

Rate Setting Meeting
311 W. Saratoga St., Room 508
Baltimore, MD 21201
2:00 – 3:00 pm
December 8, 2014

Minutes

Attendees:

WORKGROUP MEMBERSHIP			
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	AGENCY	12/8/2014
Arriaza	Patricia E.	GOC	X
Ayer	David	DHR/SSA	
Blake	Angela	Vision Quest/Morning Star Youth Academy	
Brown	Carmen	MSDE	X
Cabellon	Angela	DHR/OPP	
Crowder	Shanda	DHR/SSA	
DiLorenzo	Paul	CASEY	
Ehirim	Godwin	DHR	
Flanigan	Patricia	DJS	
Feller	Dan	GOC	X
Goodman	Laura	DHMH/Medicaid	X
Groves	Barbara	The way home- Mountain Manor	
Ham	Darlene	DHR/OLM	X
Howe	Steve	The Children's Guild	X
Irvine	John	DJS	Telephone
Jones	Caroline	DHMH/MHA	X
Keegan	Kevin	Catholic Charities	
Kibret	Netsanet	DHR/OGA	
Kinion	Jeannette	DJS	
Leshko	Joe	Arrow	
Lyons	Danielle	DHMH/DDA	
Marra	Molly	DHMH/Medicaid	X
McEwen	Erwin	CASEY	
McHugh	Nina	DHMH/Medicaid	
McLendon	Audrey	DHR/SSA	X
McLeod	Kevin	Silver Oak Academy	Telephone
Ramelmeier	Debbie	DHR/SSA	
Sexton	Nadia	CASEY	
Spencer	Shane	DBM	Telephone
Sterling-Garrett	Ertha	DJS	X
Thomas	Tennille	DHR/SSA	
Tucker	Susan	DHMH/Medicaid	
White	Carnitra	DHR/SSA	
Wilkins	Anita	DHR/SSA	
Wisner	Lynn	DHR/OLM	X
Zachik	Albert	DHMH/MHA	

GUESTS			
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	AGENCY	
Tinney	Shelley	MARFY	X
Furman	Janet	DHMH, DDA	Telephone
Bishop	Wendell	DJS	Telephone

Shanda Crowder welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes from the November meeting were approved.

It was announced that Carnitra White, Acting Deputy Secretary of DHR is transitioning to the position of local Director of Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services on January 7, 2015.

Element 1 Leadership Council

The Leadership Council will meet at DHR on December 18, 2014 from 10 am – 12 pm in Room 508 or the 10th floor conference room. The Council will review the recommendations and next steps. Membership on the Council will include the leadership from the organizations.

Element 2 Service Array

The Element 2 Workgroup is finishing the required documents with completion expected in January 2015. Information from Medicaid will be included; Shanda Crowder will forward the completed documents for review. A Roundtable session will be planned (targeted for February 2015) to allow an opportunity for stakeholder comment on the recommendations.

Element 3 Rate Structure

Dan Feller reported that the workgroup met November 10, 2014. Information was forwarded to members to review. The current process will be reviewed.

Additional Plans for Element 3:

- Also planned are a developed workflow diagram for the current process and 2 diagrams of processes that other states follow as a comparison.
- A formula for the steps to follow for the rates will also be developed and numbers will be input as an example.
- A comparison table will be developed to review the common elements and compare the Maryland processes to other processes.
- The workgroup plans to have the steps finished after Elements 1 and 2 workgroups are finished.

Shanda Crowder noted that Casey Family Programs may be asked to develop a white paper on the types of categories for rate development, i.e., Administration, Behavior/Health, Education, and Placement.

Other areas to explore:

- What other funding streams are available?
- What is involved for providers to be prepared for a new rate system?
- What impact is there to children, providers, the State?
- How do we track data?

It was suggested that Indiana's method for Payment, Medicaid reimbursement, cost reports, safety, etc. be reviewed for other ideas.

Next steps:

Develop a detailed update report as a status report. Include the planned future steps. It was suggested that the chart type report be developed with how rates are currently used with recommendations for changes. A more detailed report could be sent to CMS to show the progress and work that has been completed. Shanda Crowder will begin an outline for the report and ask Workgroup Chairs to assist.

Other suggestions:

Each provider would choose the tier level they want to serve; i.e., high intensity, medium intensity, etc. Also under consideration for review is Predictive Analysis, a training session in which David Ayer participated. Financial Disincentives and incentives were also reviewed. If a provider is not providing the proper services, at what point are children not sent to the provider?

Reviewing just the rate may be misleading to what is needed. Look at the number of beds at the provider's; how does that provider fit with the new system? How is the provider able to stay in business and be ready to accept children as needed?

Consider implementation of new rate system as a phase-in. It was noted that a phase-In approach is difficult to impossible with Federal Reimbursements.