

**OMHSAS Advisory Committee  
6/9/11 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	<p>Co-chairs Sharon Smith and Bernadette Bianchi welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.</p> <p>Deb Neifert recommended moved that a unanimous ballot be case to re-elect Bernadette Bianchi as co-chair of the committee for another term. The motion was <b>approved</b>.</p>	
Approval of Meeting Outcomes	<p>The outcomes of April 7, 2011 were <b>approved</b>.</p>	
Transition-Age Youth Subcommittee Update	<p>Doris Arena reported for the subcommittee in the absence of any youth members. Alex Knapp has been appointed as a mentor for subcommittee members. There are new applicants for membership, but there are also funding issues to support members. The subcommittee is working on the Call for Change, which includes securing funding for youth to participate in advisory committees, etc. Doris asked people to contact her if they can help youth with transportation to meetings; she will send out a list of counties where youth are from (there is also a membership list posted on PARRecovery.org). Doris also reported that a webinar was held with youth recently during which they used the chatting function frequently during meeting. A meeting is planned with the OMHSAS housing specialist to talk about housing issues for transition-age youth. Work continues on the curriculum for certified youth peer specialist services, with research showing the effectiveness of a team approach rather than individual (person-to-person).</p>	
Persons in Recovery Subcommittee	<p>Ron Owen reported. While there is a good nucleus of members, participation has been affected by budget limitations for committee work. Next steps include preparing for a focus on recovery at September joint meeting.</p>	
Discussion with OMHSAS Deputy Secretary	<p>Sherry Snyder offered time for open discussion on a variety of issues. She responded to concerns regarding changes in reimbursement protocols for the advisory committee, noting that even though we can't go back to the way it was, OMHSAS might be able to provide some assistance. Family members expressed feeling that they were being devalued when funding for committee participation was</p>	

	<p>decreased. Sherry also expressed ongoing support for the Call for Change document, and encouraged the committee to frame the work in ways that will clearly articulate how kids will improve and have better outcomes. She referred to DPW Secretary Gary Alexander’s budget goals which are available on <a href="http://PARRecovery.org">PARRecovery.org</a></p>	
OMHSAS Updates	<p>Stan Mrozowski reported, using a PowerPoint presentation which will be posted on <a href="http://PARRecovery.org">PARRecovery.org</a>. Topics covered included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decrease in expenditures for Therapeutic Staff Support (while BHRS expenditures in general have increased)</li> <li>• Decline in use of residential treatment facilities</li> <li>• Family-Based Mental Health Services</li> <li>• Evidence-based programs (the statewide map of EBPs has added Parent-Child Interaction Therapy, in addition to Functional Family Therapy, High-Fidelity Wraparound, Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care, and Multisystemic Therapy)</li> <li>• Application for a SAMHSA planning grant to expand systems of care and High-Fidelity Wraparound</li> <li>• Respite (some counties received additional respite funds based on their having been able to spend 95% of their funds through the third quarter and what they said they could spend by the end of June)</li> <li>• The Money-Follows-the-Person initiative for youth coming out of RTFs is still in planning stages.</li> </ul>	
Brainstorming for Reimbursement for Committee Members	<p>Based on a proposed schedule of five meetings a year, three of which will probably be face-to-face and the other two by Web-Ex, below are some options discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per diem, mileage and hotel—and various combinations</li> <li>• Move the meeting around to other parts of the state</li> <li>• Four meetings; two in Harrisburg, one east and one west</li> <li>• Four meetings in Harrisburg, reimbursement beyond 50 miles, \$25 stipend toward hotel room</li> <li>• Web-ex possibilities for those who aren’t able to travel</li> <li>• Child Welfare Training Center as possible venue</li> </ul>	
Workgroups	<p>The three workgroups met for about an hour.</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</p>	

	possibility of pulling together representatives of MCOs to discuss their initiatives and compare programs/services Status of workgroups?	
Members in Attendance	Bernadette Bianchi; Darlene Black; Maria DeFelice; Lisa Fox; Jim Gavin; Keith Graybill; Sandy Goetze; Paulette Hunter; Crystal Karenchak; Wendy Luckenbill; Sallie Lynagh; Gloria McDonald; Deb Neifert; Connell O'Brien; Deb Ormsby; Sharon Smith	
Next meeting	September 1, 2011	