



Children’s CAP Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: 10/6/23 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Next Meeting Date: 11/10/2023 11:00-12:30

Co-Chairs: *Lisa Peterson-Lizun* (Allegheny Children’s Initiative) and *Laura Haile* (Pittsburgh Mercy)

Participating Members: Nathan Omasta, Debbie Jozwiak, Julie Schindhelm, Allyson Paracat-Dixon, Sharon Campbell, Sarah Fallica, Jim Boaks, Lori Grubbs, Bethany Douglas, Barb Saunders

Guests: n/a

Agenda Items	Discussion
Welcome	
RCPA Children’s Committee Updates	Jim was not able to join the meeting. Follow Up with Notes: Updates, Discussion & Collaboration with Jim Sharp, RCPA Children’s Division Director
Advocacy Opportunities	2024 Goal Establishment Waitlist management- CCBH Provider Alert Administrative Service Coordination – county request for information Problematic Performance Standards Youth Mental Health First Aid – resource available to provide additional support to youth and those working with them; Question Persuade Refer (QPR); what training and consultations are we providing to schools or other groups? Connect with parent groups?
Provider Updates & Announcements	Program Updates/Provider meeting updates Staffing updates- impact of BH Fellows Program Allegheny Family Network – providing family partner at WPH PES and for Resolve crisis calls for children Child acute PHP provider meeting now in place UPMC Western Behavioral Health has immediate openings in both Acute Partial and Intensive Outpatient Programs. Their locations include Southside for patients



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	<p>12-18 and Wexford for patients 8-18. Referrals can be sent to: Adol_PHP_IOP_Intake@upmc.edu</p> <p>They also recently expanded their OCD IOP for kids 5-18. Families or providers can call 412-246-6668 and request to be scheduled in this clinic or by reaching out to the clinic directly at Referrals_PedsOCD@upmc.edu</p>
Wrap Up	<p>Co-Chair update – Barb Saunders has accepted the nomination!</p> <p>RCPA Conference Reminder: October 10-13 Hershey Lodge</p>

2023 CAP Children’s Committee Goals

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Children’s Committee is to create a forum for advocacy on behalf of both member agencies and the children and families they serve. The committee provides education to its members on systemic and regulatory changes, practice developments, and issues of cultural importance to ensure that the services delivered are of the highest quality.

Children’s Division 2023 Goals

Action Items

Continue to maintain a close partnership with OBH and CCBH to advocate for the workforce needs of the Child Behavioral Health Providers in Allegheny County

March’s meeting- review of BH Fellows Program

Align CAP goals with RCPA efforts to advocate for system change to meet the behavioral health needs of Allegheny County youth

Advocate for eliminating the regulatory and Performance Standard requirements that do not have an impact on quality of care

April’s meeting reviewed Problematic Performance Standards
 May’s meeting reviewed Acute PH updates
 June’s meeting will review SC updates

Promote awareness and use of 988

SAMHSA has free products available – magnets, stickers, business cards; order through their website

Advocate that Parent Training be a separate billable service across service lines

RCPA IBHS Workgroup- who participates in this workgroup?



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Continue to partner with each other to grow awareness of new and existing services within the child-serving system

February meeting- Kids' Club and Moms' Empowerment presentation

May meeting- Debbie from Allegheny Family Network provided overview of services. Sept/Oct Fathers Involved Now presentation.

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2023-2024 Goals

- New BH deputy director Stuart Fisk (not a lot of background in child services) – focus on relationship building, increasing his knowledge and awareness of child services, improve our advocacy efforts
 - Build relationships with BH deputy director (Stuart Fisk) to increase knowledge and awareness of child services and improve advocacy efforts.
- Follow the funding for student mental health going through department of education, putting those without direct MH background in charge of developing MH programs/supports in schools
 - Advocate for appropriate allocation of funds by partnering with schools to address MH needs in education.
- Funding/billable service code still needed for IBHS and within outpatient level of care to provide services with parents to improve education and better support children. Groups with parents are not feasible due to lack of funding.
 - Advocate that Parent Training be a separate billable service across service lines.
 - AFN – parent/grandparent support groups
- New regulations around wait lists increasing administrative burden without increased funding, ongoing issues with IBHS and other performance/regulatory standards, encounter form verification
 - Advocacy around reducing regulatory and Performance standards that do not impact quality of care.
 - Explore options for documentation for interactive visits.
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