

**OMHSAS Advisory Committee  
9/1/11 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-chairs Bernadette Bianchi and Sharon Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.	
Approval of Meeting Outcomes	The meeting outcomes of June 9, 2011 were approved—Crystal Karenchak moved, Deb Neifert seconded.	
Youth Subcommittee Update	New reimbursement policy distributed. Discussion of provisions, especially expecting that family members/youth pay for hotel charges up front. Also, are tolls included in reimbursement, even though policy doesn't necessarily say that. Members invited to send e-mail questions to Lu Conser.	
Persons in Recovery Subcommittee Update	Ron Owen reported. The subcommittee has met twice since the last advisory meeting—by teleconference and this morning. September is Focus on Recovery Month.	
Family Involvement in PA System of Care Partnership	<p>Crystal Karenchak reported. Pennsylvania is rolling out systems of care differently than other states. Family and youth are part of advisory/leadership teams in equal numbers in all SOC counties. At the Year 2 site visit, the investigators saw that family and youth involvement is not token, but very real; they came to Harrisburg and Montgomery County, and also met with 27 family and youth members privately (who have gone through the HFW process).</p> <p>Committee members requested a one-page report on a quarterly basis, to help understand the intersection of systems of care and high-fidelity wraparound. Karen Mallah will organize a conference call with advisory committee advocate and family members to help answer questions; she will send out a meeting notice for a WebEx event.</p>	<p>One-page quarterly report of progress in each county and intersection with HFW (OMHSAS, SOC Partnership) WebEx event to be scheduled (Karen Mallah)</p>

<p>Youth and Family Training Institute Update</p>	<p>Shannon Fagan reported and distributed a packet of information about the Institute's new website, training numbers, etc. A family survey is being distributed in three counties—a combination of data collection and satisfaction. Shannon also showed a video of a family member talking about the success of HFW. The video may be available for posting on <a href="http://parecovery.org">parecovery.org</a>. In response to a question about how to make HFW more than a pilot project, Shannon noted that the current counties are participating voluntarily and testing HFW for fidelity, cost and outcomes; the Institute is also working in conjunction with the PA System of Care Partnership. In addition, the Institute is monitoring families after they transition out of HFW to track outcomes, etc.</p>	
<p>Family Involvement and the Juvenile Justice System</p>	<p>Wendy Luckenbill reported. She highlighted the work of family members to provide input to the juvenile justice system. Regional forums have been held in several counties with family members and JJ folks, attended by more than 200 people. Curriculum on family involvement in the JJ system has been piloted in three counties, and it has been adopted by the Center for Juvenile Justice and Training at Shippensburg University for juvenile probation officers—first in the nation to have this kind of training. Eventually, the curriculum will be adapted for others, including public defenders, judges, social workers, etc. E-mail Wendy (<a href="mailto:wluck@comcast.net">wluck@comcast.net</a>) with further questions.</p> <p>*Meeting format request: committee members feel that it would be helpful to have more time for discussion of systems change issues like SOC, HFW, and family involvement in the JJ system.</p>	
<p>OMHSAS Updates</p>	<p>Stan Mrozowski reported. Handout distributed</p> <p><b>System of Care Partnership:</b> Karen Mallah gave an overview of the Year 2 site evaluation. Chester, Erie, York, Montgomery, Lehigh are initial counties. OMHSAS applied in June for a planning grant from SAMHSA for how to take SOC statewide, and should find out soon whether we received the grant, since it scheduled to take effect in October [yes, we did!]. The plan is to have six regional planning groups come together to discuss what it will take to implement a SOC, plus a group for developing and supporting youth and a group for families. .</p> <p><b>BHRS:</b> The current DPW budget requires additional savings in BHRS, so OMHSAS is looking at various options. Direct any questions or comments to Courtney Coover (<a href="mailto:ccoover@pa.gov">ccoover@pa.gov</a>).</p> <p><b>RTF regulations:</b> Contact Scott Talley with questions (<a href="mailto:stalley@pa.gov">stalley@pa.gov</a>)</p>	

	<p><b>Family-Based Mental Health Services:</b> Contact Deb Hardy with questions (<a href="mailto:dehardy@pa.gov">dehardy@pa.gov</a>)</p> <p><b>Co-payment issue:</b> Current DPW plans are to require co-payment for children’s mental health services for anyone above 200% of the poverty level, with a cap per family of 5% of income. It is still unknown how many families this would involve. This policy needs to be put in place for this fiscal year (2011-2012). Committee members raised various questions and issues. Contact Stan with additional individual questions (<a href="mailto:smrozowski@pa.gov">smrozowski@pa.gov</a>).</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>Bernadette Bianchi; Darlene Black; Dianna Brocious; Maria DeFelice; Shelly Dorfi; Jim Gavin; Sandy Goetze; Keith Graybill; Paulette Hunter; Crystal Karenchak; Wendy Luckenbill; Sallie Lynagh; Gloria McDonald; Jenna Mehnert; Deb Neifert; Connell O’Brien; Sharon Smith LeGore; Elizabeth Starks</p>	
Next meeting	<p>November 3, 2012</p>	