

CMHSAC
Childrens Mental Health Systems Advisory Council
Tuesday, June 19th, 2012 5:30-7:30pm Room 315

Present: (in bold)	
Professional Representatives	Lorena Campbell, Deena Corso , Rob Ensign, Miriam Green, Barbara Kienle, Drew McWilliams (Proxy - Monica Ford), Glenda Marshall, Monica Parmley, Janie Richards, Mercedes Thompson, Thuy Vanderlinde, Kirk Wolfe .
Family & Youth Representatives	Trish Backlar, Margaret Brayden, Kim Dunn , Cathe Dunwoody , Patricia Ford, Milele Hobbs, Alison Hoyt , June Gildersleeve, Brenda Mc Sweeney , Adrianna Rickard , Stacey Robertson, Susan Schilling , Rachael Smith , JoLynn Thompson , Moriah Vicknair , Zenn Vicknair , Roman Dobbs, Gabe Rickard , Destinee Vong, Yolanda Gonzalez
Guests:	Agustin , Liza Andrew-Miller , Jay Auslander, Caroline Coates , Delia Ciotau, Stacy England, Anne Fletcher, Robert Ford, Doug Geisler, Denise Hale, Tammy Jackson, Robert Janz, Andrea McKee-O'Leary, Melissa Pettis, Manaswi Reddy , Amy Shea Reyes , Shauna Signorini, Mark Schlessman, Lucrecia Suarez , Stephen Swanson, Kasandra Wickstrom
Staff:	Ebony Clarke , Lisa Kaskan, Charmaine Kinney , Len Lomash, Joan Rice, Margaret Scott
Recorder:	Bree West

Agenda Item	Overview	Suggestion/Achievement	Action/Assigned
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Cathe Dunwoody welcomed the group and those present introduced themselves.</p> <p>Gabe Rickard is timekeeper Adrianna Rickard is acronym monitor</p> <p>The agenda is unanimously approved with the addition of the item: Interpretation Discussion</p>		
Administrative Updates <i>-Budget</i>	<p>Ebony Clarke announced that Len Lomash will not be attending this meeting for a while due to his involvement with the CCOs.</p> <p>Charmaine Kinney led a discussion on the budget. A spreadsheet was displayed outlining the dollar amounts allocated for each provider – there has been a 10% cut over what each agency spent in the last year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last year, because of the 11% reduction, Verity reserves were tapped into. Unfortunately, that has been used up and there is no longer a buffer. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will be important in this time of change to work on finding new ways to serve clients. She explained that we are working to find ways to reduce use at higher levels of care. • There is concern that other areas, i.e. schools and hospitals, will experience increased demand due to this cut. • Charmaine explained that we are budgeting on what we know right now. This is a 3 month plan; by August we should have a better idea of where we stand. <p>If you have questions regarding these issues, please direct them to Charmaine. She will compile them and respond back to the group.</p>		<p>If you have questions regarding the budget, please direct them to Charmaine. She will compile them and respond back to the group.</p>
Family Story	No family story was shared at this meeting.		
Subcommittees	<p>Our current subcommittees seem to have an uneven distribution of participants. Cathe will send an email to CMHSAC requesting people who have not joined a subcommittee to consider doing so; she will also offer the opportunity for people to switch subcommittees to even out the distribution.</p> <p>Zenn requested that the 30 minutes at the end of each meeting reserved for subcommittees be added as the last item on future agendas.</p>		<p>Cathe will send an email to CMHSAC regarding subcommittee participation.</p> <p>Bree will add “Subcommittee Work” as the final item on all future agendas.</p>
Interpreter Discussion	<p>Lucrecia Suarez led a discussion regarding interpretation at CMHSAC.</p> <p>Lucrecia explained that there have been 6 youth in the leadership academy. Although this program has been successful, there is concern about youth whose parents do not use English as their primary language. We need to find a way to welcome these parents and encourage participation.</p> <p>In many cases, people being interpreted to are behind in the dialogue while waiting for the interpreter to finish. By the time the information has been translated, the discussion has moved on, so there is little opportunity to participate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One option that would help avoid this is consecutive translation – it takes twice the time and likely more money, but it is a way to engage and empower all participants. • Some members are concerned that this group is too large to facilitate interpretation services. A suggestion was made to have 		

	<p>two separate groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ebony is reluctant to support any situation that is exclusionary, noting that there is strength in differences and what we all bring to the table. • It may be helpful to look at other groups who successfully achieve inclusive meetings with multiple languages spoken. <p>Lucrecia notes that if we are unable to facilitate a meeting environment that is inclusive, then perhaps asking for input and participation on a specific topic would be better. This may be a better use of time than sitting in a meeting where participation is unlikely due to the time lag with interpretation services.</p> <p>It is important that we come up with a way to make it work – many of the youth Yolanda has been working with do not have parents who speak English as their primary language.</p> <p>Kasandra and Agustin have agreed to work on a mini-project to come up with suggestions on how to engage participants who do not speak English as their primary language.</p>	<p>It may be helpful to look at other groups who successfully achieve inclusive meetings with multiple languages spoken.</p> <p>If we are unable to facilitate a meeting environment that is inclusive, then perhaps asking for input and participation on a specific topic would be better.</p>	<p>Kasandra and Agustin will work on a mini-project to come up with suggestions on how to engage participants who do not speak English as their primary language.</p> <p>Bree will add Yolanda to the executive call distribution list</p>
Tri-County Behavioral Health Update	<p>Drew provided a tri-county behavioral health update.</p> <p>He explained that all the providers who serve the three counties have been meeting to try to make sense of the CCO. There are children's, adult, mental health, and addictions providers working together in this group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This group has been discussing the CCOs and the budget cuts. • They are currently working on ways to get input from families at the various agencies. 		
CCO Advances	<p>Sandra Clark, Project Director for Community Health Strategies with the Tri-County Medicaid Collaborative (TCMC), gave an update on the collaborative and shared a general fact sheet regarding the TCMC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCMC is one of 14 CCO's around the state that received provisional approval. • The collaborative has negotiated with the state to extend the launch date to 9/1/12. This extra time will help to create a smooth, seamless, transition. Oregon Health Plan (OHP) participants should not experience any change on September 1st. • The creation and implementation of health homes will be a slower 		

process.

Sandra explained that the CCO is still working on how to distribute funds among providers and agencies.

TCMC Community Advisory Council

Last Friday the TCMC finished a month long process to recruit for their community advisory council.

- The council will be seated on July 27th and will meet twice before the September 1st launch date.
- The community advisory council will be a mechanism for accountability.
- Over half of the council members will be consumers.
- Guests are welcome to attend these meetings.

The selection committee for the advisory council consists of Clackamas County, Washington County, Central City Concern, and Care Oregon representatives.

- CMHSAC members expressed concern that Multnomah County does not have representation on the selection committee.
- Sandra explained that the majority of the applications received are from Multnomah County residents.
- There is a complex matrix being used to ensure representation geographically, as well as across several other markers.
- Cultural diversity is an important area that the TCMC is working on.

The TCMC is still welcoming applications for the community advisory council. However, the application period for the council that will be seated on July 27th is now closed. The remaining applications, and new applications, will be reviewed as openings occur.

Adrianna Rickard suggests that the TCMC consider hiring a consultant, who is also a family member or consumer, to advise the collaborative on community involvement and engagement.

Because the adult and children's mental health systems are so different, Adrianna suggests having two mental health representative positions, one for the adult system and one for the children's system.

	CMHSAC members expressed concern about the lack of children's system representation in the whole CCO process.		
Announcements/ Adjourn	Deena Corso announced that Thuy Vanderlinde is retiring at the end of this month. Her last day will be the 29 th of June. Deena and Hillary will be taking Thuy's place at CMHSAC.		
Subcommittee Meeting			