

Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council
Health and Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 12, 2014
12:00 – 2:00pm
635 N. 26th Street

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Jim Kania, BMCW
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Tracy Oerter CHW
Pam Matthews, Private Citizen
Virginia Carlson, Public Policy Forum
Dana Radtke, MPS
Wendy Henderson, DCF
Fredri Bove, DCF
Kim Eithun, DCF

Recorder:
Rachael Kumm, BMCW

Care4Kids Update – Mike Boeder

• **Program Overview**

- New Medicaid healthcare program that began January 1, 2014
- Provides comprehensive, coordinated care for children in Out-of-Home Care (OHC).
- Addresses the unique needs of children in OHC.
- Collaborative initiative includes Department of Children and Families (DCF), Department of Health Services (DHS), Children's Hospital of Wisconsin (CHW), and Health System administered by Children's Community Health Plan (CCHP).
- Covers 6 pilot counties (Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Racine, Kenosha, and Ozaukee)
 - Initial phase enrolls children newly placed in OHC
 - Expansion over next year to cover all children in OHC in these counties – approximately 3,800 – 4,000 children.
- Children eligible for 12 months after OHC ends if family qualifies for title-19 healthcare and stays within the eligible counties.
- Children ineligible if moving to residential treatment center or if placed with other biological parent.
- **Quality Assurance**
 - Healthcare provided by professionals trained in unique needs of children in OHC
 - Organized information from medical providers, OHC providers, and child welfare workers
- **Accessibility**

- Nearly 9,000 existing CCHP providers in the region
- Primary Care Providers give scheduling priority to Care4Kids children
- Centers of Excellence (COE)
 - Core group of primary care clinics within the CCHP network that have identified a special interest in providing healthcare to OHC children.
 - Have expertise in providing healthcare for OHC children with trauma informed care, prioritized 30-day comprehensive health exams, well child check-ups, acute care exams, specialty referrals and immunizations.
 - Partners with Care4Kids Staff to share information and build a comprehensive care and treatment plan for the children.
- **Outcomes**
 - Focus on high impact in physical and mental health
 - Program Improvement Plan focused on Trauma Informed Care
 - Quality Plan of proposed Shared Outcomes

30-day comprehensive health exam	Mental health and developmental screenings
2-day initial health screen	Bi-annual dental exams
Care Plan	Immunizations
Preventative health & wellness visits	ER visit management
	Caregiver satisfaction
- **Health Care Coordination Team**
 - Established roles of Healthcare Coordinator, Outreach Care Coordinator.
 - Goal to have approximately 30 staff by year end based upon census data.
 - Healthcare Coordinators - either Registered Nurse (RN) or Advanced Practice Social Worker (APSW) with OHC experience.
 - Oversees and ensures access to medical services
 - Develops, monitors, and revises Comprehensive Care Plan
 - Collect available medical history to distribute to medical providers.
 - Utilizing electronic systems to gather healthcare information (Epic, Forward Health, eWiSACWIS, Immunization Records)
 - Outreach Care Coordinators – minimum of bachelor’s degree will assist Health Care Coordinator with service coordination using the teaming approach.
 - Collaborating with medical providers, OHC providers, and case workers
- **Census Updates**
 - 188 as of 2/12/14 (DCF Wisacwis report)
 - Semi-weekly call with multiple stakeholders
 - Semi-monthly call with county leaders
 - Daily ‘Huddles’ – detail oriented meetings with Child Protection Center (CPC), Downtown Health Center (DHC) and other medical providers to provide healthcare providers with the necessary tools to participate in Care4Kids.

- **Legislation to Extend Foster Care Services to ages of 18-21** – Fredi Bove
 - Give those foster children still in school with Individualized Education Plans (IEP) extended services to bridge gap and better prepare them for self-sufficiency and adulthood once out of foster care.
 - Volunteer program for youth and gives foster parents the opportunity to extend their care of the children.
 - Proposed in the 2013-15 biennial budget process
Joint Finance Committee allocated \$945,700 GPR
Passed Assembly Committee and Senate Committees to which it was referred and is currently waiting for a hearing in Joint Finance to release funding, then will have to pass full Legislature.
 - Improvements seen in other Midwest states with similar programs
 - Significant drop in homeless youth (ages 19-21)
 - Long-term results need emphasis on transitional skills needed to achieve independence and adulthood.

- **Lad-Lake Eastwood Program** – Jim Kania
 - Program opened October 2013 for girls who are victims of sex trafficking ages 16 ½ or younger.
 - Located outside of the city to limit mobility of youth in the center.
 - Licensed for 7 placements, space and practicality for 5 placements
 - Three phase program (projected 2-4 months at each phase)
 - On-grounds therapy and treatment
 - Off-ground visits with family/community
 - Community reintegration
 - Providing legal advocacy and explanations of their rights.

- **YoungStar ratings for Foster Children** – Arlene Happach
 - Foster children in early childhood education centers with a YoungStar rating of 3 or above.
 - Higher percentage than children not in foster care enrolled in centers rated 3-stars and up.
 - Barriers in systemically raising the number of foster children in high rated early childhood education
 - Decision of enrollment left to the foster parents
 - Foster parents stay home and don't see the necessity to place the child in early childhood education outside the home.
 - Transportation issues
 - May need state-level requirements for certain programs that foster children should be enrolled in.
 - DCF working with Head Start to make it easier to enroll foster children in their centers.
 - Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program based on biological family income/eligibility requirements but if foster family does not work, child becomes ineligible regardless of biological family eligibility.
 - 58 child care centers moved from 2-star to 3-star ratings during 2013

- **2013 Education Liaison Data Review – Chris Shafer**
 - Review of data of foster children receiving special education evaluations.
 - Rate of first-time special education evaluations is higher than the number of re-referrals for a single child.
 - Higher rate of elementary youth being served.
 - Majority of referrals come from BMCW case workers (97%).
 - Top reason for the referral is for special education purposes.
 - Of all those evaluated and did not qualify for services, none chose to have an outside evaluation meaning that the caregivers were satisfied with the school systems evaluation.
 - Decreased number of ineligible cases from 47% in 2011/12 school year to 38% in 2012/13 school year.
 - 97% success in resolving Individual Education Plan (IEP) issues through the review/revision process. Most of those that were not resolved were due to parental decisions to not comply with IEP.
- **Mental Health Legislative Package – Kim Eithun**
 - 8 bills introduced by Speaker’s Taskforce on Mental Health and 7 were signed by governor.
 - AB-450 Grants for Crisis Intervention Teams: Funding to train law enforcement and correction officers on mental health.
 - AB-452 Child Psychiatrist Consultation Line: Child psychiatrist, mental health professional, and parent/peer specialist available to pediatricians to call with questions about children seen in their practices.
 - AB-454: One-time grant for physicians and psychiatrists to practice in under-served areas of the state.
 - AB-455: Additional funding for peer respite centers state-wide.
 - AB-457: Additional funding for Department of Justice Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) to add services for those with mental illness as well as those with substance abuse issues related to criminal charges.
 - AB-458: Funding for Medicare for in-home services for children.
 - AB-459: Program for regional centers to assist those with mental illness with employment support and finding employment.
 - AB-460: Education Training for crisis treatment operations.
- **Other Items**
 - Elizabeth Hudson named Director of Office of Children’s Mental Health