

June 2020 State Council Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

- Nikki Jackson – SW Region
- Donna Robel
- Jen Krajewski – Central Region
- Rebecca Stickler
- Flip Grey
- Steph Thull – Northern Region
- Jen Reese
- Renee Soniat
- Lisa Richard
- Tina Long – Northern Region
- Sean Campbell – Central Region
- Erika Chwalik – Eastern Region
- Heather Norton
- Erika Jones-Haskins
- Carly Blake
- Rachel Vamenta
- Stephanie Logan

Introductions and Icebreaker

Crisis

- Presentation by Heather Norton, Assistant Commissioner of DD Services
- Presentation can be found on the drive:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1CCNPr14IWsv8SzxhxVmOg-xkqzzgnRZt?usp=sharing>
- REACH: Regional Education Assessment Crisis Services Habilitation
- Focus on keeping individuals at home
- Behavioral and mental health service needs
- Crisis regions mirror DBHDS regions
- Program began 6-7 years ago
- Used to only be adults, expanded to serve children in past 3 years
- Serve individuals with ID and DD, don't need a waiver
- REACH is not a replacement for family or staff, more of a mentoring program
- Out of home crisis prevention services for children coming soon, prevention
- Prioritization connection: sometimes it is situational and sometimes it is pervasive due to an unmet need. Help individuals and families identify what they may need to keep the crisis from occurring again
- [*See Questions and Answers document for questions asked after the presentation*](#)
- *More information about REACH:*
<http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/developmental-services/Crisis-services>

State Plan

- Draft of Annual Report can be found on the drive:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1CCNPrI4IWsv8SzxhxVmOg-xkqzzgnRZt?usp=sharing>
- The only change is that we added reporting requirements for Peer to Peer and Family to Family
- The following things are noted in the report:
- Funding program
 - o We gave out the last of the dollars
 - o Denials went out
 - o 127 additional people were funded
 - o Satisfaction Survey will come out in July or August for people who receive funds
 - o Prioritization will be presented later on
- Communications
 - o MLMC Launch last year, retooling the site
 - o Waiver waiting list notification
 - o Case management notification
- IFSP Councils
 - o Role of RNCs and new support mechanism
 - o Regional planning/strategic planning
- Family and Peer Supports
 - o Family to Family: outcomes are included in report
 - o Peer to Peer: outcomes coming next year
 - o Now a statement about outcomes in State Plan, goal 2

Prioritization:

- The Prioritization Presentation can be found here
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- 3 pots of money
- State plan: A goal is to create emergency assistance fund
- We are not prepared to discuss logistics yet, still in the works, looking to get public input
- General assistance amount is going down: looks like our current program, but will be the last pot of money to go out
- We have created criteria for an emergency
- What makes emergency different: increasing maximum amount
- **Poll moved to a SC Prioritization Survey (SC should complete):**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C3HLRN3>
- Active service coordination needs: receiving some sort of case management
- What is the State Council role?
 - o Virtual town halls
 - o Suggested SC Regional designees to send the overview email
 - o Central: Jen K.
 - o Eastern: Erika Chwalik
 - o Northern: Steph Thull
 - o SW: Nikki

- We do not plan to open the funding program at the same time as in years past but we will notify people before that
- [See Questions and Answers document for questions asked after the presentation](#)

Regional summaries:

- Congrats! Great job!
- All first round meetings are on YouTube:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu_SPoro0GN-NeTunOQ_HLQ
- Central: First meeting had a presentation about LEAP from Molly Dellinger Wray, next meeting 8/13 from PEATC about Transition University
- Eastern: had a meeting about housing from DBHDS's Kim Rodgers, brought on 2 new council members, next meeting July 20th, Tracy Lee from VDOE, Critical Decision Making presentation
- Northern: First meeting on IEP presentation by Tina Long, next meeting August 22 with a presentation from council member Steph Thull's husband who is a transition teacher
- SW: first meeting on waivers by Mom's in Motion Lauren Sherwood, next meeting Aug 4 "Ask Hank from DOE"
- Western: first meeting on resources, Marie Fraticelli presented on housing, CRAAG and WACS Autism/Special Needs spoke about their organizations, next meeting July 30 on Self care- open to the state and will be advertised soon

Closeout:

- Town hall info coming
- Summer orientation info coming
- We will send out surveys and minutes