

CWAC HIGH END COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: September 22, 2021

TIME: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Web-Ex

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In attendance: Michael Ferenbach, Melissa Webster, Matthew Skarbek, Amanda Dillard, Beatriz, Chris Cox, Angela Hassell, Luis Rodriguez, Corey Wiegand, Keith Polan, Ashely Deckert, Jason Keeler, Cassie Kisiel, Mitchell sandy, Roselyn Harris, Ronald Howard, Elizabeth Kepler, Kara Hamilton, Bea Sobel, Jon Ebersole, Tess Sikma, Bennie Haywood, Amanda Dillard, John Shadowens, Rebecca Woodard, Domenico Carl, Erika Millsap, Mary Ann Berg, Carie Pasenelli, Norman Brown,

1:00 PM - Begin

- **Welcome and Introductions**

Approval of August Minutes- minutes were approved without addendums.

- **Families First Updates**

Mike Ferenbach & Corry Weigand – 906: 906's entries are not being done in a timely manner. 906's are required to be enter within 2 state business days after admission. 906's are required to have a designation of INI to start the episode clock in SACWIS. Failure to input 906's correctly/timely is leading to independent assessments not being completed in 30 days; which will result in loss of title IVE funding. All youth in QRTP placements before 10/1/21 will be grandfathered in and do not need INI codes or assessments. Unless they have an event that starts a new episode (change contracts, on run more than 60 days). If the assessor does not agree with the placement level the provider does not have to submit a new 906, Corey's team will change the type serves code and notify the provider.

QRTP Assessment: Mathew's assessment team is doing a weekly call to providers, to find out about new/upcoming placements. There have been about 5 youth that Mathew's team did not know was placed until 24 days after placement; this is problematic as they need to complete their independent assessment within 30 day. Mathew asked providers to let his team know ASAP when they know of a new placement. Additionally, he would like providers to make sure their staff make the youth accessible for assessment purposes in a timely manner. Mathew stressed that the under 13 youth (little's) turn around time, of six months, is quick and that family finding should start upon admission.

Mathew's team has only denied 8 out of 90 youth they have assessed. The reason for the denials are related to risk behavior criteria not being met for a variety of reasons (old behaviors sited, no high-risk behavior in a while, no mental health issues).

Melissa expressed concerns that case workers in the field are unaware of Family First requirements such as Child and Family Teams Meetings happening every month. Angela expressed that DCFS is holding internal meetings to improve procedures and workflow.

Keith Polan asked that any provider that may be experiencing difficulties with the new Family First implementation reach out to him directly via email Keith.e.polan@illinois.gov so he can address issues as they arise.

- **Think Trauma**

A brief presentation was given on Think Trauma a training to enhance the trauma informed practices in residential settings. "It is a modularized, skill based, interactive, trauma informed training curriculum for staff who directly work with youth in the juvenile justice and child welfare system. The goal of Think Trauma is creating or enhancing trauma informed residential setting practices". Think Trauma is a Train the Trainer program that is geared towards frontline staff. The program is free to providers and requires a one-year commitment; up to 12 agencies may be trained in upcoming session; a more in-depth meeting will occur on 10/5/21 for all interested providers. Providers must have a Trauma informed model in their program plans to qualify for a QRTP status.

- **Monitoring Model Update**

The department is updating the internal and external monitoring model with its university partners. The anticipated roll out will be first Quarter 2022.

- **Covids 19- update**

An action transmittal of policies and procedures are being updated and will be released later this month.

- **Other Agenda Items & Questions:**

There was a request to provide providers with the departments FFPSA plan. Keith informed the group that a plan had finally been approved by the Fed's on 9/21/21 and that he would disseminate it ASAP.

A POS provider is needed to co-chair this group as Chris Cox will be taking over as co-chair for the larger CWAC committee.

Providers are expressing frustration with children sitting in the ER for days while waiting for Psychiatric hospitalization.

- Next Meeting Dates:
 - October 28, 2021 (note Thursday meeting)

3:00 p.m. Adjourn