

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH WORKGROUP**

**December 10, 2012**

**10 am to 3 pm**

**DMH DD Conference Room**

### **Minutes**

**Present: Judy Saurage, Suzie Henderson, Emily Montgomery, Mariann Atwell, Dr. Laine Young-Walker, Cindy Rackers, Sanaria Sulaiman, Patsy Carter, Daryl Rothman**

#### **Updates**

Mariann updated the group on the Prior Authorization process for children under 3 years of age recommendation. It is still with MHD. As MHD is working on technology updates at this time for upcoming federal changes, the recommendation is currently on hold.

#### **In-service Curriculum Development**

The group revisited and expanded on the current curriculum outline for the medical profession. Broke it down to 3 – 50 minutes webinars that can be accessed online anytime. Will have CME's available. Discussed alignment of the curriculum with EPSDT indicators in mental health as well as providing a link to the EPSDT portal. Patsy and Dr. Young-Walker will work on filling in the details of the curriculum and have a draft to present to the group in February. Discussed need to have practical information available to practitioner's regarding billing, documentation etc. Mariann will check to see what information Provider Education within MHD has.

Will begin work on webinars for mental health professionals on early childhood development. Judy and Suzie will take the lead and have a rough outline to present in February's meeting.

The issue of access to training on MH issues for early learning providers was raised. The group agreed to put it on next month's agenda as Sanaria probably has the best understanding of the issues.

#### **EPSDT Review**

The workgroup reviewed EPSDT Mental Health indicators for ages 0 through 11 months. Will continue with review in meeting in February. Discussed that EPSDT screen is now online for practitioners to complete. Discussed possible capacity for this to a) create a report in practitioner's office that can be given to parents that highlights risk area, provides information to encourage healthy development; b) create state reports on specific indicators. Mariann will check on the capacity for these two area.

#### **Key messages for Public Awareness Campaign**

Daryl noted that we had formally been accepted by AdZou to develop a campaign around early childhood social/emotional development. Obtained input from workgroup on key factors such

as targeted audience, key messages etc that Daryl and Patsy can share with Adzou faculty and students in preparation for campaign.

**Meeting Schedule**

Will continue with alternating phone and face to face meetings each month. Next meeting is January 14<sup>th</sup> as a phone call at 10 am. Call in numbers 526-6207/866-630-9356