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"Where families are families and not 'cases'!"

April 23, 2025 - Meeting Minutes (Hybrid)

Member(s) present: Meghan McGrane, Barbara Paulson, Mike Mackey, Felicia Simmons, Tricia Bassing,

Kimberly Carll

Member(s) present via Zoom: Christopher Bishop, Richard Orah

Member(s) absent: Yolanda Nogueras

Staff/Others present: Sharon Minter, PJ Gingrey, Jasmine Chapman

Meeting called to order at 2:09pm by Chair, M. McGrane

Quorum present.

I. Welcome and Introductions

- **II. Public Comments:** No requests received from the public to make comments.
- **III. Minutes** of the March 26, 2025 meeting reviewed. Motion to accept minutes of the meeting made by T. Bassing, second by K. Carll. No additional discussion, motion passed.

IV. Fiscal Reporting & CSA Program Review

- <u>Finance Reports</u> R. Orah
 - **CSA FY25 allocation is \$9.2M.** YTD expenditure (through March) is \$5M (55% of allocation) with \$2.5M in local match required thus far. IV-E expenditure to date is \$231K with no local match required. Medicaid YTD expenditure is \$133K, with local share YTD of \$83K. FY25 refunds to CSA/cancelled checks, to date, are \$54K.
 - Parental co-payments and refunds are still not showing at the state level. R. Orah and S. Cetina (IT – Harmony Administrator) are continuing their efforts to correct this issue.
- CSA Reports PJ Gingrey/J. Chapman
 - FY25 IEP Wrap allocation is \$66,476. \$29K is encumbered to date. FY25 Protected funds allocation is \$201,836 with \$156K encumbered thus far.
 - FAPT continued to hear children/youth requests every week, in hybrid format, utilizing the MS Teams platform. Any technical issues encountered were effectively managed.
 - During the month of March, the FAPT team reviewed 22 children/youth requests as follows:
 Foster Care 12, Foster Care Prevention 3, IEP Wrap Funding 0, Parental Agreement 4, Child Welfare congregate care (residentials) 1 and Protected (non-mandated) 2.
 - Congregate Care detail report included: Child Welfare congregate care 2, Parental Agreements -

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V. Discussion Items

A. Provider Payment Matter

- o Discussion about CSB being paid retroactively for the Congregate Assessments that are completed for the non-Medicaid eligible client(s) who require residential treatment services.
- Effective immediately, when workers bring the case to FAPT, they will need to include the Assessment in the list of services requested and provide information about the date of Assessment completion.
- o The cost for the Assessment is approved retroactively by authorization of the ACPMT.
- The language currently existing in policy around this service, and payment for it, will be updated to reflect the procedural change during the upcoming update process.

B. FY 25 CSA Service Gap Survey

- Members from each agency discussed their respective process for gaining input from their workers on the gaps that were felt to exist in service availability.
- Extensive discussion about transportation being both a gap, in terms of having reasonably priced transport, and a barrier for families who have limited access to personal transportation for appointments or services related to their child receiving CSA-funded treatment.
- Additional discussion about the need for more expressive therapies, i.e., somatic, neurofeedback, etc. to be available.
- Robust, effective discussion overall on other services that would be beneficial to have in the community,
 i.e. community ways to support the school system with school attendance issues.
- M. McGrane will input the consolidated information on the survey form and submit it to the Office of Children's Services before the May 30th deadline.

C. Strategic Plan Development

o Placeholder item. This will continue to be placed on subsequent meeting agendas until completed.

D. Meeting Calendar - Remainder of FY25 & Summer

- o Given that several team members will have to miss both the regularly scheduled May and June meetings due to conflicts we will adjust the meeting schedule.
- The May meeting will be cancelled.
- o Next meeting will be held on June 9th from 10a-12p. Will primarily review updated policies, if available.
- o The ACPMT meetings will be on summer hiatus for the months of July and August.
- **VI. Adjournment**: With no further items to be discussed, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:02 pm.