

SIS Assessments experiences. Many are seeing Needs Level 4 being lowered to Needs Level 2. One person reported a Needs Exception moving to a Needs Level 2. Mainstay has been working on an appeal for over a year. Mainstay has had five overall whose scores were decreased and one increased. Others report Needs level 4 going to Needs Level 2. One was a needs exception to a Needs Level 2. Merakey had one that took six months. A reassessment was done for someone but although the paperwork indicated nothing had changed, they still used the lower rate. It takes six - eight months for approval. Summary of the AAID review was that we are doing what we are doing but the issue is who is at the meeting not the tool. The letter also said the tool does not calculate the Needs Level. There is not an algorithm.

Need to ask how the Needs Levels are determined. New Needs Level 5 is determined by SIS and HRST. Need to prove why current Needs group 4 is not enough. No Needs Group 5 for respite. Only residential.

Fee Schedules had life sharing without day, but not in the announcement that just came out. Was included with the May bulletin but not the most recent.

How to prepare staff to prepare for SIS Assessments. Some have a checklist; others send clinical staff. There is a need to look at how we prepare staff for these SIS Assessments, to avoid information that might be shared that could lower a score.

Selective Contracting. Residential strategic thinking group has finished their work on Residential Performance Standards. SCO's meeting in December. For residential there are 16 areas. Residential performance standards are now Primary, Select Residential, and Clinically enhanced. Large organizations will have the advantage.

Preparations for the roll out of Selective Contracting. How are others preparing?

- Regular Meetings
- Gap Analysis
- Credentialing = NADSP or NAD (better meets the training requirements for more complex and is shorter.
- Build into the program some follow-up with credentialing programs.
- Starting a frontline supervisor training – Looking at a more structured mentoring program.

Consensus was that the survey on status for Selective Contracting was difficult to answer; we want baseline results on the survey.

Thoughts on employment for residential. There were no questions in the survey about this. Questions about “adjusted for acuity.” Might not be able to pull data because those who work are not in the system.

Concerns about taking on new referrals within 90 days. It is evident they want organizations to take on more referrals. Many are not good matches, or we do not have the capacity to support these referrals. Individuals are to have a choice for at least two places in the region.

Changemakers, a student group at the University of Pittsburgh. Various interactions toward an event that educates the community/campus in our field. It started as just IDD, but now the event will encompass all of CAP and their divisions. Will be tentatively held at the Homewood Community Center, not on campus. People will learn more about the field. What we need to do in the next several months is to tell our story in an educational way. What do we do? What is it like to work in the field? Larger presentation with each division presenting, followed by smaller break out groups.