

YSHCN in the DJJ System

Teleconference Notes from 2-15-11, 4 PM EST

Participating: DJJ Health Services - Debra Morris, DJJ Probation - Jack Ahearn, DJJ Education Services – Cindy Jones; DJJ Residential Services/Medicaid Liaison- Lytha Belrose; USF/FloridaHATS - Janet Hess; UF – Dr. John Reiss; CMS – Susan Redmon; Project 10 - Rick Casey, Success 4 Kids & Families/Tampa – John Mayo

The following items and action steps were discussed:

Information-Sharing

At this time, CMS will not be able to cross reference an electronic file of youth entering DJJ residential placement in order to identify CMS clients (e.g., DJJ currently provides a CD to DCF in order to identify DCF clients). However, DJJ will add in-take guidelines to require an interview question by the Probation Officer (PO) specifically about whether the youth receives CMS services. If so, the PO will then call the appropriate CMS area and notify a Nursing Supervisor. A list of CMS area office contact information was provided to DJJ. Mr. Ahearn suggested the interagency agreement (which is effective until July 2011) be amended to document this additional activity, including limitations such as delays in reaching CMS during non-workday hours.

Mr. Ahearn noted that there has been some discussion at the Tallahassee interagency meeting about the future of the agreement after it expires in July; that group appears to have primary responsibility for its renewal and/or modification. A question about prevalence of CMS clients in the DJJ system (including detention and probation) was raised but workgroup members were not aware of any existing data or methods of tracking prevalence.

ACTION STEP: Mr. Ahearn will implement a policy memo to POs, and Ms. Redmon will notify CMS area offices about the new DJJ protocol. Ms. Redmon also will discuss the amendment suggestion with Mary Beth Vickers, CMSN Bureau Chief, and follow up with Mr. Ahearn.

Family/Youth Educational Brochure

Dr. Casey reviewed the draft brochure with the group. Terry Eggers from DJJ requested that all legal FAQs be deleted to avoid the perception that DJJ is providing legal guidance. Since there is a large amount of information covering a broad range of topics, it was suggested that each content area (e.g., education, health, probation, etc.) be formatted as an individual handout or pocket piece. There could also be an overview that lists all content areas. Dr. Casey will condense the text, edit to make the materials reader friendly and easy to understand, possibly include a DJJ pathways algorithm or flowchart (if available), and resend to the draft to the group by Friday, March 4. Once a draft is ready for pilot testing, workgroup members will help identify families and youth to review the materials and provide feedback.

ACTION STEP: Mr. Ahearn will forward a DJJ flowchart, if available. Dr. Casey will send the revised draft to the group by March 4.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 8, 4 PM EST