

<b>Meeting Title</b>	<b>West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WVDHHR) Quarterly Child Welfare Collaborative (CWC)</b>
<b>Date</b>	Wednesday, March 30, 2022
<b>Time and Location</b>	10 a.m. – noon via Zoom Zoom Only
<b>Dial-In Information</b>	Dial: 1-646-876-9923 Meeting ID: 923 6512 0261
<b>Web Conference</b>	<a href="https://berrydunn.zoom.us/j/92365120261">https://berrydunn.zoom.us/j/92365120261</a>

### Agenda Items

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1.	Welcome	Cammie Chapman
2.	Legislative Updates	Cammie Chapman
3.	Update on Children's Welfare (CW) Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 3 Implementation Plan</li> <li>Children's Mental Health and Behavioral Health Services Quality and Outcomes Report</li> </ul> Please submit feedback to <a href="mailto:childwelfare@wv.gov">childwelfare@wv.gov</a>	Cammie Chapman
4.	U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Agreement Update	Beth Kurtz
5.	Children with Serious Emotional Disorder (CSED) Waiver Update	Rachel Goff
6.	Stabilization and Treatment (STAT) Home Update	Amy Rickman/ Carna Matheny-White/ Kendra Boley-Rogers
7.	Assessment Pathway Access	Cassandra Toliver/ Rachel Goff
8.	Open Discussion	All
9.	Meeting Conclusion	Cammie Chapman

**Meeting Notes**

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1.	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cammie Chapman introduced herself and explained the meeting purpose. She introduced Jeff Pack, who is the Commissioner for the Bureau for Social Services.</li> </ul>
2.	<p>Legislative Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Jeffrey Pack said the legislative session ended on March 12, 2022, and provided the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senate Bill 261 - requires a video feed in certain special education classrooms.</li> <li>○ House Bill 4600 - it is a felony for a person of trust to abuse/neglect children with special needs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) and the Department of Education (DOE) must create an eight-hour course for individuals who are employed in caring for, housing, or educating children with special needs</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Other bills included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Senate Bill 274 – Child Protective Services (CPS) positions must be reallocated annually.</li> <li>▪ Senate Bill 535 – provides for automatic suspension or termination of school personnel licensure in certain circumstances</li> <li>▪ House Bill 4308 – allows disclosures of certain records to Crime Victims Compensation Fund and Juvenile Justice Commission</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3.	<p>Update on Children’s Welfare Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The documents listed below can be found on the CWC website. Today’s presentation will also be shared on the website: <a href="https://childwelfare.wv.gov">https://childwelfare.wv.gov</a></li> <li>• Year 3 Implementation Plan (IP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The first IP was issued in late 2019.</li> <li>○ DHHR suggested that stakeholders review the IP and offer feedback via email.</li> <li>○ The IP outlines programs and systems under development and highlights timelines and tasks.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Children’s Mental Health and Behavioral Health Services Quality and Outcomes Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="https://childwelfare.wv.gov/initiatives/Pages/DOJ-Agreement.aspx">https://childwelfare.wv.gov/initiatives/Pages/DOJ-Agreement.aspx</a></li> <li>○ The purpose of the report is to capture quality and outcome measures associated with children’s mental and behavioral health services to identify</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p>strengths and opportunities for improvement, to identify any barriers or issues associated with the new processes and pathways so they can be addressed as implementation continues, and to use data to drive policy and practice decisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ These reports will be published on a semi-annual basis.</li> <li>○ This current report review period is July 2020 to July 2021.</li> <li>○ As of March 17, 2022, 788 children are placed in a Residential Mental Health Treatment Facility (RMHTF).</li> <li>○ A priority of DHHR is to help ensure all children are receiving mental health screenings by their Primary Care Provider (PCP).</li> <li>○ There continues to be an increase in the number of children accessing the CSED waiver.</li> <li>○ There has been an increase in the number of calls to the Children’s Crisis and Referral Line (CCRL).</li> <li>○ Areas for improvement include capturing data at the child/encounter level to tie data together across systems and service entities, continuing to partner with relevant vendors to expand data elements needed to more effectively evaluate CSED waiver enrollment services, RMHTF services, and discharge planning, and to capture outcomes data such as Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) results, school performance, and involvement with law enforcement.</li> <li>○ Next steps include West Virginia University’s (WVU’s) evaluation of children’s home- and community-based services (HCBS), Marshall University’s National Wraparound initiative (NWI) fidelity review, and continued continuous quality improvement (CQI) process implementation.</li> <li>○ Feedback should be submitted to <a href="mailto:childwelfare@wv.gov">childwelfare@wv.gov</a></li> <li>○ The CSED waiver brochure can be found here: <a href="https://files.ctctusercontent.com/632469a6801/a81a0692-a877-476d-9657-f91779a77a4a.pdf?rdr=true">https://files.ctctusercontent.com/632469a6801/a81a0692-a877-476d-9657-f91779a77a4a.pdf?rdr=true</a></li> </ul>
4.	<p>U.S. DOJ Agreement Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="https://childwelfare.wv.gov/initiatives/Pages/DOJ-Agreement.aspx">https://childwelfare.wv.gov/initiatives/Pages/DOJ-Agreement.aspx</a></li> <li>● Beth Kurtz highlighted the DOJ’s continued presence and oversight in West Virginia (the State). DOJ’s goal is to help prevent the unnecessary institutionalization of children with behavioral health disabilities. The DOJ and the State are committed to helping to ensure children receive community-based services.</li> <li>● The semi-annual report captures DHHR’s strengths and barriers.</li> <li>● Suzanne Fields is the lead subject matter expert (SME) and is providing technical assistance (TA) as well as assessing the State for compliance.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suzanne said she is leading a team of experts to support the State’s processes in addressing agreement terms and demonstrating compliance. She said to exit the agreement, the State must demonstrate that they can monitor the quality of their programs.</li> <li>• The agreement, as it is written, expires December 31, 2024.</li> <li>• Beth Kurtz can be reached via email: <a href="mailto:beth.kurtz@usdoj.gov">beth.kurtz@usdoj.gov</a></li> </ul>
5.	<p>CSED Waiver Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rachel Goff is the program manager for the CSED program.</li> <li>• There are currently 22 CSED waiver providers, 12 of which are consistently providing services.</li> <li>• Rachel highlighted the following recent changes to the CSED program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Expanded the pool of evaluators for initial eligibility assessment to include State Licensed Social Workers (LICSW), State Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) and State-supervised psychologists and changed the name from Independent Psychologist Network to Independent Evaluator Network</li> <li>○ Streamlined eligibility process and made the process more chronological</li> <li>○ CSED waiver medical eligibility evaluators: language updated and added to staff qualifications section</li> <li>○ Functionality: changes Behavior Assessment System for Children (BASC) score threshold for medical eligibility from 70 to 60</li> <li>○ Added requirement for Wraparound facilitators to be certified in the CANS Assessment</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Rachel highlighted proposed changes to the CSED program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Permanently expand Medicaid eligibility group</li> <li>○ Permanently expand the list of eligible degree types for providers to include non-licensed clinicians</li> <li>○ Extend the time frame an eligible member must begin HCBS before an unused waiver slot is discharged from 90 days to 365 days</li> <li>○ Remove the “in-home” requirement for family therapy to increase service setting options and align the waiver with the State’s Wraparound initiative</li> <li>○ As of today, 432 members are active and approved for the CSED waiver. 103 members are on hold, for various reasons. 254 are actively receiving services.</li> <li>○ The top three utilized CSED waiver services are Wraparound services, in-home family support, and in-home family therapy.</li> <li>○ Outreach to judges and the court system is under way.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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6.	<p>STAT Home Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carna Metheney White, Amy Rickman, and Kendra Boley-Rogers shared an overview of the STAT Home model.</li> <li>• STAT homes are a community-based model for care for children in foster care with Serious Emotional Disorders (SED) requiring intensive short-term behavioral health intervention.</li> <li>• STAT homes are an alternative to residential placement for children in foster care requiring behavioral health intervention.</li> <li>• STAT homes provide a short-term intervention in a stable family-like setting with a goal of returning home or to another family setting.</li> <li>• These homes will be specialized and meant to serve children up to 90 days.</li> <li>• Respite will be a part of this program, as well as increased staffing.</li> <li>• 24/7 crisis intervention will be available as needed.</li> <li>• Case aids will be utilized.</li> <li>• Child Placing Agencies (CPAs) are working to begin recruitment efforts, and will be focused on families who meet very specific criteria.</li> <li>• Carna reviewed initial STAT Home certification requirements.</li> <li>• Amy explained that a Tier III home is meant to be more long term, as STAT Homes are meant to be short term.</li> <li>• This program is meant for children who are destabilized and disrupting in their current placement, with the intent of the program being to stabilize the child.</li> </ul>
7.	<p>Assessment Pathway Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cassandra Toliver said families may access interim services via a physician referral to the CCRL, direct contact with the CCRL, mobile crisis response and stabilization team, Kepro, or a family member self-referral. She explained what the process would look like for families when accessing services.</li> <li>• CCRL can be found here: <a href="http://www.help4wv.com/ccl">http://www.help4wv.com/ccl</a></li> <li>• This presentation can be found at <a href="https://childwelfare.wv.gov">https://childwelfare.wv.gov</a></li> </ul>
8.	<p>Open Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lisa Ertl said Family Support Centers (FSCs) will take the place of Family Resource Centers (FRCs), with expanded services available. This change will allow for support services in all 55 West Virginia counties. Applications are being taken for entities interested in providing these community-based services. The purpose of FSCs is to strengthen parent-child relationships and to provide services to parents within the community. These centers are not solely for families in crisis. Support centers will meet nationally recognized standards.</li> </ul>

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