



Youth Behavioral Health Coordination Project Work Group

Meeting Summary, 01/26/2016

I. Review Site Progress

Mason and Thurston Counties

Partners from CR-ESD113 recently met with representatives of the Mason-Thurston RSN, the Tumwater School District, and the Pioneer School District. The RSN may have some possible resources available for the treatment of Medicaid-eligible youth. The group will reach out to the Mason County public health department to see if they might have some insight on how to fund the project for non-Medicaid clients.

The question of standardized screening is being explored, and the group is especially interested in the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment, which is the standard Medicaid screening.

Next Steps:

- Decide on a standard screening method.
- CHOICE staff to assist with administration and planning of future work group meetings.

Wahkiakum

The group is working on creating and getting funding for a coordinator position to be housed at the school for this project. They have also been successfully engaging a wide variety of community stakeholders in the planning, including the county sheriff and prosecutor. Like Mason and Thurston counties, the Wahkiakum pilot group is considering options for standardized screening. They will look into the CANS assessment as a possibility.

Next Steps:

- Decide on a standard screening method.
- The next work group meeting is on February 11, 2016.

II. Review Global Waiver Transformation Proposal

The group briefly celebrated their efforts to quickly put together a solid project proposal for the global waiver transformation suggestions list. They agreed that it was good practice in writing about this project's needs, which will be helpful in pursuing future funding opportunities.

III. Exploring Grant Opportunities

The group agreed that it would be helpful to start actively looking for funding opportunities, especially for the pilot sites that currently have gaps in resources. In pursuing other funding, the group wants to



ensure that funders understand that this project is not limited to Medicaid patients, but includes all youth identified with mental and behavioral health needs.

The group briefly brainstormed some possible funding sources to pursue:

- “Every Student Succeeds” – new federal school program that is replacing “No Child Left Behind”
- The Gates Foundation – CHOICE staff will talk to Kim Klimt, who has worked with the Gates Foundation in Mason County before.
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)
- Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)
- The Cambia Foundation – CHOICE staff will contact them, as they are current funders for CPAA administrative functions.
- The Bishop Foundation – only in Grays Harbor
- The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
- The Molina Foundation – Elise Reich will find out more about the Molina Foundation.
- The Providence Health Care Foundation
- Local community foundations

The group also suggested that Dr. Cavens may know more about funding opportunities for Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties. The group also discussed the fact that having standardized metrics to measure outcomes across the pilot sites would be important for expressing goals and outcomes to funders. This will be a conversation for an upcoming meeting.

IV. Next Steps

- a. CHOICE staff will follow-up with Mason and Thurston work group members to assist with meeting administration.
- b. The Wahkiakum group is meeting on February 11, 2016.
- c. Work group members will look more closely into potential funding opportunities.
- d. The next work group meeting will be:
 - i. **Tuesday, February 9, 2016; 1:30-2:30PM**