on the 4th Wednesday of every other month, the next meeting to be on March 27 at 12:30 pm.
- Capital Area HSD presented 2nd quarter numbers. For the AP Report, with a focus on indicators #9 (employment) and #22 (Early Steps).
 - Indicator #9: Employment shows a current percentage of 8.49% with a benchmark of 20%.
 - Indicator #22: Early Steps services received by 36 mo. of age shows 88.10% with a benchmark of 100%.
- Cynthia Bell reviewed Corrective Action Plans with a focus on expired Statements of Approvals in database.
- Early Steps Transitions to LGEs
 - OCDD Intake routes were discussed: ABC, CRC, Cadence, Coastal Care, Connecting Conceptual Concepts
 - Plans were made to invite Paula Mativa to the next RAC meeting to present on the process of Early Steps to DD services transition.
- Next meeting on March 27, 2024

Region III –Karen Scallan (non-member) reported:

- Karen Scallan just voted in on RAC (Pending to be confirmed)
- Hired new Med Cert
- Working on Critical Incident Reports
- Corrective Action Plan-Employment
- IFS Funds

Region IV – Rebecca Fruge’ reported:

- Met on March 12, 2024. No Quorum, only 3 members present.
- 3 of 4 Support Coordination Agencies in the area attended the meeting.
- Next Meeting June 11, 2024

Region V – Mylinda Elliott reported:

- The meeting was rescheduled.
- Next Meeting March 20, 2024

Region VI – Kristen Reed reported:

- Met and had a quorum.
- 61 contracts and 10 linkages to waivers
- The HSD has started Assistive Technology Pilot
- Next Meeting will be March 27, 2024. Amy Greer and LaTAN will be there.

Region VII – Monica Stampley reported:

- The meeting was rescheduled due to the weather. No Report

Region VIII –Lavandolyn Smith- (Pending Approval)

- Last Meeting was January 22, 2024
- Had 113 Statement of Approvals (SOA) 9 intakes were reviewed and out of those 1 had an SOA and 8 had Statement of Disapproval (SOD)
- They have funding available for meetings and recruitment.

Region IX –Suzanne Bourgeois reported:

- Met and did not have a quorum.
- Early Steps and FHF gave reports.

Region X – Jen Walle reported:

- Met and did not have a quorum.
- LGE gave DD report.
- Early Steps to LGE- 3 children out of 16 transitioning had intake.
- Next Meeting will be April 23, 2024

OLD BUSINESS: SAC Members

- By Laws and Policies- Al had a conversation with American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Council #17 Representative and he was not aware he was supposed to be on the SAC.
- Ad HOC Committees
 - By Laws/ DD Laws
 - Budget

NEW BUSINESS

- Al brought up an issue that was raised in Region II regarding the fact that there are many middle school, high school and post high school special needs individuals that are not even aware of any waiver service available through OCDD. The same situation appears to also occur within several other regions. Will ask Julie to discuss OCDD outreach process and outcomes for next SAC meeting.
- Will send out a notice for members to update status and information.

2nd Public Comment Session – (5 minutes limit per person) - written comments welcomed.

- Kathy Dwyer said a lot of Early Steps kids are not transitioning to OCDD.
- Sandra Trammel said that all the MCOs have a DD/Chisolm Coordinator and they should be working with CSOC, Housing Teams, and OCDD to make referrals.
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren- we know that a lot of kids with DD are being raised by grandparents.

The next SAC meeting is on May 8, 2024, at 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm