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## Children’s CAP Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 11/10/23 11:00 am-12:30 pm      Next Meeting Date: 12/8/2023 **10:00-11:30**

**Co-Chairs:** *Laura Haile* (Pittsburgh Mercy) and *Barb Saunders* (UPMC)

**Participating Members:** Nate Omasta (Pittsburgh Mercy), Bethany Leas (Children’s Institute), Aaron Libman (PLEA), Sharon Campbell (Laughlin), Kate Pompa (WFS), Bryce Shirey (Every Child, Inc), Kristina Gibson (Pressley Ridge), Kelly S (PACE), Amy Yosko (Children’s Institute), Tammy Marsico, Heather Beachler (Pittsburgh Mercy), Susan Bayne

**Guests:**

Agenda Items	Discussion
Welcome	
RCPA Children’s Committee Updates	Updates, Discussion & Collaboration with Jim Sharp, RCPA Children’s Division Director
Advocacy Opportunities	2024 Goal review  Administrative Service Coordination – cost center project  BH Provider meeting with Jewel Denne- held on 11/8/23  Waitlist management Provider Alert  302 consumer transport- need for consistent response
Provider Updates & Announcements	Program Updates/Provider meeting updates  Staffing updates- impact of BH Fellows Program  Call for presentations at future Children’s CAP meetings  <b>Move Children’s CAP time: 10:00 – 11:30am</b>
Wrap Up	Next meeting: What data/trainings do we need/want from the county? (Previously provided by ACHI)

**2024 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
<p><b>Build relationships with BH Deputy Director (Stuart Fisk) to increase knowledge and awareness of child services and improve advocacy efforts.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Stuart Fisk is new Deputy Director of BH for OBH. Focus on relationship building, increasing his knowledge and awareness of child services, improve our advocacy efforts</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Advocate for appropriate allocation of funds by partnering with schools to address MH needs in education.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Follow the funding for student mental health going through Dept of Educ- putting those without direct MH background in charge of developing MH programs/supports in schools.</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Advocate for eliminating the regulatory and Performance Standard requirements that do not have an impact on quality of care (specifically around encounter verification and unfunded performance standards that increase administrative burdens)</b></p>	
<p><b>Explore options for documentation for interactive visits.</b></p>	<p>Clarification needed on this goal</p>
<p><b>Advocate that Parent Training be a separate billable service across service lines (specifically IBHS and outpatient).</b></p>	



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<p>- <b>Goal is to provide parent education and improve child outcomes</b></p>	
<p><b>Continue to partner with each other to grow awareness of new and existing services within the child-serving system</b></p>	

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### RCPA updates –

- Full update useful info but hard to digest in short amount of time, better to focus on updates related to child services and telehealth

### Review of 2024 goals

- Invite BH Deputy Director Stuart Fisk to Children’s CAP
  - Provide overview of children’s services, present main pain points, where we feel he could be most helpful in advocacy for children’s services

### BH Provider meeting with Jewel Denne (and Stuart Fisk)

- Talked about plans and evolution of county having increased oversight since AHCI was dissolved, increasing oversight of program and quality (Jewel), numbers/reports - analytics (ATP)
- BH planning and strategy for 2024 (funding, etc)
- CCBH performance standards
- Speaking to providers before setting new performance standards – is it feasible? does it improve quality of care?
- Lack of understanding of some aspects of auditing and program functioning (such as child residential), hoping for improved collaboration to improve oversight and program management
- Supporting current/core services with appropriate funding/regulations/standards
- **Data previously provided by AHCI – let the county know what data is needed and it should be provided**
- Quality and variety of trainings provided by CCBH/county compared to ACHI – provide feedback and guidance of what trainings would be most beneficial to and needed by providers

### Waitlist Management

- At what point are you responsible for checking in on people waiting for service? If they are on a list (referral, wait list), there is a responsibility on the provider.
- Provide county resource list, crisis response info, encourage to return to prescriber for other referrals.
- Not keeping a list – unable to follow up with the amount of inquiries that come through (especially IBHS), openings only come up every so often (school year services)
- PM – services has very small wait lists (PHP, OP), call to check in every 2-4 weeks
- How do we utilize ASC funding to assist with wait list management? How do we bill for aspects of waitlist management? How can we shift funding to ensure proper resources for programs??
- Another city has model with shared access point/centralized inquiry/assessment for certain services



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- Allegheny Family Network – has resources to support families when waiting for services to help prevent decompensation
  - Share new referral form, open house at new office (north shore) in the spring
  - Work with the parent, not child, examine needs of the family – connect to resources, develop assessments and goals for each family, work with parents to navigate school/CYF/court, support parent to support their child

### 302 consumer transport

- You can request a blue pin police officer (specially trained in MH/BH) and request an ambulance transport but cannot always guarantee that will occur.
- Training available from county on procedure for obtaining a 302
- Car seat for younger/smaller children or ambulance transport
- When possible develop relationship with local PD on procedure, interactions, etc.

### AFN

- Provide family support partner at WPH PES and riding with clinician for Resolve
- New office (Cardello) has large training space available to community partners