



West Virginia (WV) Commission to Study Residential Placements of Children and the Quarterly Kids Thrive Collaborative Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 7, 2023

Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. / Virtual Only

Meeting Information:

Meeting link

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Join by phone

(U.S.) 1-304-519-0816

PIN: 377686562

Attendees

Cammie Chapman, Courtney Rombow, Annie Messinger, Andrea Ramsey-Mitchell, Andrea Richardson, Angie Sloan, Asia Gray, Barbara Briggs, Barri Faucett, Beth Kurtz, Betty Wilson, Betty Rivard, Brenda Hoylman, Brittany Gould, Brooke Boston, Cammie Chapman, Carissa Davis, Carna Metheney-White, Caroline Duckworth, Carolyn Canini, Chandy Martin, Chelsea Bly, Christina Mullins, Claudia Raymer, Cynthia Parsons, Cynthia Persily, Debi Gillespie, Deborah Spears, Elisa Rosman, Elliott Birckhead, Ernest Lockett, Gabe Conley, Greg Clutter, Holly Sheldon, Ja'me Brandish, Jacki Englehardt, Jennifer Lowther, Jessica Fulknier, Joshua Booth, Julia Kesler, Kathy Szafran, Katrina Harmon, Keli Mallory, Kelli Caseman, Kelly Sergent, Kent Nowvskie, Kyle Wise, Laura Radcliff, Laura Hunt, Lisa Roberts, Lisa Carden, Lisa McMullen, Lori Jordan, Lorie Bragg, Mark Drennan, Mary White, Mary Thompson, Meghan Luce, Melinda StraderMason, Misty Atkins, Olivia Gaines, Rae Bates, Roderick Rose, Sarah Glenn, Shanna Gray, Sharon Iskra, Sheila Kelly, Stephanie Williams, Susan Fry, Tammie Rizzio, Tonya Roloson

Agenda Items

Item #	Topic and Description	Responsible
1	Welcome	Deputy Secretary Cammie Chapman
2	Commission to Study Residential Placements of Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and Approval of Meeting Notes Commission Legislature Responsibility and Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GOAL 1: Transformational Collaborative Outcomes Management (TCOM) §49-2-125 (e)(3) GOAL 2: Provider Input at Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) and Court §49-2-125(d)(4) GOAL 3: Implementation of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) GOAL 4: Transitioning Youth from Foster Care §49-2-125(d) (11) 	Deputy Secretary Chapman Written update provided by Linda Gibson Brenda Hoylman Brittany Gould, Deborah Spears Betty Wilson
3	West Virginia (WV) Wraparound	Laura Radcliff, Jessica Fulknier
4	Children's Mobile Crisis Services	Keli Mallory
5	Residential Models of Care	Brooke Boston
6	WV Kids Thrive Collaborative Newsletter	Deputy Secretary Chapman
7	Updates from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Beth Kurtz, DOJ
8	Meeting Conclusion	Deputy Secretary Chapman

Action Items

- Betty Wilson will follow up to share the number of youth in WV utilizing the FYI program.
- Keli Mallory will share the link to mobile crisis policy and application.

Meeting Notes

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1	Welcome
2	Commission to Study Residential Placements of Children <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and Approval of Meeting Notes• No edits were requested; meeting notes were approved as presented.• The meeting notes from the last Commission meeting were approved without any objections.• The meeting notes are posted on the Commissioner’s website: http://www.wvdhhr.org/oos_comm/ Commission Legislature Responsibility and Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GOAL 1: TCOM §49-2-125 (e)(3)• Linda Gibson provided the following written update: The Marshall TCOM Team has been invoked with the Wraparound Fidelity Review, the Latent Class Analysis, and the reports for each. In March 2024, she will provide a summary on these reports and the annual outcomes required by the WV Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR).• GOAL 2: Provider Input at MDT and Court §49-2-125(d)(4)• Brenda Hoylman stated she received all the data but has not had the chance to create the report yet. The total MDTs observed throughout the state were 133; there were 31 counties across the state where these were observed; 88 of the 133 MDT meetings were held virtually (video and/or telephonic); the remaining were in the DHHR offices or at the local courthouses, these were facilitated by the DHHR worker or the Prosecuting attorney in that county. They are in discussions for the next steps for phase two.• GOAL 3: Implementation of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)• Brittany Gould and Deborah Spears provided an update to the group. Frank Andrews is stepping back as chairman of the ESSA committee meetings and Brittan and Deborah will co-chair the meetings. Their next meeting will be held in January.

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- **GOAL 4: Transitioning Youth from Foster Care §49-2-125(d) (11)**
- Betty Wilson provided an update to the group. The Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) initiative helps those individuals between the ages of 18 – 24 who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. It provides 36 months of rental assistance, and as the program is federally funded, those housing authorities that are providing this program can provide additional services as needed for these individuals. The program caps out at the 25th birthday.
- The Coalition to End Homelessness reached out to the Raleigh County Housing Authority and the Clarksburg Housing Authority and both facilities will have the Initiative in place before summer 2024. Currently, the FYI initiative is operating in the Point Pleasant Housing Authority in Mason County, the Fairmont and Morgantown Housing Authority which covers Marion, Monongalia, Preston, and Taylor counties, and the Randolph County Housing Authority which covers Randolph, Tucker, Barbour, Lewis, Upshur, and Pendleton counties.
- **ACTION ITEM: Betty Wilson will follow up to share the number of youth in WV utilizing the FYI program.**

3 WV Wraparound

- Laura Radcliff said WV Wraparound was implemented in March 2002. 2,581 children accessed services to date. There are currently 778 participants with a capacity to serve 2,000 active participants.
- Jessica Fulknier said Children’s Mental Health Wraparound services serve children and youth aged 0 – 21 with a mental health diagnosis or Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) combined with serious behavioral health or mental health concerns.
- Safe at Home (SAH) serves children and youth aged 9 – 18 in the child welfare system and covers interim wraparound for youth ages 3 – 21 awaiting Children with Serious Emotional Disorders (CSED) waiver determination.

4 Children’s Mobile Crisis Services

- Keli Mallory said the mobile crisis policy and application were recently out for public comment and closed on December 2, 2023.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Keli Mallory will share the link to mobile crisis policy and application.**
- Agencies will apply to offer mobile crisis services and must receive approval before offering services.
- Mobile Crisis services are currently grant funded through the Bureau for Behavioral Health (BBH), but a State Plan Amendment (SPA) was approved to fund services through Medicaid beginning in January 2024.
- Help4wv remains the contact number.
- Certified Comprehensive Behavioral Health Centers (CCBHCs) will be required to provide mobile crisis services.

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5	<p data-bbox="295 388 641 420">Residential Models of Care</p> <ul data-bbox="349 430 1476 1144" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="349 430 1476 535">• DHHR continues to work with the provider community to change the model in WV. DHHR is proposing three new models: Residential Intensive Treatment (RIT) facilities, Specialized RIT (SRIT), and residential homes. <li data-bbox="349 535 1476 598">• RITs aim to serve children with high acuity of mental health symptoms that have not been corrected with Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) in place. <li data-bbox="349 598 1476 672">• SRIT is proposed to serve district populations who require targeted and unique interventions. <li data-bbox="349 672 1476 819">• Residential homes will offer community-based treatment for children and youth who can be served in the community. There will be two settings: one for youth aged 17 – 21 with a primary focus on preparing them to live independently, and one for youth aged 13 – 16 who need assistance to secure and prepare for community family living. <li data-bbox="349 819 1476 924">• The rate structure will be revised. DHHR has partnered with Myers and Stauffer to develop a rate based on three components: treatment, supervision, and room and board. <li data-bbox="349 924 1476 1071">• DHHR reported that the current rate is based on cost reports and program structure is based on levels of care. Upon implementation of the new model, instead of having multiple levels of care, there will be a minimum treatment expectation for all placements, with additional treatment supported through additional funding. <li data-bbox="349 1071 1476 1144">• The transition involves SPA and policy changes, as well as logistics of providers shifting their programming to fit the new model.
6	<p data-bbox="295 1176 803 1207">WV Kids Thrive Collaborative Newsletter</p> <ul data-bbox="349 1218 1476 1354" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="349 1218 1476 1312">• Two online newsletters have been posted to date, through a collaboration with Mission West Virginia. The newsletter is targeted for families with adopted children, foster families, and kinship placements. <li data-bbox="349 1312 1476 1354">• The newsletter can be found online at https://subscribepage.io/KidsThrive
7	<p data-bbox="295 1386 641 1417">Updates from the U.S. DOJ</p> <ul data-bbox="349 1428 1476 1524" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="349 1428 1476 1491">• The DOJ continues to partner with DHHR on the agreement, which is focused on expanding access to HCBS and reducing unnecessary residential placements. <li data-bbox="349 1491 1476 1524">• Feedback is welcome. Beth Kurtz can be reached at beth.kurtz@usdoj.gov.

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8	<p data-bbox="310 390 553 422">Meeting Conclusion</p> <ul data-bbox="358 432 1463 856" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="358 432 1463 495">• Cammie Chapman shared the winning WV Kids Thrive Collaborative tagline, “When kids and families thrive, West Virginia thrives.”<li data-bbox="358 506 1463 600">• DHHR is working on a proposal to provide the legislature to regarding increasing the number of positions available for Child Protective Services (CPS) and Youth Services (YS) workers. DHHR is not proposing changes to qualifications for these positions.<li data-bbox="358 611 1463 705">• A rate increase for outpatient behavioral health services was provided in 2022. There are no planned increases at this time. Rates are developed at a national level; WV can only control custom rate codes.<li data-bbox="358 716 1463 779">• DHHR’s top priority in the upcoming legislative session is the approval of additional positions. DHHR does not have proposed legislation.<li data-bbox="358 789 1463 856">• The Kids Thrive Collaborative and Commission to Study Residential Placements of Children combined meeting invitations for 2024 are forthcoming.