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Cabinet for Health and Family Services

October 12, 2023

10 A.M.-12 P.M., Eastern Time

ICC Members: Elizabeth Schumacher (Norton/UofL), Scott Tomchek (UofL), Beth Jordan (DBHDID), Anne Raispis (Provider), Elizabeth McLaren (Morehead State), Catherine Lowe (Parent Rep), Dr. Judy Theriot (DMS) and Lauren Thomas (private provider).

SLA: Paula Goff, Christina Miller, Kelly Tharpe, Julie Sandifer, Savannah Propst, Melissa Hardison, Tammie Isenberg, Casey Turner, Kathy Long, Shawn Bailey, Monique Hollis, Donna Deal, Colleen Meszaros, Keri Gregory, Karen McCracken, Meagan Preston, Valerie Marshall

COACHING STAFF: Denise Insley, Michele Magness, Serena Wheeler, Minda Kohner-Coogle, Lisa Simpson, Cybil Cheek

POE: Amy Meadows, Angie Casey, Clorissa McConnell, Debbie McLellan, Karen Brooks, Mitzi Helton, Lisa Connor, Hope Rice, Rebecca Alley, Johnna Canter, Barbara Sweeney, Christy Jones, Nancy Combs

Guests: Beth Martin, Caitlin Conley, Catherine Starr, Leigh Ann Roden, Lisa Fulkerson, Steve Brown, Teresa Ryan.

The minutes were approved with no corrections.

SLA=State Lead Agency POE=Point of Entry UofL=University of Louisville KDE=Kentucky Department of Education DBHDID=Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities DMS= Department for Medicaid Services KEDS=Kentucky Early Childhood Data System

SSIP ACTIVITIES

The US Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) proposes additional data for collection in Child Find. This is not feasible due to the current time frame. Most states are not prepared to start collecting this data. The thinking is that this will be put on hold for the next revised SSIP requirements.

OSEP also wants to add a new Indicator to the State Performance Plan (SPP), detailing information on the supervision of providers. This includes descriptions of how noncompliance findings and corrective action plans are released and how often. More staff would be needed to be added to complete increased investigations. Noncompliance status is to be collected year-round, which is quite a bit of additional work. Kentucky has a data system that captures much of this information.

Exit Data/Dispute Resolution

Exit data for FY22 has been cleaned and provided to KEDS for matching. This is a step in determining the total number of completed assessments. OSEP expects that 65% of the exited children were assessed for inclusion in the child outcomes results. Exit data will be submitted to OSEP later.

Due Process/ Dispute Resolution will be completed in November. There will be no due process hearings and five written complaints reported.

Retention Payment.

Providers who have completed the Coaching in Early Intervention Training and Mentorship Program (CEITMP) and achieved fidelity will receive five hundred dollars. Providers who are in the process of completing the program will receive two hundred and fifty dollars. When they reach fidelity, they will receive the remainder of the funds, equaling the one-time payment of five hundred dollars. Each provider must have an active contract with the state, an active caseload, and be in good standing with no corrective actions or pending videos. Dr. Stack, the Cabinet, and the Department for Public Health want this to be an ongoing process.

Update Part C Coordinators Report

CEITMP: The submitted videos were wrapped up for Cohort 18. Cohort 19, the largest to date, will submit videos for their fidelity phase soon. Cohort 20 is halfway through discovery and will quickly start submitting clips. The KIPDA region begins the program in January 2024 with Cohort 21. There are 267 participants in maintenance. There is approximately a 6-week period for those who have pre-enrolled and responded to the survey to submit videos. Cohort 21 videos have been collected. Cohorts 22 and 23 are in process, and Cohort 24, depending on volume, will be for the providers who have yet to respond. All providers were invited to complete the surveys.

Reimbursement Structure Revisions

The Department for Public Health is moving forward with rate restructuring. An internal group is working on a budget increase in the KEIS providers' payment rate. There needs to be an appropriation request for the increase to occur. There has been a 5-year and 10-year growth factor analysis conducted. The growth factor is about 5% each year. This will be an incentive for providers to provide quality services. We have an agreement with Medicaid to cover the Medicaid children. There will be somewhat of a wait, considering the upcoming governor's

election in November 2023 and other factors. This is a vast process, and much support is expected. Information will be forthcoming.

POE Operations

Buffalo Trace- Lauren Penrose, Manager at Buffalo Trace, has left for a new position. The service coordinators work together to accommodate POE Operations until a new manager is selected. We wish Lauren the best in her new role.

Performance Standards

Performance standards and related documents for District Child Evaluation Specialists are being developed. They expect to finish by the end of the year.

POE Determinations

Staff are working on desk audits and billing audits with providers. POE will start to receive more noncompliance findings on a year-round basis. Whenever staff finds any noncompliance, a finding must be issued. It will be noted in the records. Increased issuance of noncompliance findings is difficult with only three people on the team. If a provider is past the three months of “noncompliance status,” this will be noted until it is in a “corrected state.” We are ready to implement this change for OSEP requirements. For example, with missed visits, the provider must schedule a make-up. Parents have the right to decline and specify that the service is unnecessary. If a provider goes and the client is not home or a “no show,” said provider does not have to make up this service appointment. Providers should document everything. Providers should ensure that they are allowing necessary availability for make-up issues.

Provider Enrollment

Please refer to the ICC Report for updates on this report. The contract renewal process will start in January. March 2024, renewal packets will be sent out.

KEIS OPERATIONS

Staff:

Health Policy Specialist Jami McLemore will start on November 1, 2023. The primary function is to coordinate outreach and recruitment plans to identify eligible children for KEIS (Child Find). Kim Wiley will be working with billing as a part-time contractor. Also, another individual is moving through the process as a part-time contractor who will also assist with billing. We have moved to a new area with a new mail stop HS2-EE. The street address stayed the same (275 East Main Street).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Questions regarding information for increased enrollment. Data needs to be abstracted to see if there is an increase/decrease in Green River enrollment.

FUTURE MEETING DATE

January 11, 2024 @ 10:00 A.M. This will be an in-person meeting weather permitting.

ADJOURN

The motion to adjourn was made by Scott Tomchek and seconded by Judy Theriot. The meeting was adjourned at 11:17:57 p.m. by Chairperson Elizabeth Schumacher.