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March 22, 2023 - Meeting Minutes

Members present: Tricia Bassing, Meghan McGrane, Greta Rosenzweig, Carla Oliver

Staff/Others present: Sharon Minter, Jasmine Chapman, PJ Gingery, Richard Orah, Barbara Paulson

Meeting called to order at 2:04pm by T. Bassing
Quorum present.

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Public Comments: No requests to make public comments received.

III. Minutes of the February 22, 2023 meeting reviewed. S. Minter noted that the minutes needed to be edited to reflect that the meeting was held virtually. Motion to accept minutes, with edit, made by M. McGrane, seconded by G. Rosenzweig. No additional discussion. Motion passed. Reapproval of meeting minutes for all virtual meetings held 2020 – 2022 due to the pandemic emergency. Motion to reapprove minutes made by M. McGrane, seconded by G. Rosenzweig. No additional discussion. Motion passed.

IV. Fiscal Reporting & Program Review

- **Finance Reports** – Presented by R. Orah. CSA FY23 allocation is \$8.4M. YTD expenditures are \$3.9M with 40% of the allocation currently spent. YTD local match for expenditures is \$2M. YTD refunds to CSA are \$18K. FY23 expenditures billed to Medicaid, through January 2023, are \$203K. YTD local match for Medicaid expenditures is \$102K. YTD expenditures billed to IV-E are \$427K with no local match required.
- **CSA Reports** – Presented by J. Chapman and PJ Gingery. FY23 IEP Wrap allocation is \$78,838 with \$5K encumbered to date. J. Chapman is working with Finance to determine if one client case, currently funded under the Protected category, can be converted to IEP Wrap-funding. FY23 Protected funds allocation is \$201,836 with \$114K encumbered thus far. YTD Protected funding expenditures are \$63K.
 - FAPT continued to hear cases every week utilizing the MS Teams virtual platform. Any technical issues encountered were effectively managed. During the month of February, the FAPT team reviewed 29 client cases as follows: 23-Foster Care, 5-Congregate Care [4 for Parental Agreement clients, 1 for a Foster Care client] and 1-Protected (Non-Mandated) Funding.
 - Congregate care detail: residential facility placements currently at 13 (9-Parental Agreement & 4-Child Welfare clientele) and group home placement is 1.

V. Discussion Items

A. Office of Children Services (OCS) Updates

- Effective July 1, 2023 the requirement to report to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) on hard-to-place youth will no longer be required.
- The state has ceased all consideration of moving private day placements out of CSA and will discontinue use of the rate tiers and revert back to previous coding requirements effective July 1, 2023.
- HB2018, the bill to expand confidentiality, did not pass this year. Need to look out for its reappearance during the next legislative session.

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- The state CSA Conference is scheduled for 10/16/23 – 10/18/23. Additional information forthcoming.
- The State and Local Advisory Team (SLAT) is increasing its membership to include the Director of the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS).
- KeyPro will replace Magellan as the new management system for the Medicaid approval process and IACCT coordination. MCO Providers will also be re-competed. Projected launch date is November 2023.

B. Enhanced TFC Pilot Program

- The Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) is launching a pilot program using professional foster parents.
- This pilot program is meant to be an objective first step in transforming the child welfare system.
- Partial funding will come from the Governor's office and another as-yet-unnamed funding source. The pilot will run for 18 months.
- Intent is to use short-term placements of three to six months to help stabilize children and/or youth and will include wrap-around and crisis support.
- Referrals will come through local social service agencies to VDSS who will evaluate the referral for its appropriateness and make the final decision on inclusion in the pilot.
- The professional parent must be a "stay-at-home" parent as this will be their job. Cost estimate quoted at \$4K per month which will be in addition to CSA and/or IV-E funding utilized.
- VDSS plans on supporting this project for "several years," i.e., at least three to five years.
- The service providers chosen for the pilot are DePaul, Embrace and the Bair Foundation.

C. Status Updates

- Racial and Social Equity Initiatives
 - Child Welfare facilitated a meeting with community partners wherein they shared their strategic plan for addressing racial inequities within the child welfare system. The follow-up to this meeting will be a two-day Groundwater Analysis training with the same community partners.
 - Behavioral health therapists are getting the necessary training and skill building to be able to conduct meaningful racial trauma assessments.

D. Policy Revisions/Updates/Approvals

- Policy #9 – Change of Residency
 - Discussed and started to incorporate revisions and edits to document.
 - M. McGrane will finalize edits and send document to team members for another review before approval.

VI. Adjournment: With no further items to be discussed, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:25pm.