

OCDD STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TEAM MEETING**Held ONLINE****On September 9, 2020 from 12:30 pm – 3 pm****Call to order** 12:40 pm by Sharon Delvisco, Secretary**Attendance:**

SAC Voting Members Present:

MHSD –

CAHSD –

SCLHSA – April Young

AAHSD –

IMCAL –

CLHSD –

NLHSD – Karissa Jackson,

NEDHSA – Konstance Causey,

FPHSA – Suzanne Bougeious, Sharon Delvisco

JPHSA – Kathy Dwyer, Mary Kay Cowen

AFSME –

SAC Advisory Members: Julie Foster Hagan, Tanya Murphy, Steve Kaufmann

Public: Mylinda Elliott, Charles Michel, Andrea Albert, Torrie Kellar, Dana Garrison, Jennifer Blaque, Debra Terrell, Pamela Muhammad, Susan Riehn,

Quorum: A quorum of members is not present. (6/17)**Approval of Agenda/Changes to Agenda** – Secretary, Sharon Delvisco

No quorum so motion cannot be made

Approval of Minutes from July 9 Meeting/Corrections to Minutes – Secretary, Sharon Delvisco

No quorum so motion cannot be made

Old Business

- A. Volunteers to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair through December 2020
- B. SAC Membership Update – Konstance Causey and Kathy Dwyer will remain for another term
- C. Dental Task Force Update – attached to email, posted in chat box, send feedback to Kathy Dwyer or Mary Kay Cowen.

OCDD Report – Julie Foster Hagan

Budget update – We are engaging in the FY 22 ask for funding, preparing now for this budget preparation. Will not be making new requests but will request for continued/current funding. Governor has asked if revenue estimates show significant decrease then to project out how to accommodate those. DoA Commissioner Dardenne presented original plan with no reductions to OCDD Medicaid services but reductions to OCDD office (vacant positions being held). None of the LGEs specifically indicated any reductions in programs but if state general funds go down the amount they receive in ACT 378 funds goes down and they indicated they understand the 9% has to be met. LGEs are receiving some IFS funding requests in response to COVID and Hurricane Laura. Has not been announced yet but likely that we will have a special legislative session in October to look at budget and where the state budget and the revenue estimates are.

Legislative update – Act 421 Children’s Medicaid Option (TEFRA like Medicaid Program) – mandate to implement. On September 1 submitted the 1115 application to CMS for consideration, determined through work with stakeholders, there are some families that were hoping for a state plan option because it would mean qualification and people receive it, however we didn’t get a specific budget assigned and needed to prevent costs being more than funding, so the 1115 demo allows us to implement the program with some restrictions to make sure it is implemented in best way for Louisiana and tie program to amount of dollars funded from legislators, lasts for 5 years and allows for study of the population that needs the program and the costs associated with the program and then will know how to move forward based on needs. It allows for children that are 18 or younger and family income makes them not eligible for Medicaid and they have intensive support needs then the child is eligible for Medicaid state plan services. Their needs are not met by typical insurance coverage. So with statement of approval (SOA) and 90L will establish person has intermediate care level of need. It provides a pathway for the kids with significant needs. So there will be some reimbursement (LGEs), there are many unknowns because it is a new program and difficult to plan, people will apply and be assessed at LGEs. Public forums are on Medicaid website with dedicated ACT 421 section of Medicaid page on web (link to webpage with videos of Act 421 public forums is <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/3985>). Asked for it start Jan 1, 2021 with 6 months of funding attached to it.

Questions:

Kathy Dwyer: If the program does start on time then the 6 months of funding will cover it through the end of the fiscal year?

Julie Foster Hagan – Yes but I will have to send the amount.

Kathy Dwyer: If the program starts later will you be able to carryover an unspent funds?

Julie Foster Hagan – No, these are state general funds that cannot be carried over.

Steve Kaufmann - Who at OCDD is making sure all residents at Pinecrest and private ICF/IDD's have census forms submitted?

Julie – Not sure, she will get the information.

COVID Update - Julie: tracking ICF participants and waiver participants impacted by COVID. We publish update weekly on OCDD website about number of people impacted and how. We also have a resource guide on website, i.e., Wellness and Prevention Tips. People at home now and those who do not understand the impact of COVID and lack of access to community, the guide and some adaptations being updated in the guide for emotional wellness for response to hurricane also. The link to OCDD wellness guide on website is <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/3890>

Hurricane Update - Have a lot of people that evacuated, and we are tracking this, 26 storm related deaths most due to generator inappropriate use and heat. Biggest impact in Lake Charles area, we are doing outreach there. IMCAL email is re-established.

Kathy Dwyer – numbers? If someone needs help who to connect to?

Julie Foster Hagan - # evacuated, # returned, # of people with and without electricity, # of people using generators, people without power and without generators. Each regions sets up a triage line through OPH but call 211 to get connected to their regionals services and if have waiver connect with support coordinator and LGE. 225 342 0095 is state office number.

Melinda Elliott – FHF is still answering phone, they can be reached at 337 436 2570.

Julie Foster Hagan – getting clarification and guidance for RAC and SAC membership – talking to Dept Legal team for clarification.

Suzanne Howell Bougeious – if we move to Phase III will there be info about day programs opening?

Julie Foster Hagan: The decision to mandatory close day programs was made by the state public health officer. It is really a wait and see what the Governor proclaims and then after announcement will begin conversation with public health. A virtual day program option is being explored, and providers may be able to bill, requested in Appendix K. This may be to accommodate people in high risk categories even if the programs re-open.

Kathy Dwyer: A question has been raised as to whether or not RACs/SAC are exempted from a section of the Open Meeting Laws related to meeting notices and minutes requirements. This may need to be added to legal team review.

Table to next meeting (Sharon will send an email to Julie)

Issues/Questions from RAC Teams:

- 1) Is it possible for the SAC Team members to motion that Early Steps revise policy to include requiring Family Support Coordinators (FSCs) to call LGEs during transition meeting with family to setup introductory meeting for families to meet with LGE to learn about and apply for DD services. There is a high turnover of FSCs so a policy as opposed to a recommendation/suggestion is needed to assure FSCs follow through with contacting LGEs during transition meeting.
- 2) FSCs need training on DD services to encourage families to follow through and understand the different ways DD services can be beneficial to families.
- 3) Communication with families need to be in laymen terms for families to understand.

Reports from Regional Advisory Committee Teams

MHSD: no report

CAHSD: no report

SCHSA: April Young – had meeting last Weds and talked about changes to IFS, and we have members rolling off and we are going to vote on members. Our next meeting is Nov 17. Upcoming workshops.

AAHSD: No report.

IMCAL: No report.

CLHSD – No report.

NLHSD – Karissa Jackson – meeting on 9/15 by zoom. Meeting in June did not have a quorum.

NEDHSA – Konstance Causey – last meeting on July 28 and had quorum and HSA provided update on entry, no face to face meetings at that time, if psyc eval is needed they will try to accommodate, issues with school system with paperwork, questions about timeline for SUN assessments, questions about move up but some people had reported 90 days had been reached and no SUN assessment, need for RAC members, utilize some funding to recruit members from HSA, 3 indicators not met employment, % of POC meets needs of recipients, and Early Steps. Oct 27 is next meeting.

FPHSA – Suzanne provided report held on Aug 11 with quorum serving 1184 waivers, bump ups do continues, agreements being sent by email for family support funds, 97.8% of budget expended, 209 crisis agreements, office still working from home and in office, employment data not collected due to COVID, evals are being conducted virtually, drop in referrals due to COVID, training for support coordinators, employment report some projects on hold. Next meeting will be Oct 13.

JPHSA – Kathy Dwyer meeting via Zoom and had quorum, a while back we met with Sheriff's office and JPHSA was collaborating with FHF to hold a community building event. A date in May was set date but postponed due to COVID. We received one new member application, 4 RAC members whose 2nd terms expired, 3 members whose were appointed a 2nd term, 2 agencies became ad hoc members, 68 letters sent to EarlySteps families soon to be transitioning from Early Steps to DD services. Out of the 68 letters mailed, only 9 families applied for DD Services, 2 did not have a DD diagnosis, 1 family said they were not interested, and 2 did not show up for their appointments. The Jefferson Parish Schools representative in charge of Child Find offered to help in any way she can to link families to DD services.

JPHSA DD Director reports State general funds were cut in 1/2. There are unknown costs with TEFRA like waiver implementation, assessment requires registered nurse, met all performance indicators except for employment, exceeded the 9% for Act 73 by 179,000 dollars, could not report % for employment and data not available during COVID, new OCCD Critical Incident Reporting system so no report on numbers, LRS funding 4 categories and needs help with referrals to LRS. LRS assistance could include financial assistance with Bridges to Independence. Next meeting is October 27th at 2pm.

New Business

A. Nomination and election of Officers: Chair and Vice-Chair

ACTION STEP: Sharon will send out info for nominations by mail.

B. OCDD website – SAC page needs to be updated and who is monitoring the email lastateadvisorycommittee@gmail.com

ACTION STEP: Members will review the OCDD SAC Page and send Sharon suggestions for improvements by **July 15th** at sharondelvisco@yahoo.com

C. Review of Louisiana Public Meeting Law – attached to email

- a. Shouldn't RAC info (agenda, minutes, etc.) be posted as public documents on LGE website?
- b. Shouldn't SAC info (agenda, minutes, members) be posted as public documents on OCCD website?

Announcements

None

Next OCDD SAC Meeting: TUESDAY due to holiday Nov 10 at 12:30 pm will be held online.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Nov 11, 2020 12:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Submitted by Sharon Delvisco, Secretary OCDD SAC Team

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYIfu2gpj0pG9JO4MZxk4IV4v6fZX1xYC8C>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.