

**OMHSAS Advisory Committee  
November 5, 2009  
Children's Committee  
Meeting Outcomes**

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Major Discussion Points/Decisions</b>	<b>Follow-up Needed and Person(s) Responsible</b>
Welcome and Introductions	Mary Ann Donovan and Bernadette Bianchi, co-chairs, welcomed all to the meeting, and everyone introduced themselves.	
Approval of Meeting Outcomes	The meeting outcomes of September 3, 2009 were approved— motion by Shelley Dorfi, second by Deb Neifert	
Youth Subcommittee Update	Derrick Carter reported. New members have joined the committee. Other members are invited to join the conference call for the peer specialist curriculum committee that is developing a training on peer specialists for transition-age youth, comparable to adult training. Youth subcommittee meetings are now open to sunshine members, but folks need to RSVP; the meeting is held the night before the advisory committee.	
OMHSAS Updates	<p>Stan Mrozowski reported, along with others.</p> <p><b>Act 62:</b> Sherry Peters reported that implementation has gone relatively smoothly. We've heard about but haven't seen evidence of denials. About 500 children with autism transitioned in July, and about 2000 more will transition in January. So far there have been no external appeals. A survey is being developed to track appeals, as well as a survey to determine the provider perspective on progress on implementation of Act 62. Sherry requested input from provider organizations (PCPA and PCCYFS) regarding the right questions to ask. A sample survey will be sent to advisory to make sure we are asking for the right information. The final survey will not be sent to family members because of confidentiality issues. In response to a question regarding keeping parents informed of what they are entitled to, it was noted that Act 62 applies only to children with autism and the autism community around the state is very active and communicates well with its constituency. Concern was also expressed about whether the foster and kinship care communities are plugged into</p>	

	<p>the autism and disability communities.</p> <p><b>Youth and Family Training Institute:</b> Shannon Fagan distributed a summary report distributed, noting that in the first year they have learned a lot! There are currently 144 active families (involved in one of the four processes of high-fidelity wraparound: engagement, planning, implementation, transition). Shannon described the different parts of the process as well as the roles of the different team members (coaches, facilitators, family support partners, youth support partners). There are two coaches already credentialed—Pennsylvania is the fastest state in the nation to have coaches credentialed. The five original counties were Allegheny, Chester, Erie, Fayette, Lehigh and Montgomery, with Beaver and Montgomery recently added. Shannon noted that the December CASSP newsletter will focus on high-fidelity wraparound.</p> <p><b>Early Childhood Mental Health:</b> Connell O’Brien reported. Currently each of the three workgroups is developing an action plan for implementing the recommendations presented to DPW in September. The next advisory committee meeting is December 1, at which time the action plans will be reviewed. The committee will present a progress report to Richman in January. A question was raised about a recent bulletin on early intervention assessment and evaluation tools.</p> <p><b>Social networking update:</b> Stan reported that we are investigating alternatives that don’t threaten confidentiality and make people vulnerable to exploitation. Perhaps we could use of LinkedIn which has more safeguards built in. However, it was noted that more people are on Facebook and MySpace, for example, than LinkedIn, so we would not be “meeting people where they are.”</p>	<p>OMHSAS to follow up on nature of early intervention bulletin referenced</p>
<p>Workgroup Meetings</p>	<p>The workgroups did not meet but minutes from previous meetings were distributed.</p>	
<p>Data Strategy for 2009-2011</p>	<p>Mike Jeffrey reported; he distributed and reviewed “An OMHSAS Data Strategy for Fiscal Years 2009-2011.” Mike invited comments and questions to be sent to him at <a href="mailto:mjeffrey@state.pa.us">mjeffrey@state.pa.us</a>.</p>	

	<p>Mike also noted the opportunity to join the workgroup to develop a consumer satisfaction instrument. Meetings would occur monthly for about six months, perhaps using WebEx. Contact Nancy Stadler at <a href="mailto:nstadler@state.pa.us">nstadler@state.pa.us</a> for more information, plus there will be a listserve announcement soon. Participation by children's folks will be very important.</p>	<p>OMHSAS to send listserve announcement inviting participation in workgroup</p>
<p>Governor's Office of Health Care Reform</p>	<p>Susan Anderson, Senior Advisor, Office of the Governor, presented on the Pennsylvania Health Information Exchange (PHIX)—Prescription for Pennsylvania (Rx for PA), the use of electronic medical records/electronic health records. As a result of the federal Health Information Technology Act, \$17 million is available from federal government to launch this project. She requested comments on such issues as governance, funding and privacy. What advice does OMHSAS want to drive this particular process?</p> <p>There was a request for the PowerPoint presentation to be distributed to committee members. Comments and questions can be sent to Susan at <a href="mailto:suanderson@state.pa.us">suanderson@state.pa.us</a>. Web site: <a href="http://www.ohcr.state.pa.us">www.ohcr.state.pa.us</a>. Comments on the strategic plan available should be sent to <a href="mailto:ra-PHIXstrategicplan@state.pa.us">ra-PHIXstrategicplan@state.pa.us</a> by December 21, 2009.</p>	<p>OMHSAS to investigate the availability of the PowerPoint presentation and whether it can be distributed to committee members</p>
<p>Utilization Data</p>	<p>Brenda Uhler distributed the utilization data report for fiscal year 06-07 for children's services—numbers of children by age, race and gender and by type of service. Questions were noted regarding the low data on drug and alcohol and whether there is any data on children who may have come in through the child welfare or juvenile justice systems. Questions should be directed to Brenda at <a href="mailto:buhler@state.pa.us">buhler@state.pa.us</a>.</p>	
<p>Call for Change</p>	<p>Stan distributed two handouts, "Call for Change" and SAMHSA Logic Model for "Transforming Children's Mental Health Care in America." A Call for Change document for children is being prepared by Mercer Consulting, using the model of the adult system's Call for Change document. A draft will be ready for review at the March 2010 advisory committee meeting.</p>	
<p>Next meeting</p>	<p>Darlene Black, OCYF issued an invitation to apply to become part of a Citizen Review Panel. A brochure was also distributed</p>	

	The next meeting is on January 7, 2010.	
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