Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) Advisory Committee Minutes

Wednesday, February 16, 2022, from 9:00 – 11:30 am

WebEx Conference Call

- Welcome and Roll-Call

    - Katie Igo, Joanie Rogers, JoDene Bogart, Cheryl Robb-Welch, Christine DeTienne, Christine Kiesel, Dr. Bob Pure, Erin Scheer, Jan Neal, Janet Braker, Jeff Watson, Julie Starr, Kate Watson, Kim Abbott, Lauren Hall, Leanne Reese, Sally Gaines, Shawn Boyd, Sheila Rancatore, Tara Goins, Teresa Hayner, Teri Armistead, Lara Underwood, Bahu Gilliam, and Tony Scott.

- Family First Preservation and Services Act updates – Erica Signars, Kate Watson, Kayla Ueligger, Lauren Hall

    - Erica Signars-QRTP residential piece. Continuing roll out efforts. Applications continue to be received. To date have 8 organizations. 2 making traction to become a psych treatment facility (PRTF). Begun work around 1115 waivers. QRTP regulation made a minor tweak for more accrediting bodies.

        - QRTP/PRTF-Difference? Traditional group home/MH diagnosis. Don't require treatment to be done by doctors, etc. QRTF-specific admissions process, doctors, nurses, etc. One bucket traditional group home type setting. Other bucket higher level clinicians and medical model.

        - 1115 Waiver-QRTP IMD struggle. Other impacts of placing a child in an IMD facility. Waiver requires a specific plan and milestones. How will kids transitions out of IMD settings into community or QRTP settings. MO has a high number of facilities that serve more than 16 children and other structures in place that make them qualify as an IMD. Federal government will try to expedite waiver requests.

    - FFPSA-Lauren and Kate.

        - Lauren-Prevention. General update with planning for Missouri. Last year submitted first draft of the 5 year prevention plan. Feedback used for planning and amendments. Step back to deep dive into landscape into MO for service provision. Sent a request for information update. Existing service provision and future interest levels. What current caseloads look like? Interest for further expansion. Additional prevention services that are not on the clearing house. Fidelity monitoring evaluated. Plan to utilize information to put together a map to identify where there are current services and gaps. Using information to feed

into the current amendments. Implementation in 3-5 locations as pilots. Learn and grow from there. Prevention plan is a living breathing document. Review initial services and make amendments. Substance abuse is a continuing concern. Incorporate info from Children's Bureau. Home visiting-learning and exploring more about this service. What reporting mechanisms need to be in place?

- Question-Plan was submitted and sent back for updates and no plan is in place. Working on a two track system. Working on the plan and reviewing data from responses to evaluate where pilots could be. Pilot locations are not identified yet. General ideas but need to solidify. Deadline from the feds? No deadline. Prevention piece is actually optional.

- Question-Services focusing on is substance use and home visiting? No these are future possibilities.

- Question-Estimated timeframe? Planning phases now. Governor's plan included fiscal appropriations so not until next fiscal year.

- Kate-Independent assessor. Assessments are happening. 481 independent assessor referrals since Oct. 1st. 244 were recommended for non-residential. Working with QAS now to fully capture data. Learning about reporting functions and how to report that out. Hopeful to be shared within the next few weeks. Trying to work on a way to share information that is helpful. Working with OSCA surrounding court processes. Recommendation for residential then make legal services referral. Specific language being drafted. Anticipate changes as more is learned. Not many changes with providers. Continuing to bring new independent assessors on board. Train the trainer being offered for the new assessors. Behavioral Health Council is providing that.

    - Question-Upcoming managed care contract-residential being paid through them. How will that impact the independent assessor process? Mo Health Net meetings. Don't anticipate the independent assessor process up front. If there is a re-authorization or extension will impact it more. Working on that piece and that is ever evolving and making decisions.

    - Question- Any trends on where requests are coming from? Trends from ones being no recommended for residential? Hope is to pull this from the reports that are being created. High level view right now and working to break that down to be more informative. Trends for assessment are still in line with areas prior to October 1st. Part of why they wanted to dig into data in a more helpful way. Ideas on building up service array to support kids in communities. Capacity crisis is being felt. Use this as a gap analysis. Figure out community wrap around services.

- Question-For youth not recommended is there a timeframe for when they have to be moved? Federal language says 30 days. FFPSA language identifies this. It is a challenge right now.

- CFSR Case Review Updates – JoDene Bogart

  - Round 3 ends April 30th this year. Reviewed 19 cases at the moment. Have 6 left to finish them up by the end of the month. Focusing on Items 4 and 5. Last two we have not met the benchmark on. This case review is not looking good for Item 4-placement stability. We can have 5 ANI ratings and reach the benchmark. Right now have 4 already. Can have 2 more ANI's through the reviews being done by April 30th. Item 5-Permanency goal piece. Can have up to 8 ANI and right now we have 3. Item 5 results seems to be better this time vs. what we have seen in the past. Most likely will be in penalty phase.

- CFSR Round 4 – JoDene Bogart

  - Process and Preparation: 3 purposes are ensure conformity, what is really happening, and enhance capacity.

  - Rounds- 2004, 2010, 2017, July-Sept. 2023.

  - Timeframe for Round 4. Year 1 will happen in 2023. Prioritized states with fiscal penalties. Semi-annual data profile in February 2023 will start our CFSR process in MO.

  - Missouri has done well with the safety measures historically.

  - Permanency measures that MO struggles with are permanency for children entering foster care and placement stability.

  - Statewide assessment, case level interviews and interviews with stakeholders and partners.

  - Statewide assessment due June 2023 (approximate). Prepared by central office. Self-evaluation. Assess strengths and challenges and has to have data to backup what is reported.

  - Case-Level Reviews. MO has done traditional reviews in the past. State-led reviews are different. Can negotiate number of cases, etc. Then have 6 months to complete case reviews. MO is opting for a traditional review due to workforce capacity of the QAS unit. Site selection will do metro area with largest population and two other sites. 65 cases are reviewed. 25 FCS and 40 AC cases.

- 7 systemic factors-Statewide Information System, Case Review Process, Quality Assurance System, Staff/Provider Training, Service Array/Resource Development, Agency Responsiveness to the Community, Foster/Adoptive Parent Licensing, Recruitment, and Retention.

- Final report will identify strengths/improvements needed. This will lead to the next PIP. Will have two years to complete the strategies. Benchmarks set. Analyze through case review data.

- New to Round 4. Data Profile Measures will be used to determine not inform conformity. New focus of racial disparity/disproportionality. Assessment must have data piece with root cause analysis. Moving root cause earlier will make PIP development easier and faster. Also stakeholder interviews for service array and case review process.

- Current next steps: Finalize the Round 4 date by the end of February. Gathering data for site selection. Message that all cases included in CFSR (data profile) will determine conformity. Continuing data analysis around placement stability, permanency goals, and timely permanency. Looking as systemic factors and what other data is needed. What would it look like and where do we go to get what we need.

- (Request to share PowerPoint).

- Jeff Watson-Call series being held for states to get information about Round 4.

- How is Missouri doing in comparison to other states? Placement stability is a concern for several states. CFSR has strict requirements with placement stability.

- Updates, Announcements and successes – Committee Members

- Meeting Wrap-up / Next meeting May 18