

MINUTES

Medicaid and Kids Meeting
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South

Denver, CO 80246

August 14, 2013

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Introductions: Carol Meredith, Heather Marrow, Linda Colangelo, Corinne Lipski, Alicia Maestas, Jennifer Brodis, Erika Walczak, Lois Jacobs, Christy Blakely, Genene Duran, Sheila Peil, Shannon Zimmerman, Candace Bailey, Meredith Henry, Pam Bisceglia

***Follow up: Candace to send updated HCBS waiver chart**

Agenda items:

1. Waivers (children's) Update

- a. Children's Waiver (Lois Jacobs)- Currently 84 on waiting list, Children's committee to meet monthly. Working on crating a Katie Beckett Option for this waiver (TEFRA Option). There is a letter for income levels in clearance. This letter will be sent to all families receiving the Children's Medical Waiver. The hope is to create a sliding fee premium for the Children's Wavier, as there is an inequitable situation with the Buy In of families with higher income not paying for the Children's Waiver while families with less income, paying premiums for access to Medicaid through the buy in.
- b. Discussion about specific counties needing training. Family Voices has a presence on the western slope and Colleen R. should be utilized to assist families.
- c. Discussion of having waiver information (a poster) in many locations for families to read- suggested places: laundry, preschools, peds/clinics, county offices, food banks, Wal-Mart, Pharmacies, grocery stores.
- d. HCPF is looking at combining the AIDS Waiver & the EBD. Impact to children low.
- e. CES Waiver-(Sheila Peil)- CES is processing 75 kids per month onto the waiver. There is enough\$\$ to reduce waitlists. Working to reduce all kids up to June 30, 2013 on the waiver list. Understanding the criteria for these kids is important. Use the guide of what is done for a child that is NOT done for typical child at same age and stage. (the child at 2 does not get as many points as a child at 7, as the child at 2 has parents doing for them anyway. The child at 7 if not able to toilet or dress, would receive more points in criteria.)
- f. Concern was shared by committee of knowledge about families not receiving the same access to benefits if family taking on children versus a foster care or other placement. It was noted that families adopting kids do not receive Medicaid as a component of the adoption unless the family

knows to request it! How to do better education? The other party to be involved should be Adoption Exchange 303-755-4756

- g. Gap Analysis- Carol Meredith identified the concerns for lack of support services for kids with DD and MH concerns and the lack of placements. This discussion also shared that out of the Austin Commission 2009 work was the study of a gap analyses. The work is to identify crisis intervention or the lack of it in CO. The strategic plan created subcommittees, one of which is the CAN DO and meets quarterly this subcommittee is also working on Pediatric DD & MH. The link in both English and Spanish has been shared, please share this information widely! JBC funded the gap analysis at \$50K. The process is moving forward but there is a need to get it out to providers and others. The identification which everyone acknowledged was one of a structural problem in CO to have police come to house, child is sent to ER and then sent home, repeat.
- h. Historically a Step Down Unit was funded through HCPF to create a placement of kids with high behavior needs and some medical needs along with kids that have medical needs but no longer needing a hospital level for long-term care. This unit was authorized and a great deal of research went into this unit. Folks are unsure who and where the project is to date.
- i. Discussion about finding families recently that were placed on Autism Waiver but not on CES, when criteria was met! The discussion included identifying the need to not just talk to families but provide the waiver information on ALL waivers and mark the ones discussed.
- j. Shelia discussed working with child welfare and working on permanency prevention for out of home placements. This crosses over the work being done by the Children's Advisory, so a recommendation to connect the work was made by committee.
- k. Still unclear if CHRP waiver is moving to HCPF. The CES is in process.
- l. Shannon and Carol shared there is work being done to ensure that under EPSDT, children should receive personal care (unskilled activities). This work is being done at the same time as the Pediatric Assessment Tool is identifying what is and is not covered under home health for children, due to its MEDICAL requirements in CO under the nurse practice act.
- m. Autism Waiver (Candace)Bailey) this waiver was renewed with no changes. There are rule changes coming from 2012 Legislative session. There is a goal to prioritize the waitlist by standardized and norm references tests (Vineland II and SID-R) evaluations. The problem is families must cover cost and otherwise go to the bottom of the list. There is discussion of finding codes for billing evaluation. If one waitlist prior to Nov 1 2013 they will be grandfathered and not be required to prioritize. Eval will take place every 6 months while on the waiver waiting list..
- n. ULTC 100.2 for kids is in clearance! WOOT! There will be training when out.
- o. There is a new waiver chart which should be sent out to all Medicaid & Kids committee members by Candace!

- p. No changes to the Life limiting Illness Waiver (Hospice waiver), up for renewal in 2015. Service redesign is in the works, as it is palliative care not hospice but hospice is what billing is under, so problems with providers being willing. Service access is a problem also and often families are caught in not getting services for 30 days due to lack of providers!

2. Pediatric Acuity Tool:

Update: Overview of skilled tasks (transfers, position, wound care) going through tool with min, moderate to max to evaluate need.

This also is what is being used to identify allowable time.

Using impact such as cognitive, sensory, communication, vision as deficits for impact to skill need.

There is a measure of time is difficult to create a mathematical tool. How to score is current problems. There will be changes as the new tool is only looking at the SKILLED CARE NEEDS.

NEXT Home Health MEETING IS ON Aug 28th 10-12 & SEPT 25 10-11:30.

- a. Formal Appeal proceedings

3. Other:

Gap Analysis Survey: Thank you for your support in sharing our Gap Analysis Survey. We have had an excellent response and are still collecting surveys. Please continue to encourage others to participate in the survey.
<https://redcap.ucdenver.edu/surveys/?s=9UMnVv>

Also, we are excited to announce that the Spanish Translation of the Gap Analysis survey is now active. Please find the invitation letter attached, or the survey may be accessed by clicking this secure link.
<https://redcap.ucdenver.edu/surveys/?s=REm73m>

<p style="text-align: center;">Minutes respectfully submitted by Christy Blakely Sept 11th topic: Panel –CDAS, IHSS, Kids Medicaid, and Children Waivers Oct 9th: Behavioral Health Folks Meeting dates for 2013: Sept 11th, Oct 9th, Nov 13th, and Dec 11th</p>
