

**OMHSAS Advisory Committee
4/7/11 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 Sharon Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Bernadette Bianchi was not able to attend. Everyone introduced themselves.	
Approval of Meeting Outcomes	The outcomes of January 6, 2011 were approved , with the note that full names for the youth subcommittee need to be added to the list of attendees (Rachelle Zekler and Savannah Logsdon-Breakstone) along with the names of the Persons in Recovery representatives. Also, Sandy Goetze's name is misspelled.	
Meeting Expense Reimbursement	Stan Mrozowski addressed the issue of OMHSAS no longer being able to reimburse for travel expenses or overnight lodging for committee members. Alternatives discussed included more frequent phone calls, and video-conferencing or WebEx. It was noted that youth especially are affected by the new policy and would benefit from carpooling or offers of train tickets, etc.	
Transition-Age Youth Subcommittee Update	Alex Knapp reported. The subcommittee membership has been capped at 10 (eight members, two mentors). Conference call meeting last night. Questioning ongoing involvement. Looking for people to sponsor individual youth. Perhaps some SAMHSA funding for youth involvement. More emphasis on housing issues. Alex nominated for a mentorship role on the committee. Reviewed Call for Change document; looking to set up a workgroup to deal with the transition goal. New protocol distributed, with amendments due to the fiscal environment for no longer than one year. Mentors will be voting members, who have previously been members of the committee. Commendation from the children's advisory for not allowing fiscal restraints to delay getting the work done that they consider so important. Alex walked the committee through the document. Sally moved to approve, Crystal seconded. Unanimously approved. Important to hear different voices, so some concern that certain people could be voted out. Age range question: what about individuals with developmental disabilities who are chronologically out of the age range but developmentally within it.	
Persons in Recovery	Committee met this morning. Also membership numbers have been frozen, which should be discussed, especially if someone is willing to come at no cost to the state. Have been working on a mission	

<p>OMHSAS Updates</p>	<p>statement.</p> <p>Stan Mrozowski reported, using a slide presentation (which was posted at www.parecovery.org)</p> <p>National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day reminder, May 3, 2011</p> <p>System of Care update. There will be a retreat in May. We have applied for a technical assistance grant on how to expand the the project statewide. There is also an opportunity for a planning grant from SAMHSA for expanding systems of care; 46 awards will be made.</p> <p>High Fidelity Wraparound: Ten counties are involved so far, including five System of Care counties. More than 500 youth have been served since 2008. We are also working with the BHMCOs to expand high fidelity wraparound to more rural counties.</p> <p>Money Follows the Person Initiative: Pennsylvania applied to be approved for funds from Medicaid to assist youth moving from RTFs; the administrative funds will be used to train in HFW. The plan is to start serving 20 youth in 2011, working with counties with the highest use of RTFs. A suggestion was made to schedule a WebEx sometime on this initiative.</p> <p>Stan also noted that there has been a decrease of 1,627 licensed beds in the past two years; the total is now 2,461, which is still double the capacity of any other state. There is some anecdotal evidence that inpatient rates are increasing..</p> <p>Budget update: Stan reported that there has been a \$30 million reduction in expenses for RTFs in last two years, and OMHSAS is planning to continue reduction in RTF use as cost-containment measure. There was a question as to whether there are appropriate services available for those discharged from RTFs. In addition, cost containment options for BHRS include streamlining administrative requirements, defining appropriate use of TSS, developing “group TSS,” reviewing financing structures so there are no incentives to over-subscribe, etc. OMHSAS should be able to find \$10 million in savings without affecting quality.</p>	
<p>Workgroup Reports</p>	<p>The three workgroups met for about half an hour and then briefly reported back to the full committee:</p> <p>Youth and Family: collected data regarding county family support groups—about half of all counties currently have some sort of support group.</p> <p>Public Health: using the Georgetown document to try to focus work (promote, prevent, treat, re/claim). The workgroup spent most of the time talking about how to work at promoting wellness and positive mental health, given that other parts of the children’s mental health system address prevention and</p>	

	<p>treatment. The group discussed various ways to disseminate information and resources to promote social and emotional wellness through existing websites, other professional organizations, other state offices, etc.</p> <p>Cross-Systems: working to link to other systems' websites and getting back on track with strategies in the Call for Change document.</p>	
Pending Issues	<p>Confidentiality Bulletin list (Paulette's concern)—list of draft bulletins that are out for review available for committee members; also list of pending legislation Phone conference for HealthChoices Managed Behavioral Health Care—overview and discussion; also possibility of pulling together representatives of MCOs to discuss their initiatives and compare programs/services Status of workgroups?</p>	
Members in Attendance	<p>Jazmin Banks; Maria DeFelice; Shelly Dorfi; Jim Gavin; Sandy Goetze; Paulette Hunter; Crystal Karenchak; Sallie Lynagh; Gloria McDonald; Jenna Mehnert; Deb Neifert; Connell O'Brien; Deb Ormsby; Arlene Prentice; Sharon Smith; Elizabeth Starks; Jodi Wilson; Alex Knapp (Youth Rep); Maureen Feeny-Brynes (PIR Rep); Ronald Owen (PIR Rep)</p>	
Next meeting	<p>June 9, 2011</p>	