

YSHCN in the DJJ System

Teleconference Notes from 3-1-12, 11 AM EST

Participating: DJJ Health Services – Dr. Lisa Johnson, DJJ Probation – Jeanie Becker-Powell, Colleene Scott; DJJ Education Services – Cindy Jones; DJJ Medicaid Liaison – Lytha Belrose, Meg Bates; USF/FloridaHATS - Janet Hess; CMS – Susan Redmon; Project 10 – Dr. Rick Casey

The following items and action steps were discussed:

Information-Sharing

There have been delays over the last several months, but DJJ Health Services will incorporate a question about whether the youth receives CMS services on the health-related services form that is administered by a DJJ nurse after intake. If the answer is “yes”, the nurse will call the appropriate CMS area and notify a Nursing Supervisor, regardless of the youth’s placement (e.g., probation, detention, or residential placement). A list of CMS area office contact information was forwarded in 2011 to Dr. Johnson, Ms. Becker-Powell, and Ms. Scott. Ms. Redmon had noted in earlier discussions that there is potential for a delay in notification if calls are made to CMS during non-workday hours.

Ms. Becker-Powell said that DJJ is mentioning, during staff training, the importance of securing CMS information and the benefit to DJJ in linking to CMS care coordinators. She had noted in an earlier call that they are including the CMS question in transition planning checklists for youth in residential care, and expect these checklists to be programmed in their system in the future. They will continue to explore creating a CMS “alert” in the DJJ system, which could potentially be entered by DJJ staff at various points while the youth is in the system.

FLDOE has been asked to participate in the new interagency agreement (expired in July 2011) and is currently reviewing the document. Jeanie Becker-Powell and Mary Beth Vickers, CMSN Bureau Chief, both attend the interagency monthly meetings and will keep us posted on progress.

Family/Youth Educational Brochure

The workgroup generally feels the formatted guide looks good and the images are appropriate, though one particular image will be replaced. Lisa Robinson and Karen Denbroeder at FLDOE are conducting a final review; we expect feedback from them shortly. There are a few small changes in wording that DJJ will send to Ms. Hess. In addition, the DJJ URL will likely change in mid March and there may be some post-legislative session changes, so it will likely be early April before the guide is finalized and ready to post online.

NEXT MEETING: TBD in summer 2012