# CANS Implementation Team
## Meeting Minutes
## 7-7-23
9:15-10:00
**Facilitator:** Jen White
**Notetaker:** Cheryle Wilcox

**Present:** Cheryle Wilcox, Jen White, Angela Fagginger-Auer, Katina Idol, Dillon Burns, Melisa Beaulieu, Marianna Donnally, Beth Sausville, Matt McNeil, Heather Wilson

<mark>Yellow indicates follow up</mark>

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| Regional updates and questions | **Annual TCOM Conference:**<br>• If you are interested, you can find all of the information here: https://cph.uky.edu/news/19th-annual-tcom-conference-lex-go-pop-health<br>• Cheryle and Alison will be attending.<br><br>**Katina Idol, Lamoille:**<br>• Using CANS at intake-their agency has discussed using it as a treatment planning tool, not at intake for assessment.<br><br>**Heather Wilson, NCSS:**<br>• They shared with staff that they can get certified every two years, but they are encouraging annual certification just to make it easier to track.<br><br>**Coding: (see more detail below these notes)**<br>• H2000 code went live July 1<sup>st</sup>.<br>• Request for an FAQ to be put on the DMH website. Does it apply to the Adult and Child case rate and Success Beyond Six?<br>• Could we add the agreement that we got from Praed about the 2-year certification for agencies to have something written about this.<br>• Cheryle followed up with Katie Smith, DMH Policy team, to get more information.<br>• This coding only applies to DA (not NFI as an SSA)<br><br>**Data:**<br>• Biggest impact on benefit for outpatient therapy that Howard Center found was severity score is most impacted in the first 6 months.<br>• <mark>Lauren Welch, DMH, presented about a month ago on a dashboard to show on Success Beyond Six CANS data. Lauren stated the dashboard will be live on the DMH website at some point. Instead of doing BI report, this data dashboard will provide immediate access to data and show it in a more digestible way. The data will not be filtered by DA.</mark> <mark>Cheryle will follow up for more information about timeline for go live and to see if Lauren can come to Sept. CANS meeting to show the</mark> | |

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| | ==data. Answer from Lauren—she is happy to come to our Sept. meeting and she is checking with IT about the go live date!== | |
| **Certification updates from Praed** | <ul><li>Praed has agreed to *pilot* a two-year certification option.</li><li>The two-year certification would be triggered by a .80 test score. (It's .70 for a one-year certification).</li><li>You can take the test any time to get that .80 - so not dependent on how many years you've been doing the CANS, just by how well you understand the concepts as shown in your test score. If you get below a .80 you can take it again right then, or any time. As soon as you achieve a .80 you get two years from that date.</li><li>==In terms of timeline, they think they can work out the technical logistics of getting the Schoox system to allow two-year certifications for our group by May==. ==Sounds like from this this hasn't happened so Cheryle will follow up with Praed.==</li></ul> | |
| Vignettes: Praed thinks with our own vignettes testing will be more effective and less frustrating for users. Praed has requested that Vermont engage in writing two of our own testing vignettes. For the 5-22 CANS we need to identify some volunteers who can draft Vermont vignettes and score them using our CANS. April and her team will then work with us to refine them, and make sure we're all on the same page about why things are scored certain ways. The new vignettes will eventually be put into our state's final. | **0-5 CANS Vignettes:**<ul><li>Heather Wilson did this for the 0-5 CANS (thank you, Heather!) and is finalizing the rationale for the scoring sheets.</li><li>Once that is all complete, Cheryle will submit these to Praed.</li></ul>**5-22 CANS:**<ul><li>Melisa has some she used for a train the trainer she will send. Jen offered to look at it and score it as well. Folks can review and send feedback to Melisa. Thank you, Melisa!!!</li></ul>**Test tips:**<ul><li>Some folks find printing the vignettes to have as reference during the test is helpful.</li><li>Discussed it would be helpful in our vignettes to mention all items from the CANS so folks aren't just reading just looking to see if something is missing.</li><li>It can feel like folks are just practicing how to take the test and pass rather than understanding fidelity to the tool and how to score.</li><li>One agency has someone sit with each person when they take the test for the first time to support them.</li><li>One tip folks share with test takers is to read the vignette that if it isn't talked about put a 0 for need or a 3 for strength; and then only go back if it's mentioned.</li></ul> | |
| Wrap Up and Next Steps | Next meeting on September 1st | |

| Billing Criteria | Minimum Clinical Documentation Required | Encounter Data to Support Clinical Documentation | Provider Qualifications |
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| **B01 – Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths Assessment (CANS 0-5 & CANS 5-22)** | | | |
| **Target Population:**<br><br>Children, Ages 0-22<br><br>**Minimum duration for payment:**<br>N/A (session based / untimed)<br><br>**Qualifying Encounter**<br>Yes | **Vermont CANS Requirements**<br><br>- Resiliency<br>- Anxiety<br>- Depression<br>- Oppositional<br>- Anger Control<br>- Family / Family Relationships<br>- Impulsivity / Hyperactivity<br>- Adjustment to Trauma<br>- Caregiver Knowledge<br>- Suicidal Thought / Behaviors<br>- Self-Injury<br><br>**Required at:**<br>- Initial Assessment<br>- Every 6 months while the client remains enrolled in services. | **Chronological log of all assessment services provided**<br><br>Qualified providers may only use this code to document time spent face-to- face or telemedicine providing clinical assessment services to an individual.<br><br>All encounter data must include:<br>-Client Identification<br>-Name of Service<br>-Staff Providing Service<br>-Date of Service<br>-Duration of Service<br>-Location of Service | PRAED Foundation Certified Provider<br><br>*Supervised Billing Requirements Apply* |

**Here is the list of case-rate qualifying codes:**

MMIS CPT/HCPCS Procedure Codes and MSR Category Cross Walk

**MENTAL HEALTH CASE RATE QUALIFYING CODES**

| MSR CATEGORY | ASSOCIATED MMIS ENCOUNTER CODES |
|---|---|
| A01 | H2017 |
| A01 | T1017 Howard Center ARCH |
| B01 | H2015 |
| B01, B02 | H2014 |
| B01 | H2000 |
| E01-E05 | 99212 |
| E01-E05 | 90791 |
| E01-E05 | 90792 |
| E01-E05 | 90832 |
| E01-E05 | 90834 |
| E01-E05 | 90837 |
| E01-E05 | 90846 |
| E01-E05 | 90847 |
| E01-E05 | 90853 |
| E01-E05 | 99202 |

| MSR CATEGORY | ASSOCIATED MMIS ENCOUNTER CODES |
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| E01-E05 | 99203 |
| E01-E05 | 99204 |
| E01-E05 | 99205 |
| E01-E05 | 99213 |
| E01-E05 | 99214 |
| E01-E05 | 99215 |
| E01-E05 | 99241 |
| E01-E05 | 99242 |
| E01-E05 | 99243 |
| E01-E05 | 99244 |
| E01-E05 | 99245 |
| E01-E05 | H0031 |
| E01-E05 | H2010 |
| E01-E05 | 90833 |
| E01-E05 | 90836 |
| E01-E05 | 90838 |
| G01 | 90839 |

| MSR CATEGORY | ASSOCIATED MMIS ENCOUNTER CODES |
|---|---|
| E01-E05 | 97151 |
| E01-E05 | 97152 |
| G02 | H0046 |
| H02-H03 | T2038 |
| E05 | 99366 |
| E05 | 99367 |
| E01 | H0001 |
| E01-E05 | H0004 |
| E04 | H0005 |
| B01 | H0040 Pathways Only |
| B01 | H2019 |
| B01 | H2020 |
| B01 | H2032 |
| E01 | 96130 |
| E01 | 96136 |