

Meeting Minutes-State Interagency Team Meeting

Thursday, January 27, 2022

2:00-3:30

Location: Microsoft Teams

System of Care Priorities:

1. Utilize the Residential Analysis Report to increase the number of children, youth and families served in community settings by investing in community-based supports and focusing on mobile response efforts in Vermont.
2. Continue supporting funding structures that are coordinated and streamlined to the highest extent possible across AHS departments moving away from fee-for-service funding and toward value-based payments.
3. Support statewide services being streamlined and coordinated during and after the pandemic.

Present: Cheryle Wilcox, Barb Joyal, Adam Poulin, Karen Price, Amy Lincoln Moore, Suzanne Legare Belcher, Laurel Omland, Rachel Wassel, Keith Williams, Alicia Hanrahan, Diane Bugbee, Beth Sausville, Danielle Bragg, Kheya Ganguly, Melanie D’Amico, Karen Price

Regrets: Dana Robson

Agenda Item	Discussion Notes	Next Steps
<p>Reviewing updates from last month any major updates we all need to know about related to our System of Care (e.g. staffing changes, new programming)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane introduced Rachel as her replacement, new Division Director – Jennifer Garabedian, new public safety specialist Robert Nelson • Cheryle – VT Prog for Quality Health Care – putting together activity kids for kids waiting in ER’s for placements – based on age groups , which will include the brochure SIT created a few years ago and recently updated: Brochure can be found at: https://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/sites/mhnew/files/documents/Services/ES/Emergency_Brochure_REV5.pdf • Suzanne shared that they have Sarah Truckle leading their team and the Vermont Chronic Care Initiative • Keith – lots of testimony re: CCSI about the PCC’s, shared link in chat - also here is a link to the brochure: https://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd-blog/updates-child-development-division-0 • Adam - passing the torch to Deb Forett, folks being deactivated from COVID work, working on service coordination, getting back to full capacity 	

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<p><i>, policy changes, fiscal, workforce challenges and planning, legislative outcomes)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurel – still lots of kids sitting in ED’s waiting for beds, Howard Ctr had been running M-F, expanding to Sat now, hopeful to get back to 24/7 care, talking with NFI for hospital diversion programs, greatest need is adolescents, conversation with Retreat around gaps for this population, one of many programs hit with COVID so couldn’t take kids for a week or so; exploring mobile crisis in VT, gathering info and starting to move • Karen – Pam leaving VFN at the end of Feb, board looking for replacement, looking for parent reps in 3 areas, good applicants, having parents do testimony for MH day at legislature, theme from parents about kids at school around absenteeism and truancy, lots of school-based anxiety this year • Barb – Foster Care – added enhanced rate for families of COVID positive kid in care, pandemic effects on retaining caregivers, a few proposals before legislature for foster parents, lots of marketing and media work • Amy - same thing with CSP’s and truancy – getting these in, some schools more flexible than others • Alicia – Home schooling numbers up again – 3900, nothing crazy, bill before leg to work on home school language • Danielle – new Commissioner at DHVA Andrea De La Bruere started in January, potential candidate for CMO • Kheya – created training on Trauma Responsive Supervision, great reception, done 3-4 so far, open to anyone • Beth – gave update on submitted prevention plan and the ongoing ask to this group around forward thinking and planning 	
<p>System of Care Report Preview and Discuss</p>	<p>Cheryle shared report, some points of clarification, organization, info graphics, etc.</p>	<p>Tomorrow it will be shown to the Act 264 Board and then pending DMH Commissioner approval it will be going out broadly and posted on IFS website.</p>
<p>Wrap Up and Next Steps</p>	<p>Diane’s last mtg – bids farewell. You will be greatly missed!</p>	

