

Quarterly Kids Thrive Collaborative Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2022

Time and Location: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. / Virtual Only

Dial-In Information: 216-930-9535 PIN: 145 476 643#

Web Conference: <https://meet.google.com/pmd-atbr-snc>

Attendees: Annie Messinger, Aimee Bond, Aimee Goddard, Andrea Darr, Andrea Ramsey-Mitchell, Andrea Richardson, Angie Sloan, Anthony Borelli, Beth Kurtz, Betty Wilson, Cammie Chapman, Carissa Davis, Chantelle Bolyard, Chelsea Dunaway, Cheryl Salamacha, Christy Beaver, Courtney Rombow, David Hall, Deb Murphy, Debi Gillespie, Deidre Craythorne, Erin Keltner, Frank Andrews, Greg Thompson, Jackie Englehardt, Jaqueline Columbia, Jennifer Ervin, Jacob Qualls, Jessica Fulknier, Josh Booth, Joshua Hanna, Julia Kesler, Kathy Szafran, Katrina Harmon, Kim Brown, Kristi Ferrell, Kyle Strother, Laura Garner, Laura Hunt, Laura Smith, Leia Washington, Leo Quigley, Lesley Toliver, Linda Gibson, Lisa Roberts, Lisa McMullen, Lorie Bragg, Marilyn Pearce, Marissa Sanders, Mary Thompson, Melinda Strader Mason, Myia Welsh, Oghenekaro Omodior, Pamela Woodman Kaehler, Rachel Sterling, Rachel Goff, Rachel Kidner, Rebecca Gillam, Rhonda Hayes, Robin Renquest, Sarah Sanders, Shanna Gray, Shelly Brubaker, Stephanie Bond, Steve Tuck, Suzanne Fields, Tammie Rizzo, Terri Miller

Agenda Items

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	Welcome	Cammie Chapman
1	Qualified Independent Assessment Update	Lorie Bragg
2	Update on Reducing the Reliance on Residential (R3) Stakeholder Meetings and Next Steps	Cammie Chapman
3	Department of Health and Human Resources' (DHHR's) Public Call for Information on R3 Placements	Cammie Chapman
4	Children With Serious Emotional Disorder (CSED) Waiver Update	Rachel Goff/Laura Hunt
5	Outreach to Families and the Weekly Resource Rundown	Marilyn Pearce
6	Updates from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Beth Kurtz

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	Meeting Conclusion	Cammie Chapman

Meeting Notes

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	<p>Welcome</p>
1	<p>Qualified Independent Assessment Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lorie Bragg highlighted that DHHR has contracted with Kepro to avoid placement of youth who do not require residential placement. A pilot rollout is underway and the group is collecting data. This process helps ensure children are placed appropriately and that a standardized process is in place to determine when children require residential intervention.
2	<p>Update on R3 Stakeholder Meetings and Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group met in October and again this week. Cammie Chapman reported that when the group met in October, a great discussion took place with residential providers and stakeholders. The group discussed barriers and how to help ensure appropriate lengths of stay and that children are returned to a family-like setting as quickly as possible. It was determined many of the barriers are perceived and not rooted in policy. The group had formed subgroups to focus on prudent parenting, family connections, culture of safety, multi-disciplinary teams (MDTs), and high acuity. Since October, the subgroups have met regularly. Upon meeting again yesterday, the larger group now better understands policy, plans to continue meeting over the coming months to draft training materials for providers and DHHR staff, and intends to potentially hold lunch-and-learn events on the topics. DHHR plans to begin coordinating with Child Placing Agencies (CPAs), as foster families experience some of the same barriers. The group plans to review the MDT desk guides to help ensure they are up to date and thorough. DHHR is partnering with Casey Family Programs to further understand successful high-acuity models in other states. A peer-to-peer conversation is planned for December 2022. Several

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	<p>meetings will be held through 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cammie clarified that residential providers were invited to the R3 meetings and CPAs will soon be invited to join the conversation.
3	<p>DHHR’s Public Call for Information on R3 Placements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A call for information was released in summer 2022. Cammie explained the purpose of the survey, noting 19 responses were received. Cammie highlighted key takeaways of survey results that were summarized in the slide deck presentation. • Pamela Woodman Kaehler said she received feedback, which was that the specialized family care program would benefit from greater overall visibility.
4	<p>CSED Waiver Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Goff reviewed Children with Serious Emotional Disorder (CSED) Waiver application trends and noted the number of applications has increased and continues to do so. The team is working to map out what services are offered statewide. Every county in West Virginia has an agency providing CSED services. • CSED Waiver service utilization has increased, and the team is working to determine why the average hours per child has held steady. As of November 30, there were 515 active members in the CSED Waiver program. Together—with the Managed Care Organization (MCO) and provider agencies—the team is working to increase utilization. The Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) is collaborating with the Bureau for Behavioral Health (BBH) and the Bureau for Social Services (BSS) to coordinate Wraparound programs.
5	<p>Outreach to Families and the Weekly Resource Rundown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marilyn Pearce introduced herself and explained the goal of the Resource Rundown. She said the focus is on contacting 844-HELP4WV to gain access to resources available to families. A “Did You Know?” miniseries is planned for early January 2023, and stakeholder feedback is welcome. Another goal of the Resource Rundown is to address common misconceptions and myths.
6	<p>Updates From the U.S. DOJ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beth Kurtz said DOJ continues to work with DHHR to reduce the reliance on residential services. Beth highlighted various reports and materials available and noted all public-facing documents will be available on the Kids Thrive website. • The subject matter expert (SME) report and the implementation plan will be available for

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public comment.

- DOJ continues to meet regularly with DHHR and welcomes conversations with stakeholders.

Meeting Conclusion