Credentialed Provider Meeting Systems Development & Management Program Directors Minutes of April 29, 2016 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Wilcox Room

MEETING MINUTES

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Welcome	Ann Adams welcomed all providers. Introductions were made of all DCF and ABH Staff
SDMPD's overview:	Jon Jacaruso, Region 3, <u>Hacaruso@ct.gov</u>
Jon Jacaruso: Region 3:	Malcolm Blue, Region 2, MBlue@ct.gov
	Malika Robledo, Region 4, <u>Mrobledo@ct.gov</u>
	Sergio Alvarez, Region 5, <u>Salvarez@ct.gov</u>
	Marty Dituccio, Region 1, MDituccio@ct.gov
	Above staff presented on the needs in each Region, any status changes, and solicited input from the providers.
	Mr. Jacaruso indicated that the Region 3 is in need of additional Transportation providers. In addition, the region is looking for providers that have specialized training in human trafficking. Providers can either contact Tammy Sneed, directly or email Mr. Jacaruso to arrange for additional training.
	Mr. Jacaruso reminded providers that both Therapeutic Support Staff and Support staff services are time limited. Goals should be addressed at the time of the referral. Reports do not have to be long, but they do have to be comprehensive.
	His staff meets with the Area Resource group (ARG) to make sure that the service is necessary for the child or youth before moving forward with services.
	There have been numerous changes in staff in Region 3, particularly in Willimantic and Middletown. Region 3 has 3 new program managers and mostly all new social work staff with 50% of the staff with less than 1

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	year of experience. Mr. Jacaruso encouraged providers to contact him if they were unable to obtain feedback on their cases.
	Region 3 accepts brochures from providers that want to market their services. Referrals are mostly obtained through word-of-mouth. Providers may also contact Mr. Jacaruso to discuss their services.
	Mr. Jacaruso reminded providers to make sure that their WRAP proposals are accurate prior to submission
Malcolm Blue: Region 2	Mr. Blue indicated that the need in Region 2 is to increase the number of transportation providers. In addition, the region is looking for providers that have specialized training in human trafficking. Providers should contact Tammy Sneed directly (tsneed@ct.gov).
	Providers should understand that services are filled by providers that have contracts with DCF and then the gaps are filled by the credentialed service providers.
	Mr. Blue indicated that providers may present their agency information at Integrated Service System meetings, South Central Network of Care and Local collaborative meetings and Quarterly Resource fairs that take place within Region 2
Malika Robledo: Region 4	Ms. Robledo reported that region 4 is the largest region in the state with a large African, Refugee and Latino population.
	Trauma services are needed in this region for in home, foster relative and adoptive care programs.
	Any provider that would like to present their agency is asked to contact Ms. Robledo first.
	Region 4 is specifically looking for after school providers at this time

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Sergio Alvarez: Region 5	Providers are asked to contact Mr. Alvarez or Holly Difloria directly to schedule a meeting to discuss services offered. Region 5 is looking for more providers to service the area. The region is doing a lot of work with diversion – working with the court system, Integrated service systems and community collaboratives with particular focus on the strengths of the family.
	The region looks to utilize contracted providers first and then credentialed providers.
	Transportation is a service that has been identified as a need in this region.
	The region has a lot of new staff. Staff is discouraged from accepting office-wide emails from providers and any brochures or materials should be sent directly to either Mr. Alvarez or holly Difloria. Providers are not to contact the social workers about their programs.
	There is a particular need for bi-lingual (especially Spanish and portuguese0 providers in this region.
	Mr. Alvarez indicated that if providers have specific training in Human trafficking he should be contacted. If providers need training, then please contact Ms. Sneed.
Marty Dituccio: Region 1	Over 75% of the population is Juvenile Justice and a new USE plan was introduced for this.
	Transportation and TSS services are needed in this region
	Human trafficking is a huge issue in region 1 due to its close proximity to New York
	Region 1 holds Saturday meetings of various topics. May's meeting was joined by CCAR to discuss recovery of opiates. Another meeting will be held in the fall on human trafficking and in the spring the focus will be on suicide prevention.
Next Meeting: June 17, 2016	

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