

Governor's Autism Council Meeting
Thursday, September 6, 2012

Council Members: Terri Enters, Vivian Hazell, Rose Helms, Milana Millan, Glen Sallows, Pam Stoika, Brad Thompson, Michael Williams

Facilitator: Kris Freundlich

DHS Staff: Julie Bryda, Bill Murray, Maddie Valent, Tracey Brent

Guests: Nan Huai (Wisconsin Early Autism Project)

Members of the Public: Terry Petrenchik (Provider, Ready 2 Live and Learn), Jason Roth (Parent), Jessica Schroeder (Provider, Healthy Connections)

The meeting began shortly after 10 AM.

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Milana Millan made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2012 meeting.
- b. Michael Williams seconded the motion and all approved.

III. CLTS Autism Treatment Waitlist Discussion

The Department shared an example of what a possible change to the waitlist could look like, accompanied by a discussion including options for families while on the waiting list.

The Council approves of the urgency to look at early intervention services for the youngest children based on the research regarding autism treatment, and Vivian Hazell made a motion that the Department continue to pursue the line of investigation, and that the Department continues to inform the Council on their progress. Terri Enters seconded the motion and all approved. The Department will work on a proposal to submit to administration.

IV. Policy Updates

The Department presented draft policy revisions to incorporate changes from the waiver renewal with more current language. In all policies the language referring to 'in-home' therapy has been replaced with the new "EIBI" and "CBI" language.

a. School Services

After consultation with the WI Department of Public Instruction, treatment funded by the CLTS waivers is not allowed while in a school setting, however brief and intermittent consultation is still allowed. The primary

reason behind this has to do with funding streams and inclusion of services on IEPs.

- b. Extensions beyond three years of service
The primary change involves looking at those weeks where providers are paid for a full week of service yet do not deliver the required minimum number of hours of treatment. These weeks will not be weeks included as part of a consideration for an extension.
- c. Transition to Ongoing
Meeting treatment hours for 12 out of 18 months is still a requirement, and the primary change involves modifying language to ensure children eligible for and enrolled in the CLTS waivers can transition to ongoing even if insurance has funded their treatment.
- d. Parental Rights and Responsibilities
The 'ramp-up' period has been extended from 90 days to 150 days. The Department will now also require that counties have on file a letter from the provider acknowledging their willingness to deliver services when the child comes off the waitlist.

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V. Social Skills Training Discussion

There are currently three funding paths for social skills training; treatment providers (SPC 507), daily livings skills (SPC 110), and likely through mentoring (SPC 513). DHS staff presented some of the problems with this, including provider qualifications, and the Council held a discussion on the issue and discussed possible solutions including more training and a better definition of the requirements to provide this service.

Vivian Hazell has conducted her own research on this issue and volunteers to share her findings with the Council.

VI. Line Staff Training Update—Nan Huai, Ph. D.

Dr. Huai provided an update and draft of the core training curriculum for line staff that has been developed with the input of Council members. This will be shared with providers at the next provider meeting in October.

VII. Bureau Updates

The Department is working in collaboration with the Governor's office to help fill vacant seats on the Council. Terri Enters and Brad Thompson have submitted their resignations from the Council, leaving 6 vacancies.

The Children's Long-Term Support Council has recently met and has submitted budget recommendations to the Department. The CLTS Council requests that funding for County Waiver Agencies be made available to provide service coordination for families while on the waiting list for services.

The CLTS Council also requests an increase of \$5 million to serve all children currently on waiting lists.

The Department has started a Youth in Transition initiative which is working in collaboration with other Departments to help inform and assist families with the transition process from children's services to adult services. Transition is included as one of the Department's regional technical assistance topics.

Treatment Intervention Advisory Committee: A brief update on the activities of the TIAC was given by DHS staff, including the need for TIAC information to be available to the public via a DHS website.

- a. Breakdown of numbers:
 - i. As of September 5th, 2012 there are 5,043 children enrolled in the CLTS Waivers.
 - ii. 774 of these children are receiving intensive autism treatment services.
 - iii. 1,639 of these children are receiving ongoing waiver services.
 - iv. There are currently 444 children on the autism treatment waiting list.

Dates for the 2013 Council meetings are as follows:

- January 10, 2013
- April 11, 2013
- July 11, 2013
- October 10, 2013

VIII. Adjourned 2:43 PM