

PAC MINUTES

Children, Youth and Family PAC

April 9, 2021

Minutes Recorder, Dawn Buchholz

PAC Member Attendance—via Zoom

Vicki Tylka, Chair	Brent Ruehlow, Chair	Liza Daleiden
Dawn Buchholz, Chair	Jessie Cody	Tracy Puent
Martha Stacker	Carrie Anderson	Sue Sleezer
Alyssa Schultz	Annette Beattie	Pat Lancour
Coral Kline	Lisa Broll	Eric Calvino
Terry Barningham		

I. Call to Order

II. Attendance taken: Others present via Zoom: Darin Smith, PDS; Bridget Chybowski, DMCPs; Katie Davis, WCHSA; John Elliott, DCF; John Tuohy, DCF; Linda Hall, Office of Children’s Mental Health; Michelle Rawlings, DCF; Shelby McCulley, DCF; Wendy Henderson, DCF; Emily Erickson, DCF; Kristen Anchor, DHS; Jamie Keehn, DCF; Mary Dorn, Outagamie County; Scott Kornish, Outagamie County; Pamella Kernan, Clark County; Sarah Henery, DCF; Paula Riesch, DCF; Ron Hermes, DJC; Jennifer Fahy, PDS; Connie Bettin, Dane County; Joe Carbeau, PCG; Travis Robinson, PCG; Esther Hering, PCG; Doreen Wehmas, Douglas County; Melissa Blom, Outagamie County; Mary Alice Carroll, PCG

III. Review and Approval of Minutes: Coral made a motion to approve, Annette seconded, motion approved.

IV. Updates and Action Items

A. DCF Discussion

1. Presentation from PDS on CQI Initiative (Plan Do Study Act): Jennifer Fahy shared Power Point presentation. PDS also provides Organizational Effectiveness for counties, in addition to the Plan, Do, Study, Act (PDSA) initiative, which focuses on one change at a time. Looking for 8-12 counties to send a team. Improving the quality of ongoing caseworker visits will be the PDSA project. Toolkit also available for counties to initiate change on their own and PDS can provide technical assistance.
2. Rate Regulation presentation and discussion: Emily Erickson and Travis Robinson shared Power Point presentation, including QRTP recommendations. Recommendations include:

- Create a defined placement continuum – from CPA family-based settings to specialty residential settings and QRTP – with standardized program specifications and expectations for each placement type within the continuum.
- Establish capacity for each newly defined placement type to assure the right bed at the right time.
- Shift capacity to Therapeutic Foster Homes.
- Support CPAs to successfully serve children and youth with complex needs.
- Utilize rate regulation to capture required QRTP costs.
- Revise the cost report process.
- Enhance the current provider scorecards to represent total average cost per child in addition to level of need and outcomes to provide a more holistic understanding of the associations between costs and outcomes.
- Create a system of shared ownership among the state, counties, and providers to better serve children across the state of Wisconsin.
- Reviewing, implementing and possibly accessing Medicaid Rehabilitation Option and Targeted Case Management funding could allow DCF to better subsidize its congregate care programs.
- Share education costs with DPI and/or local education authorities.

Discussion occurred regarding the prioritization of recommendations, specifically around the expansion of efforts to increase residential options for complex youth. While this is a longer term strategy, WCHSA members expressed the urgency behind strategizing to move this forward.

3. Title IV-E – Chafee Foster Care Independence and Education and Training Voucher (ETV) COVID Funds – Planning: \$6 million in Chafee funds and \$1 million in ETV funds to use over 2 years. Could serve kids up to age 23. Also, lifts some restrictions of how to utilize funds. Increases ETV cap to \$12,000 (from \$5,000). DCF working on related contract amendments. Driving is a specific funding priority from the feds.
4. CIP Application Schedule: will be late due to budget implementation and possible changes. DCF will notify Directors and Financial Managers.

5. Wrap-Up Standards Revision Memo: clarifying some sections based on WCHSA feedback. Should be published in May and will be presented at regional supervisor meetings.
6. Family First Prevention Services Act /Strategic Plan
 - A. General Update: QRTP related laws are moving through the legislature. Hoping to have the worker survey results on their website soon. FFPSA implementation will be a process, not an event.
 - B. Change Management: Information from Root will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Training will be available in May and counties will have “slots” available. DCF working on learning map. Ideas for training stakeholders will be forthcoming.
7. County Complaint Procedure
 - A. Overview and comments: WCHSA comments submitted. DCF waiting for comments from tribes. DCF will need to then discuss suggestions with legal counsel.
8. Office of Children’s Mental Health is requesting that counties share any brochures or information or strategies we utilize to help parents understand safety assessments, plans, and what is expected of them. Hopefully changes in permanency plan will assist. Also, please see email with attachment regarding the Wisconsin Youth Virtual Art Gallery, which will be held on Tuesday, May 4th from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm.
1. Other Updates:
 - A. ICWA/Counties/DCF OE: Power Point presentation by Vicki. 5 counties have already volunteered to participate. Pamella Kernan and Terry Barningham have volunteered (thanks Pamella and Terry!). If others are interested, please contact Vicki.
 - B. Permanency Planning Charter Workgroup – Vision Book is complete, with a lot of great information included, but paring it down to make it more presentable to stakeholders. Smaller workgroup will be digging into and refining our recommendations.
 - C. Work Load/Case Load Study: more information to come.
 - D. DSPS licensing issues: contact Sarah directly.
 - E. CFA Methodology Workgroup – just met this week. Working on population/community based measures. Don’t want to somehow incentivize out of home placements, yet need to acknowledge that out of home placements are the biggest costs for counties. Meeting two times this summer with a final recommendation due in September 2021.

- F. Inter-county Agreement Workgroup – obtaining legal review and feedback

- V. Professional Development System: hoping all counties will complete YASI training this year, and several are completing their booster training. More info to come at regional supervisor meetings. Steering committee met and discussed training priorities. PDS developing transfer of learning tools for new worker trainings. Integrating WICWA into all trainings, while working on supervisor and other specific trainings. YJ conference will be virtual and registration is open.

- VI. Department of Corrections: anticipating a report next month. .

- VII. DHS: grants available (see website). Youth crisis facility—Milwaukee looking at adding kids 10- 17 on different floor of the facility. Budget hearings are taking place.

- VIII. Follow-up:
 - A. Future Agenda Items: WICWA resources and IL report in May.

- IX. Meeting adjourned.