

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

Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025
Time and Location: 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m./Virtual Only
Meeting Information: Zoom link: <https://berrydunn.zoom.us/j/97803449363>
 Dial in: (646) 876-9923; Meeting ID: 978 0344 9363

Agenda Items

Item #	Topic and Description	Responsible
1	Welcome	DoHS Deputy Secretary Christina Mullins
2	Commission to Study Residential Placement of Children Approval of June 2025 Meeting Notes	Deputy Secretary Mullins
3	Commission Legislature Responsibility and Goals - GOAL 1: Transformational Collaborative Outcomes Management (TCOM) §49-2-125 (e)(3) - GOAL 2: Provider Input at Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) and Court §49-2-125(d)(4) - GOAL 3: Implementation of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)	Tammy Pearson Brenda Hoylman Brittany Gould
4	WV Wraparound Fidelity Report	Tammy Pearson
5	Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Updates	Laura Hunt
6	WV Wraparound Judicial Bench Card	Crystal Martin
7	WV <u>Senate Bill 128</u> Update	Deputy Secretary Mullins
8	Other Business	Deputy Secretary Mullins
9	Meeting Conclusion	Deputy Secretary Mullins

Action Item

- Kendra Boley-Rogers will follow up to provide Brenda Hoyman guidance regarding an objective for the MDT workgroup.

Meeting Notes

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1	Welcome
2	Commission to Study Residential Placement of Children • Approval of June 2025 Meeting Notes • Susan Fry motioned to approve the notes. • The motion was seconded by Jessica Fulknier . • Multiple attendees agreed. • No one opposed the motion to approve the minutes. • The minutes were approved.
3	Commission Legislature Responsibility and Goals • GOAL 1: Transformational Collaborative Outcomes Management (TCOM) §49-2-125 (e)(3) ○ Marshall University (MU) is continuing with Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment (ANSA) training. ○ The ANSA is being used with congressional grant and regional partnership grants. ○ TCOM will be looking at quality measures in shelters, beginning in November 2025.

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- **GOAL 2: Provider Input at Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) and Court §49-2-125(d)(4)**
 - The group has discussed MDT data collected through West Virginia University (WVU), MU, and the Court Improvement Project (CIP).
 - The group discussed how Socially Necessary Services (SNS) is being used in each county.
 - The group is addressing communication and scheduling processes of MDTs.
 - Brenda Hoylman asked the Commission for guidance on an objective for the group.
 - Susan Fry said there once was a strategic plan for the workgroup.
 - Brenda said there have been many surveys and data collection efforts over the years that could be leveraged.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Kendra Boley-Rogers will follow up to provide Brenda Hoyman guidance regarding an objective for the MDT workgroup.**

- **GOAL 3: Implementation of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**
 - The committee met on July 31, 2025.
 - There were 260 referrals received last year.
 - The team is working with the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) to improve timelines of enrollment.
 - The next meeting is planned for this fall.

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4 **WV Wraparound Fidelity Report***

- Tammy Pearson shared a list of partners with whom MU collaborates.
- MU utilizes both the Wraparound Document Assessment and Review Tool (DART) and Wraparound Fidelity Index, Short Form (WFI-EZ).
- The DART assesses timely engagement, Wraparound key elements, safety planning, crisis response, transition planning, and outcomes.
- 183 youth were selected for a DART review.
- Chart reviews look at plans of care, attendance sheets, referral paperwork, crisis/safety plans, strengths, needs, culture discovery/family stories, and progress notes.
- Tammy shared review results. (presentation provided with the notes)
- Outcomes are improving.
- There are many activities in motion:
 - A WV Wraparound coordinator was hired.
 - A work plan to address fidelity issues has been implemented.
 - A group to work on WV Wraparound issues is being established.
 - An online virtual manual is being developed.
 - A monthly Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) timeliness report was developed.
 - A video introducing WV Wraparound to families was created.
 - A postcard for County Boards of Education describing WV Wraparound services was developed.
 - A bench card for judges describing WV Wraparound services was developed.
 - The MU Fidelity Team will provide ongoing training, support, and technical assistance (TA) to providers.
 - National Wraparound Implementation Center (NWIC) is beginning team observations.

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5	CQI Updates • WV is focused on increasing the percentage of family-based referrals to the Assessment Pathway (AP). • Family-based referrals have remained relatively consistent over the last two years. • WV Wraparound utilization has continued to increase since late 2024. All payer sources have shown growth in service utilization. • While referral volume has seen expected seasonal decrease, the data does not show a direct relationship between referral volume and waitlist volume. • Programmatic interventions to decrease the number of children on the waitlist have been successful. • WV Wraparound is working to prevent out-of-home placement regardless of age. • Earlier connection to services is associated with reduced out-of-home placement. • Children’s mobile crisis response and stabilization (CMCRS) services appear to be underutilized and might be key for diversion for out-of-home placement. • Timeline to services is critical to diversion efforts and might be impacting the ability to prevent out-of-home placement. • Demand for out-of-state placements increased in Q2 2025. • Transitional Living for Vulnerable Youth (TLVY) services have been expanded since implementation in September 2023. • Opportunity for maximizing the utilization of available capacity exists to allow youth to move to a less restrictive setting.
6	WV Wraparound Judicial Bench Card • The WV Wraparound judicial bench card is a quick desk guide for judges that can be used as an educational tool for WV Wraparound. • DoHS aims to provide judges with easy access to FAQ about WV Wraparound, to help prevent unnecessary court orders for children, and help prevent judges from ordering services for a specific WV Wraparound program.
7	WV <u>Senate Bill 128</u> Update • The bill removes the options for courts to order services at a higher rate than Medicaid.

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8	Department of Justice (DOJ) Update - DoHS’s self-assessment was conducted in July, and a response will be provided by end of September 2025. - A semiannual compliance meeting is planned for November.
9	Meeting Conclusion - Jermiah Samples asked in the Chat if there has been any analysis of the characteristics of families utilizing Wraparound versus those that are not when a child enters the system, and whether any factors were notable. - Laura Hunt responded in the Chat that DoHS conducted a sample chart review for children who did not go on to receive Wraparound. DoHS saw that 80% of families did not complete the freedom of choice [form] for provider selection after they were approved for the Children with Serious Emotional Disorders (CSED) Waiver. These were typically referrals coming from systems (i.e., child welfare workers, Bureau for Juvenile Services (BJS), or Probation) and children ages 13+. The Children's Mental Health Evaluation will cover children and families in this category to get perspectives on facilitators and barriers. DoHS is also looking into peer support to encourage engagement.

**Slide decks shared with meeting notes. Additionally, the full WV Wraparound Fidelity Report can be found here: [West Virginia Wraparound Fidelity Report \(January 2025\)](#)*