

DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Statewide Health Care Transition Services Task Force
For Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities

Services and Models of Delivery Subcommittee
Teleconference Call
November 5, 2008

ATTENDEES:

David Wood, MD, MPH, UF Department of Pediatrics; Subcommittee Chair
Janet Hess, MPH, CHES, Project Facilitator, Early Childhood Council
Eleanor Cofer, RN, Children's Medical Services
Linda Edwards, MD, UF Primary Internal Medicine Care Center
Cheryl King, ARC of St. Lucie
Judy Rosenberg, RN, PhD, USF Students with Disabilities Services
Robert Anderson, Department of Children & Families
Jorge Sallent, MD, Pediatric Pulmonologist
Lanetta Jordan, MD, MPH, Sickle Cell Services, Memorial Regional Hospital

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Wood called the meeting to order at 8:03 am.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR LAST TELECONFERENCE

A motion was made by Dr. Edwards to accept teleconference meeting minutes from October 16 and seconded by Dr. Rosenberg. The minutes were unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION

- Follow-up on issues raised on the October 16 conference call:
 - Dr. Rosenberg will gather data on the number of college students in Florida with disabilities or chronic health conditions. Ms. Hess will contact Ms. Blades about similar data on youth in the foster care and juvenile justice systems.
 - Dr. Wood will assimilate data on epidemiology and prevalence of YSHCN in Florida.
 - The group was reminded that direction from Dr. Sloyer and Dr. Chiaro is that the legislative report should provide general concepts, principles and structural recommendations, and that the 2nd phase of planning will be used to fill in detail
- Ms. Hess indicated that, per the legislative mandate, performance measures need to be addressed in the report.
 - There was discussion concerning the number/scope of measures to include. Ms. Hess suggested that we align measures with ones used by CMS for Goal #6 (from the six national goals for CSHCN), that is, (1) clients receive appropriate transition education and are engaged in the planning process, and 2) clients get the services they need. Clients in this plan would be *all* YSHCN in FL, not just CMS clients. We may want to include other CSHCN goals, such as having a medical home, adequate insurance coverage, and continuous screening.
 - Dr. Wood recommended that we identify measures from the perspectives of the youth/family, organization, community, and state, e.g., different measures at each different level. We can also consider the logic model approach: structures/input, process, and outcomes.
 - It was recommended that the population age range be 14-29 in order to be consistent with insurance coverage issues. Dr. Wood noted that performance measures will vary by age.

- The mandate also requires that we address varying geographic and cultural needs. With respect to YSHCN in rural areas, we should include telehealth as a service delivery component, particularly for allied health services such as nutrition (which don't require physician contact). Lack of transportation is a significant factor that limits access to care; it is especially challenging when multiple visits are required due to insurer billing requirements (e.g., separate office visits for multiple procedures).
- Other service components to address in the report:
 - Electronic personal health records put control into the hands of consumers, which is very consistent with our goals around promoting self-management skills among YSHCN.
 - School-based health centers typically need help with medically complex students, and should be included our services pyramid as a source of referrals.
 - Medical/legal partnerships can provide counsel to YSHCN/families on a number of related transition issues, including guardianship, health care benefits, housing, employment, etc.
 - Palliative care and hospice services can significantly impact quality of care AND quality of life; helpful, too, for physicians in reaching closure.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am. The next meeting will be the meeting of the full Health Care Transition Services Task Force on November 24th from 1-4:30pm in Tallahassee.