

**MEETING MINUTES FOR THE
SPECIAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 15, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Caitlin Bagshaw, Sara Barron, Kate Bathie, Chelsee Dinamarca, Patrick Jauquet, Patrice Kwiatkowski, Vickie Smith, Saira Tahir, Casey Vullings

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kim Coronado, Wendy Heyn, Murrene Payton, Lisa Roberts

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT: Megan Fishler, Tammy Kokan

GUESTS PRESENT: Katelyn Gilmore, Amiee Gruber, Gina Musa, Lindy Schrader, Tabrez Mahamad, Jessica Wegner, Melissa Weir

INTRODUCTIONS:

Members introduced themselves and their roles (parent and professional).

APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

Motion: Casey Vullings moved, seconded by Sara Barron, to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2018 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOURCES:

Parents United - Free Parent Programs & Workshops held at WCTC or Ingelside Hotel
Child & Family Services Grandparents Group
Compass Wisconsin

CLTS AND CCOP UPDATES:

Children's Community Options Program (CCOP) funding is ending for the year. CCOP is short term funding to meet immediate health and safety needs provided on a yearly basis. CCOP Final Plan is due to the State by November 27, 2018.

The yearly Children's Community Options Program questionnaire will not be sent out this year due to changes in Waitlist funding.

Children's Long Term Services has assessed 500 children for the Waiver program. Letters were sent out to families letting them know the time frame that a service coordinator will contact them regarding their child's funding. Projected elimination of the Waitlist is June 2019.

Rate Setting: Every two years the State will provide a renewal with the Federal government Center for Medicaid Services (CMS). Counties will be given a waiver renewal which allows them to fund the waiver. Federal Medicaid pays for 60% of the services and State Medicaid pays for 40% of the services. For the State of Wisconsin to gain the 60% of the cost of services that children receive the County will follow certain federal guidelines. Audits are performed each year and waiver renewals completed. If there is non-compliance by the County a corrective action plan will be completed to become compliant. Some of those corrective plans include a statewide rate setting initiative. The rate setting for 2019 was made available and the results show a significant increase in rates for Daily Living Skills and there is confidence there will be a large group of service providers available to provide daily living skills at the new rate setting. The State is requesting that all Counties develop a plan to transition all families by July 1, 2019. The transition would require changing computer systems and family's service plans and level of care determination for families receiving respite or

supportive home care. That level of care determines the rate at which the respite provider can be paid. County management and Lutheran Social Services (LSS) will determine a plan and submit to the State for final approval.

A question was asked about the progress of a provider listing, the response was that the State is working on a statewide listing however it is not available at this time.

ISP AND OUTCOMES:

The State's Corrective Action Plan and Rate Setting is requiring a signature on the outcomes from the providers that are working with the family. Providers are essential and provide daily livings skills, respite, mentoring and other services that the Waiver is funding. This is to have a family centered approach so that the family and provider are aware of the outcomes.

There is a proposal for a grant regarding youth mental health crisis services. Waukesha County did apply for the grant and did receive a small amount of funds to support our youth mental health crisis team. This will be used to streamline documentation that is required for crisis intervention.

OPEN FORUM FOR GENERAL QUESTIONS/CONCERNS/NEEDS:

Feedback was requested from the committee regarding the rate setting structure and the best way for the service coordinator to relay that information to families. Lengthy discussion followed.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING/ADJOURN:

Social Media and Vulnerable Kids
Understanding IEP Rights
DVR/Workshop Information

Motion: Caitlin Bagshaw moved, seconded by Patrick Jauquet, to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m.
Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: February 21, 2019 – 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

February 21, 2019

Approved

*Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Kokan
Administrative Specialist*