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Children's Disability Advisory Meeting
(Formerly known as Medicaid and Kids)
February 12, 2014
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Call in number 720-279-0026
Pin 323983

Meeting purpose:

- Share current issues in children's services

Introductions:

- **Phone:** Shannon Zimmerman, Sam Murillo, Gina Robinson,
- **In Person:** Dennis Roy, Candace Bailey, Jennifer Brodis, Jose' Torres, Geneene Duran, Patricia Fulton, Beverly Hirsekorn, Jenne Mumthali, Carol Meredith, Jeanette Cordova, Christy Blakely
- *** I must apologize to Meredith Henry, as it seems I left her off the list! Sorry!**

Updates and Changes in staffing at HCPF

- Lois Jacobs has retired as of Jan 2014; the CHCBS position will be posted soon.
- Guinevere Blodgett last day is March 14
- Andrea Skuball at HCPF has left. DME is being overseen by Tom Leahey, e-mail is: thomas.leahey@state.co.us.

Agenda items:

Beverly Hirsekorn, Foster Care eligibility

A FAQ's document has been developed and is going through clearance. We hope to add to it and is asking for input for stakeholders.

Note: the first one is for professionals and others assisting the process of locating eligible youth. Going forward there will be one for families and children

A proof letter has been sent out to 4,168 eligibles listed in Trails(Foster Care record keeping system). There is a big problem with accurate and current addresses.

Beverly requests us all to:

PLEASE ask folks to update addresses as they work on accessing the folks who may be eligible.elieigible. This work extends Medicaid for youth having been in foster care or other programs under Medicaid as a minors. Categories which are allowable under federal law and identified by Human Services will be listed on the FAQ.

Youth in CO foster care and whom left prior to age 18 will not eleigible to extend medicaid coverage to age 26.

Kids from other states' foster care, will not be eligbile, as CO has not opted to allow them extended Medicaid access.

Update: Pediatric Assessment Tool (PAT) and new Personal Care Tool

Youth extending Medicaid if over 21 no longer under EPSDT, which goes up to age 21.

CBMS changes don't go into effect until May 2014.

Eligibility letters out to youth and ready to start Jan 1, 2014.

Providers reluctant to use the letter and it is manual until the system is supposed to work in May 2014.

If you know of someone, tell them to update their address with child welfare.

No timelimit. Reinstatement is possible.

All grandfathered unless age 26 or over.

Call Beverly 303-866-6320

Not outreaching yet. Spoken to youth at united way. Communications office but the ask is if you know of someone or help let folks know it is coming. No funds for outreach.

There is a need to reach out to Tenneyson and Mt St Vincent. Talked about the rules, but there is a need to find the many

On Mandatory Medicaid they will receive additional services in LTC.

TALKING Points to fostercare individuals- update your address with Child Welfare:

Coming up make sure you stay connected and keep address updated to get medicaid. Keep it on your radar and be sure it becomes the part of care coordination conversations

If you received a letter take it to your appointments!

We brainstormed contacts to share this information:

Luthern Family Services	Homeless Shelters
Adoption Exchange	Legal Center
Family Resources Centers	Clinics need a letter but tell providers (Rocky mt youth)
Casa's	Planned Parenthood
Jeanette Cordova – an ESP at CDE <i>Yes she eats alphabet soup on every day ending in "y"</i>	Children's- Deb Federspiel public affairs
Foster groups	University Hospital
Parent to Parent	Salud
Guardian AdLidem	Tenneyson
El Grupo Vida	Mt Saint Vincent

Public Health Depts	Denver Health
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****If you have a contact please share the information.**

Updates:

HCPF MOVED: the 303 building at 17th and Grant on the 7th floor , DDD is same location.

-CES Numbers ?? Candace will speak with Sheil Peil

-The Life Limiting Illness Waiver has been approved by CMS as of July 1 increased rates, better services and defined rate are among the changes. Case management training will be in April/ May. Revamping the rules is in the works. CHCBS case management quarterly meeting will be held March 4, at CO Access. If you have issues to be addressed contact Candace. Please refer all buy in issues to Martha Beavers 303-866-3998.

Numbers:

CHCBS waitlist is 60 as of 2-11-14. Hope to be cleared by summer

CLLI has no waitlist, currently

CES ???

Autism 327 waitlist

*Candace on the Autism Waiver- CMS has questions. Evaluations began Jan 1- contract and eval in process. No data currently.

Updates on the buy-in problems

Sam shared that in Oct. families were impacted on how eligibility was working. Since Oct about 100 families have had confusing letters and Maximus and HCPF have been working to get things resolved. MAGI and requiring income continues to be an issue.

If you know of a problem, you must file a **Help Desk Ticket**. If a county is requesting income of parents, this is a parent choice to disclose. Letters are confusing and information is not clear so families call counties and technicians tell them different things.

Other updates

Gina Robinson-We have a new CMS/EPST program administrator, Curtis Volesky has asked for the change to Early Periodic **Diagnostic** and Treatment, still EPST.

KP has an Early Childhood Developmental Clinic-families get a 5 hour eval for copay. Early Intervention is in-house now at KP, to keep costs down and kids services in KP. Clinic began about 10 years ago. KP does cognitive and social skill testing, also.

Personal Care Services and Autism

CCLP, FV and ARC-Work is being done on Autism/behaviors services and EPST ABA-being told different things from CMS. Target for a consistent message.

Advocacy should put pressure on federal level and ask for a consistent ABA message out of CMS. There is a new document out-*hopefully* attached

Christy brought up the issue in HCPF approving IPADs and Jose' shared a contact for DME – Ipad funded call Catherine Katherine- CEO Apple. Jose- EPST personal care collaborative non-medical but needs to have a PAR and non-medical evaluation can be done. Can't authorize a

PAR.

Skilled versus unskilled is still often misunderstood. Christy to follow up.

Jose' and Carol shared the issue of-Skilled versus unskilled, that falls to CNA or a skilled worker. Kids behavioral and autism but don't qualify as it is not medical. Hoping PC services filled through PC benefit.

PAT Update:

Pediatric tool- cuts are happening and there is concern that the new scoring is reducing hours significantly. Carol and theirs will work to get specifics to share with HCPF. Folks shared the evaluations are not being done consistently. Some agencies are: completing the tool and seeing what the response is and then submit documentation after the fact, if needed. This is contrary to recommended, give the most information up front so no questions! There are also concerns that the correct version is being used by all agencies.

Parents are reporting the training was simply reading the new tool! Training was the reading of the tool. Website still has the old tool, shared one parent. **The new one has Feb date.** Families are seeing cuts.

PAT-We needs stories and info to identify the changes in scoring impacting the hours.

Upcoming Meetings

PAT tool Feb 26 9-10:30.

Memorial honoring Senator Ken Gordon on **Tuesday, March 11, 2014.**

Location: Capitol Building; Senate gallery (third floor)

Address: 200 East Colfax Ave., Denver, CO 80203

Date: **Tuesday, March 11, 2014**

Time: 8:45 a.m. Please be seated in the Senate gallery (third floor).

Next Meeting: March 12, 2014, 10-12

Candace Bailey will facilitate , Gina Robinson will present Bright Futures

Sam shared: Family Voices is having a Heart's on Fires happy hour at Diego's downtown. We hope it was a success!

****Suggested agenda items for next meeting?**

Topics for upcoming meetings : ACA and Curtis Volesky CMS EPSDT

Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2014:

10-12 on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

The Snow Room will most probably continue to be our room.

April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, & Dec 10, 2014