

OMHSAS Mental Health Planning Council
November 16, 2021
Children’s Committee Meeting

<u>Agenda Items</u>	<u>Major Discussion Points/Decisions</u>	<u>Follow-up Needed and Person(s) Responsible</u>
Welcome and Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Kind-Rubin and Kathy Laws welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda • Marisa Santanna was introduced to the committee. She is the new Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary at OMHSAS. 	
Deputy Secretary Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasure Gallagher from OMHSAS policy gave a short presentation on plans for family peer support services • Deputy Secretary Houser affirmed that family peer is a priority for OMHSAS with a current three-year timeline. • Deputy Secretary Houser shared that OMHSAS is looking at federal assistance that may be used for workforce development for home and community-based services and is awaiting official approval. She pointed out that it is a long-term problem that took a long time to create and will take a long time to change. 	
Regulation and Bureau of Children’s Behavioral Health Update	<p>Regulations update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PRTF (psychiatric residential treatment facility) regulation final draft has been submitted for executive review. The hope is the proposed regulation will go to public comment in the spring of 2022. There will be time in between regulation promulgation and required date of implementation during which providers can come into compliance with the regulation. • The draft crisis intervention regulation is currently under review with legal staff. The hope is for the public comment period to happen early next year. • The children’s committee would like a status update on the crisis and PRTF regulation as a regular standing agenda item for future meetings. <p>Scott Talley gave a brief update on provider trauma awareness and trauma informed care.</p>	

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<p style="text-align: center;">Subcommittee and Other Relevant Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathy Laws provided an update on the Transition Age Youth Subcommittee. The subcommittee will need a new co-chair since Kathy is now the children’s committee co-chair. • Mark Durgin provided PA Care Partnership updates including providing statistics of the number of trauma trainings and other webinars offered. • Kevin Puskaric, program director of Youth Move PA, gave an update on the workshops, trainings, and events they held across the state and shared the youth move website: https://youthmovepa.wildapricot.org/ • Ruth Fox provided an update on the activities of the family peer workgroup. 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Discussion of MHPC Duties</p>	<p>Kathy Laws led a discussion on the 3 primary duties of planning council members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To review Community Mental Health Services Block Grant Plans provided to the Council pursuant to Section 1915(a) by the State involved and to submit to the State any recommendations of the Council for modification to the plans. 2. To serve as an advocate for adults with a serious mental illness, children with a severe emotional disturbance, and other individuals with mental illnesses or emotional problems. 3. To monitor, review, and evaluate, not less than once every year, the allocation and adequacy of mental health services within the State. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase council effectiveness, attendees were challenged to think through possible solutions to the current workforce shortage to suggest to OMHSAS. • The idea of using Community Support Programs (CSP) and Consumer and Family Satisfaction Teams (CFST) to help evaluate the current state of the system was introduced. 	