

**OMHSAS Advisory Committee
1/6/11 Children’s Committee
Meeting Outcomes**

<u>Agenda Items</u>	<u>Major Discussion Points/Decisions</u>	<u>Follow-up Needed and Person(s) Responsible</u>
Welcome and Introductions	Co-chair Bernadette Bianchi welcomed everyone. Sharon Smith was not able to attend. Bernadette explained the meeting schedule for this year, alternating between all-day individual committee meetings and meetings split between individual committees and the joint committee. Everyone introduced themselves.	
Approval of Meeting Outcomes	The outcomes of November 4, 2010 were approved .	
Youth Subcommittee Update	Rochelle ___ and Savannah ___ reported on various items discussed by the committee: peer support specialist, LGBTQI issues, recruiting more members for the youth subcommittee (developing marketing materials, etc.). They also noted that the subcommittee has decided not to pursue the question of when transition age begins and ends (as reported at the last meeting).	
Feedback on HealthChoices and Mandated Reported Web-Ex Presentations	Members who participated in the WebEx presentations found them helpful. The HealthChoices topic could have used more time. Suggestions for the future: Generate questions that weren’t able to be answered for a future presentation; post materials online; allow more time. There was also a request for a helpful, reader-friendly piece that describes HealthChoices contracts.	More WebEx presentations; reader-friendly description of HC contracts (OMHSAS)
RTF Regulation Discussion	<p>Stan Mrozowski facilitated discussion of the proposed regulations, describing the process of developing the regulations and managing the comments on the proposed regs, etc. He also shared preliminary results of a survey of other states regarding their PRTFs. Committee members expressed various concerns with the regulations from provider, county, parent and youth perspectives.</p> <p>The committee approved a motion (Wendy Luckenbill moved, Paulette Hunter seconded) to form a “Building Bridges for Youth” workgroup to monitor the implementation of and provide oversight for</p>	Volunteers needed for workgroup

	<p>the recommendations of the continuum of care workgroup and the changes being suggested by the proposed RTF regulations. Committee members are invited to join the new workgroup.</p> <p>“Money follows the person” initiative: Scott Talley reported on the “money follows the person” initiative, for youth who have been in an RTF for more than 90 days and are transitioning out. High fidelity wraparound is being used with these youth. The federal consultant for this initiative is Sherry Peters (former children’s bureau division chief now with the National Technical Assistance Center). The state’s proposal to the federal government has been approved, and a staff position will be available through these federal funds.</p>	(OMHSAS)
Call for Change	The most recent revision of the goals document was distributed. The package of three documents (goals and strategies; goals, strategies, action steps and responsibility/timeline; supporting background paper) will soon be finalized, packaged together, and posted online. The document will be the vehicle for children’s bureau reporting to the advisory committee. The goals will be assigned to committee workgroups.	Workgroups to monitor progress on implementation of goals
Discussion with Acting Deputy Secretary Sherry Snyder	<p>Sherry Snyder joined the committee to share updates and answer questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She met with DPW transition committee. Among the highest priorities to be considered in the first 90-180 days of the incoming administration are addressing fraud and abuse and considering cost-containment initiatives. She mentioned the RTF regs, about which there was positive discussion and concerns about the impact on the system as a whole. Members asked questions about the status of various initiatives and structures in the new administration, such as LGBTQI, the current advisory structure, what budget and personnel cuts might be necessary in light of the shortfall, the “permanency” of the children’s bureau, the behavioral health carve-out in HealthChoices. Regarding the proposed new Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs: On the one hand it feels like a step back from integration; however, the intent is to have people come together which will be good if it works • In response to a question about how to advocate more effectively for children and families, Sherry suggested putting faces to the issues to make them more real, choose battles because every issue can’t be a crisis, offer realistic potential solutions, don’t talk in terms of entitlements, emphasize evidence-based and promoting practices. 	
Presentation on System of Care and	Karen Mallah, Crystal Karenchak and Marsha Banks presented, providing some history and background on systems of care and current progress on implementing the grant. Committee members requested the	Copy of PowerPoint for

High-Fidelity Wraparound	PowerPoint.	position on PAREcovery (OMHSAS)
Pending Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidentiality • Bulletin list (Paulette's concern)—list of draft bulletins that are out for review available for committee members; also list of pending legislation • Status of workgroups? 	
Members in Attendance	Bernadette Bianchi; Darlene Black; Dianna Brocious; Maria DeFelice; Shelley Dorfi; Lisa Fox; Sandra Goetze; Paulette Hunter; Crystal Karenchak; Wendy Luckenbill; Sallie Lynagh; Gloria McDonald; Deb Neifert; Connell O'Brien; Deb Ormsby; Tom Seben; Elizabeth Starks; Jodi Wilson	
Next meeting	**April 7, 2011	