

State Interagency Council

Standing Committee Meeting Summaries

September 2016

Continuous Quality Improvement

The meeting began with Committee Chair Rachel Bingham providing introductions and an overview of present tasks assigned to the committee. The group discussed the potential new project of developing a process and supporting tools to enhance and assist the communication channel from RIACs to SIAC and reversely from SIAC to RIACs. Through discussion, the committee realized the task better fit with the role of the System Structure and Governance Standing Committee. The CQI Committee will develop a list of recommendations and provide them to the System Structure and Governance Committee to assist with the development of this process. The committee also discussed its role in the CQI process for individual RIACs and determined this is a function the RIACs as independent local councils would complete on their own; however, the SIAC CQI Committee can assist with this process if RIACs requested. The committee reviewed the current SIAC Strategic Planning Recommended Actions assigned to the committee and determined that the CQI committee had completed its respective part of each task and could be transferred to the newly developed DMC committee. The group then discussed the ongoing project of the Data Dashboard. An additional committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, October 20th to specifically focus on working through and finalizing the data dashboard.

Disproportionality & Disparity

This is a newly formed Standing Committee that met for the first time in September. The meeting began with introductions and an overview of their committee. The committee discussed current Race Community and Child Welfare work.

Service Array

The Service Array Standing Committee continues to work a service mapping exercise. The committee has finalized the Service Array Continuum and drafted a survey, with the help of Department of the Behavioral Health and REACH of Louisville, which is being tested with a few Local Resource Coordinators. This committee received four new items after the SIAC strategic planning session, and out of the four, continues to work on one of those: explore a centralized one-stop process for accessing services. The committee is renewing conversations with United Way regarding 211 to see if a coordinated effort is possible as well as exploring a few other states' websites and hotlines.

At the September SIAC meeting, the Service Array Standing Committee received two additional tasks:

1. The issue of reduced referrals to day treatment as a result of less court involved youth.
 - Ronnie Nolan with KECSAC has agreed to come to the November Standing Committee meeting to discuss the current barriers and possible solutions.
2. The lack of emergency placements options for youth, which seems to be resulting in more restrictive placements.
 - Completed initial work to ensure the right agencies/people are engaged in problem-solving this issue.

System Structure & Governance

The SS&G standing committee chair welcomed attendees and introductions were made. Because this was the last meeting for the Chair, nominations for a new Chair were solicited. Steve Shannon and Natalie Kelly were nominated. Upon hearing that Natalie Kelly had agreed to serve as Chair, Steve Shannon withdrew his nomination. The standing committee recommends Natalie Kelly be appointed as Chair of the SS&G.

The committee continued completion of its work plan. Two ad hoc subcommittees have been formed: (1) ad hoc committee to revise SIAC Policies and Procedures and (2) ad hoc committee to draft a Tip Sheet for use by

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state agencies with strategies on how to create opportunities for youth voice at all levels of the system of care. This is in response to Recommended Action: Assist SIAC and RIAC partners in being more inclusive of family and youth voice at the policy level.

A couple of members shared additional feedback on draft SIAC legislation.

Training & Technical Assistance

The conversation from the last standing committee meeting continued regarding information about peer support. Many members had questions about how peer support specialists are hired, who they are hired by and what agency trains and certifies them, etc. One member stressed the issue most peer or family support specialists face is that once they are certified, they are unable to get hired. Typically, they volunteer their services. The committee also discussed the potential of having a peer support presentation and identified potential speakers.

The lack of recent youth representation on the SIAC is of concern. In looking at the recent approval of a youth representation ad hoc committee, it would be helpful to have more information on already existing youth boards in order to mobilize this committee to train and empower the youth representative on the SIAC.