

# DCFS Child Welfare Mental Health Services (CWMHS) Division Update

## Executive Operations – July 13, 2011

### Panel Retreat

- Panel Member, Marty Beyer provided Coaching Workshops to Compton on June 13 & CSAT, Exodus, ERCP & PMRT staff on June 13 & 14.
- Panel Retreat on June 15 & 16, 2011 primarily focused on Wraparound, Training & Coaching, & TFC.
- Most Significantly: A concrete & thorough plan is needed for implementation of the Core Practice Model, Training, Coaching, & Quality Services Review that is integrated within & across DCFS & DMH.

### Birmingham Consent Decree Convening

- Casey Family Programs sponsored a conference held in Birmingham, Alabama from June 27-29 on the subject of child welfare systems under federal court oversight. Invitees included representatives from eighteen jurisdictions, mostly State child welfare systems & their legal counsels, who came together to share their experiences of federal court oversight & the many challenges of responding to legal demands for fundamental systems reform. Lessons learned & notes from the convening are forthcoming.

### State Case

- Plaintiffs & State appear to have resolved their litigation & a State settlement agreement will be publicly presented to the Court on July 22, 2011.

### Katie A. Bi-annual Board Memo

- Currently with the CEO pending approval & submission.

### Psychiatric Mobile Response Team (PMRT) Expedited Response Pilot (ERP) & Exodus Urgent Care Center

- DCFS positions (2 CSWs/1 ITC for Hotline; 1 CSA I for CWMHS) in process of being filled.
- ERP Workgroup occurs every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues, 10am – 12pm at DMH & Exodus Workgroup occurs every 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, 10am – 12pm at DMH
- 4 Sub-Workgroups established: Implementation; Policy; Outcomes & Data Tracking; Training.
- June 2011: 39 joint PMRT/DCFS responses coordinated; 49 youth admitted to Exodus; 18 overstays

### Coordinated Services Action Team (CSAT)/Referral Tracking System (RTS)

- Implementation: Countywide implementation to be completed this month.
- Goal: 100% of children in open cases in CSAT offices will receive MH screening, referral, & service linkage within 1 day of case opening for new cases, of the case plan update for existing cases, & the annual due date for previously screened/negative cases.
- March 2011:
  - 95.76 % of children screened for mental health needs;
  - 96.23 % of children referred to mental health services;
  - 92.77 % of children initiated mental health service activities;
  - Completion of the Mental Health Screening Tool for routine cases reduced from 22 days prior to CSAT redesign to 10 days on average from case opening or the case plan due date; and
  - Number of days from case plan opening or case plan due date to start of mental health service activities reduced from 33 days prior to CSAT redesign to 15 days on average.

### Medical Hubs

- Goal: 100% newly detained children to receive a Hub initial exam.
- April 2011: An estimated 74.5% of newly detained received a Hub initial exam (Trending down slightly). E-mHub child specific report is pending.

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## **Multidisciplinary Assessment Treatment (MAT) program**

- Goal: 100% newly detained, MAT-eligible children to be referred for MAT assessment.
- May 2011: 78% newly detained, MAT-eligible children referred (Significantly down due to capacity).

## **D-rate Redesign**

- Current Workgroup underway to redesign the D-rate process so it aligns with the Core Practice Model.

## **Resource Management Process (RMP)**

- Goal: At least 80% of children entering, replaced, or exiting a Group Home (GH) to have a RMP.
- April 2011: 71% GH entries, 74% GH replacements, & 65% GH exits (significantly up)

## **Wraparound**

- Goal: Fill 1400 Tier I slots (point-in-time) & 1,775 Tier II slots (cumulative) by May 2011 or 75 new children enrolled each month.
- May 2011: 1,033 Tier I (up slightly from previous month) & 2,082 Tier II children enrolled (continuing to exceed goal).

## **Treatment Foster Care (TFC)**

- Goal: 300 certified beds and 300 children placed.
- May 3, 2011: 54 children placed & 9 vacancies (down slightly).

## **Core Practice Model/Training/Coaching**

- Planning meeting between DCFS, DMH, County Counsel & CEO occurring Thursday, 7/14/11 to help clarify structures & decision-making process for implementation.

## **Quality Service Review (QSR)**

- Quality Service Review at the Pomona Office is currently taking place this & next week from Monday, July 11th through Thursday, July 22nd. Grand Round Sessions will occur on Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm and Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm in the Pomona Office. Sum-It-Up Session will be conducted on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am – 12 noon. The Sum-It-Up Session will be held at the Pilgrim Congregational Church, 600 North Garvey Avenue in Pomona.

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