

EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH WORKGROUP

November 26, 2012

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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MINUTES

Present: Judy Saurage, Suzie Henderson, Cindy Reese, Cindy Rackers, Patsy Carter, Emily Montgomery, Daryl Rothman, Sanaria Sulaiman

Updates

- **Public Awareness Campaign**
Patsy reported that the application has been submitted for Adzou to develop a campaign on the importance of early childhood. This will be completed in the Spring semester. The Early Childhood Program workgroup would like to partner with us on the campaign. Daryl will be requesting some funding on behalf of ECMH/EC Program workgroups to support the implementation of the campaign along with funding from other sources.
- **State Project LAUNCH grant**
Patsy announced to the group that DMH in partnership with DHSS had received the state LAUNCH grant with the pilot site being in St. Louis city. The focus is on health/mental health promotion and prevention with five specific areas which include Home visitation; evidence based practices; integration of behavioral health and primary care; strengthening families and screening/assessment. Both a local and state level Young Child Wellness Council will be convened to guide the work.
- **Fiscal Analysis**
Patsy reported that a RFP is being developed to request proposals for this work.
- **Prior Authorization**
Patsy reported that the Non-Pharmaceutical Prior Authorization Committee of MHD approved the CBEC's recommendation to review prior authorization policy for 0-3 y/o, so Dr. Atwell took it forward to MHD. Dr. Atwell reported in the last committee meeting that MHD reviewed the recommendation and needed to put any action on hold until their system was developed to meet current mandated requirements.

- **Early Childhood Endorsement**

Patsy reported that she had presented the identified opportunities and barriers related to implementation of the Early Childhood endorsement process to the CBEC. The CBEC asked to be reminded of the intent for further exploration. Patsy forwarded to Daryl to disseminate to the CBEC the PowerPoint presentation as well as related documents to the CBEC to allow a more informed discussion. The group briefly discussed this process and whether this was supported by the workgroup. Consensus was achieved on noting that expertise in early childhood mental health was needed with questions still remaining regarding the most feasible approach to achieve this in Missouri.

EPSDT

Patsy reminded the group that in the last meeting it was discussed that social/emotional screening components on the HC&Y/EPSTDT screen should be reviewed. Patsy brought this up to the group again to confirm desire to focus on this. The group agreed that it was a topic for inclusion in future meetings.

In-service Curriculum Development

Patsy reminded the group that an outline had been presented during our last meeting on a webinar for medical professional on early childhood social and emotional development as well as mental illness. Members should review and be prepared for further discussion to flesh out this outline in our next face to face meeting.

December meeting - The group agreed to meet face to face on December 10th from 10-3 at DMH.

2013 Schedule – The group agreed to maintain current schedule into 2013 with bimonthly face to face meetings on the 3rd Monday from 10-3 with phone calls from 10-12 on the alternating months. Patsy will have Heather send out meeting schedule.