



Youth Behavioral Health Coordination Pilot Project

Regional Meeting Summary, 08/30/2016

I. Welcome and Introductions

Jennifer Brackeen, Program Director with CHOICE started the meeting and welcomed attendees on the line.

II. Review Draft Workflow for Pilot Site

Lynn Nelson from ESD 113 walked the group through their workflow. Pilot sites were encouraged to have workflows of their own and this could be used as a starting point. Some comments from the group were that the idea of “Care Coordination” needed to be clearly defined by us as there are many definitions. Jennifer Brackeen offered to share with the group the working definition of care coordination from the Care Coordination work group.

The group commented that there were no section(s) related to evaluation in the workflow. The group agreed that there should be a section for this in future workflow versions from sites.

III. Briefly Review Submitted Youth BH Action Plan Items

Jennifer reported to the group that the action plan was submitted at the end of July 2016 was approved by Washington Health Care Authority (HCA). Funding was provided to CPAA to help coordinate SIM project efforts. Jennifer briefly talked about the regional effort that went into developing the action plan. All work group members received, reviewed, and provided input to develop the action plan.

The group then reviewed and discussed questions that were raised from the Health Care Authority in their email response to the action plan. One of the questions were what it means for the Accountable Community of Health, or the Cascade Pacific Action Alliance to “own” a project. The group discussed this and people called out that the ACH really adds collaborative value to the project which is especially useful in large scale planning efforts. The local level was where the work of the project itself was done and this was sort of coordinated by the ACH to a degree with each individual site owning their work. The group also raised a question which was not answered at this time of who can be attributed to the success of the project.

IV. Funding Updates & Matrix

Jennifer went over the draft funding matrix. The sites have multiple streams of funding being provided. Behavioral Health Organizations can only pay for Medicaid eligible services for eligible Medicaid beneficiaries. Marc Bollinger provided a high level overview of services that BHOs are able to fund.



The funding matrix still needs additional information from local sites. Incomplete information includes estimated cost amounts for pilot sites and specific funding sources for Wahkiakum and Cowlitz. CHOICE staff will reach out to pilot sites to solicit this information to complete the funding matrix.

V. Additional Site Updates

Marc Bollinger from Great Rivers BHO read in an article that there were 8 new counsellor positions in the Longview school district that could potentially be leveraged in the BH pilot work. According to the article, one of them is at the Monticello Middle School site. Group members questioned whether or not these were licensed mental health therapists or more of a school type counsellor. Additional information will be collected.

Lynn Nelson from ESD 113 reported that there were interviews last week for the positions in Thurston and Mason counties (Rochester and Pioneer school sites). She also stated that there were two strong candidates for the positions. They are now in the process of doing background checks and will update the group with progress in this area.

Justin Wagaman with CHOICE reported on the My School Data training that was held at ESD 113 on August 26th. Some of the takeaways from this meeting were that the My School Data team would be willing to send someone out to do site trainings on the My School Data usage. Justin will reach out to sites to offer this training opportunity.

There were no additional updates from the group.

VI. Next Steps

- CHOICE staff will reach out to key pilot site work group members to solicit help with the funding matrix information to develop it out more completely with more specific information.
- Pilot sites will consider reaching out to Angela Allen to see if she would be able to talk more about their referral process at Monticello (when she was there) to the group.
- CHOICE staff will work with pilot sites to gather work flow information and provide support as needed.