

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

November 8, 2023 from 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Call to Order – 12:37 pm by Kristen Reed _ Had a Quorum

Attendance:

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

Region I – MHSD – Penny Currand – not present – Holly Bell – present

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

Region III – SCLHSA – Julie Folse – present – Charlie Michel – resigned

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

Region V – IMCAL – Mylinda Elliott – present – Dana Fullington – present

Region VI – CLHSD – Kristen Reed – present

Region VII – NLHSD – no representation – 2 vacancies

Region VIII – NEDHSA – Konstance Causey – present - Nicole Bilberry – not present

Region XI – FPHSA – Suzanne Bourgeois – present – Kristen Essaied – 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 – Present

Sarah Mulhearn - 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, Kathy Dwyer, Kristie Curtis, Mary Christian, Monica Stampley, Rachelle Sibley, Raemi Bieber, Rebecca White, Sandra Trammel, Shontae Johnson, Stephen Kaufman, Susan Riehn, Torrie Keller,

Public Comment – Limited 3 minutes per person

OCDD Report – Julie Foster Hagan

- **Budget Update**
 - No new updates. No budget concerns at this time for OCDD.
- **Legislative Update**
 - Nothing new to report. Working on finalizing reports to be submitted to legislature.
- **COVID Update / Appendix K Exceptions**
 - Exceptions ending next week.
 - Fall road show in process.
 - Will do our best to place recording of webinar on line; power point presentation is already on line.
- **American Rescue Plan Act HCBS Funds Update**
 - *Systemic therapeutic assessment resources and treatment (START) model assessment and pilot.*
 - The START team will finish meetings / focus groups / surveys by end of the year, and they will provide us with an extensive report of findings and recommendations.
 - *Infrastructure Standup for Technology First Initiative.*
 - Continue to provide education on services available for technology with remote supports, including consultation, equipment, and follow-up. Working to build provider network for this.
 - *Implementation of Value Based Payment (VBP) Model.*
 - OCDD will be putting together focus groups to help inform direction of VBP.
 - *Community Practitioners Training.*
 - Continue to provide training to dentists and dental hygienists
 - *Enhanced Services for people with co-occurring I/DD and behavioral health needs.* This will be a new service in the waiver and will be conducted as a pilot to allow for collection of outcomes and fiscal data to inform future budget requests. The services will be designed to specifically support people with I/DD who also have behavior support needs.

- *University Partnerships and Curriculum Development for Capacity Building in the I/DD Service Delivery System.* OCDD continuing to meet with identified universities and community colleges to build curriculum.
- *System Modernization to Support an Electronic Individual Support Plan.* Working with other states and IT agents to flesh out the long term plan.

- **SUN Screening Update**

- **Current Quarter Data, July 1, 2023, to September 18, 2023**

Total administration completed 539

Number of administrations by SUN score	Total
Score of 4, unmet needs at the Emergent level	116
Score of 3, unmet needs at the Urgent level	166
Score of 2, unmet needs at the Critical level	81
Score of 1, unmet needs at the Planning level	65
Score of 0, no identified unmet needs	111
Total	539

The table below indicates the totals for initial screenings and re-screenings.

Reason for Screening	Total
Initials	392
Re-Screenings	147
Total	539

Waiver offers are made to all individuals with a SUN score of 3 or 4, so no individual with current unmet needs is on the Registry. As of August, 31, 2023, the current total number of individuals listed in the DD Request for Services Registry (Registry) is 13,704¹.

- **Act 421: Children’s Medicaid Option Update**

Information as of 9/7/2023

¹ The total number of individuals listed in the Registry will fluctuate due to new additions, closures, and post-closure re-opens. Reasons for closures include no response to SUN contact attempts; no response to validation contact attempts; loss of eligibility; confirmed out-of-state for reasons not related to military, treatment unavailable in Louisiana, or disaster displacement; no response to out-of-state letter; death; individual request; no response to waiver offer after second attempt; declining a waiver offer; and accepting a waiver offer. Records closed due to no response will maintain their waiver request date in the event of a post-closure re-open.

Total Applications Received since Program Start	3,288
Average Pending Time from Application to Decision	110 days
Number of applications pending review	635
Number of applications denied	1,168 (44%)
- Failure to respond	- 882 (75%)
- Did not meet Level of Care	- 224 (19%)
- Did not pass MEDT	- 62 (5%)
Number of applications approved	1,409 (53%)
Number of applications withdrawn	76 (3%)

- **Acts 450 and 366 Update: Comprehensive Dental Services for Adults with I/DD**
 - No new updates.

- **Early Steps Update**

Early Steps Child Count as of September 1, 2023: 6,415

Region	Birth to 1	Birth to 2	Birth to 3	Total
Unassigned Region	1	1	3	5
1	36	132	308	476
2	126	326	622	1074
3	82	224	428	734
4	134	298	496	928
5	60	117	184	361
6	32	71	112	215
7	80	187	343	610
8	74	118	156	348
9	139	363	563	1065
10	65	160	374	599
Total				6,415

- **Other Updates**
 - Please send any suggestions for recruitment of foster families for children with disabilities to OCDDInfo@la.gov. We will be developing a strategic plan with DCFS regarding this effort.
 - Incontinence supplies for adults in OCDD waivers with medical necessity was implemented on 10/1/2023. We are aware that there are some process issues at this time, and we are working to get these resolved and the appropriate education in place.

Questions/Comments:

Reports from Regional Advisory Committee:

Region I – Holly Bell reported:

- Met October 13th
- Started talking about meeting more parents
- **Kanisha Peterson** – spoke to us about raising rates for Providers, building trust.
- EarlySteps office moved – 3633 Reed Blvd. East
- Also, talked about incontinence products
 - CAP of \$1,000, not include gloves and wipes
- A push to remind families about Medicaid renewals
- Different agencies gave reports
- Next meeting in December

Region II – Al Thibodeaux reported:

- Last meeting at Capital Area HSD to a large group
- AIP Report no new data
- Discussion of Indicator 9
- Next meeting in December

Region III – Julie Folsie reported:

- Head a meeting in August
- 3 member were voted on

Region IV – Rebecca Fruge' reported:

- Next meeting December 12, 2023
- Met Last Tuesday, September 5, 2023 – had a Quorum
- The next meeting will be held on December 12, 2023

Region V – No representative to report

Region VI – Kristen Reed reported:

- Currently have a full roster
- 2 new members – Monica Stampley and Anthony Stafford
- Performance Indicator 9
 - Now Waiver – 452 slots dedicated
 - Supports Waiver – 147
 - Children's Choice –
 - ROW -

Region VII –

- Had a meeting September 17th
- Update
 - 3 slots on Flexible Family Fund

Region VIII – None

Region IX – Kristen Essaied reported:

Region X – Kathy Dwyer reported:

Dental Task Force Report:

Kathy Dwyer – reported:

- Have not met since the previous meeting

OLD BUSINESS: SAC Members

- Charlie Michel – submitted his resignation as Secretary of SAC
- Status of vacant voting members
 - Region 6 – 1
 - Region 7 – 2
 - Region 8 - 1

NEW BUSINESS

- The Committee will be looking at voting at the next SAC meeting for a new SAC Chair, Co-Chair and a new SAC Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The next SAC meeting is on November 8, 2023 at 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

- **Motioned to adjourn**
- Meeting adjourned at 2:34 PM