

MINUTES
 PROVIDER ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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| Date: March 15, 2016 | Meeting Time: 1:02 p.m. |
| Location: Pressley Ridge 25 N. Caroline Street Baltimore, MD 21231 | Meeting Adjourned: 2:30 p.m. |

Participants:

| Member | Present | Absent | Member | Present | Absent |
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| Paul Brylske, Kennedy Krieger Institute | X | | Kevin Drumheller, ARC Northern Chesapeake | X | |
| Carrie Knebel, CONCERN | | X | Coni Grant, Pressley Ridge | X | |
| Darlene Dockins, MENTOR | X | | Walter McNeil, Challengers Independent Living, Inc. | X | |
| Kevin Keegan, Catholic Charities | | X | Mark Mittelman, New Pathways | X | |
| Zachery Dingle Jumoke, Inc. | | X | Norman Richard, Martin Pollack Project | | X |
| Ralph Hertges, Brook Lane Health Services, Inc. | X | | Joe Leshko, Arrow Project, Inc. | X | |

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| Steve Howe, Children's Guild | X | | Chloe Perez, Hearts and Homes for Youth | X | |
| Michele Wyman, Good Shepherd Services | | X | | | |
| Guest/Other Organizations Participants | | | | | |
| Darlene Ham, DHR | X | | Gregory James, Deputy Secretary of Operations, DHR | | X |
| Lynn Wisner, DHR | X | | Tracey Paliath, Deputy Secretary of Programs, DHR | X | |
| Tennille Thomas, DHR | X | | Rebecca Jones Gaston, DHR | X | |
| Shannon McRae, DHR | X | | D'Artagnan Caliman, DHR | X | |
| Tina Bullock, DHR | X | | Ezra Buchdahl, Catholic Charities | X | |
| Keisha Atlee, DHR | X | | Eric Fenwick, AHP | X | |
| Debbie Marini, Building Families for Children | X | | Laura Mueller, Win Family | X | |
| Damon Thompson, Pressley Ridge | X | | Michael Layne, Foundations for Home and Community | X | |
| Janet Olaside, Martin Pollak Project, Inc. | X | | Laurie Anne Spagnola, Board of Child Care | X | |

Welcome

Darlene Ham called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. She then welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were given by the PAC members and guests. The July 2015 meeting minutes were approved. The minutes will be made available to the Council members as

accepted. The Deputy Secretary of Programs, Tracey Paliath was in attendance at today's meeting.

DHR Staffing Updates

The newest members of SSA's Executive Leadership Team, SSA Acting Executive Director, Rebecca Jones Gaston and SSA Chief of Staff, D'Artagnan Caliman, introduced themselves and gave brief backgrounds about themselves.

Rate Reform Updates

Tennille Thomas reported:

- The IRC has received providers' budgets for FY2017. A new algorithm is in place. A comparison will be done with budgets based on both the old and new formulas.
- Regarding FY2018, a meeting will be held first with the IRC.
- Kevin Drumheller asked if the information can be put in writing regarding the process for levels of intensity. He also asked if a rate setting study can be conducted. Darlene Ham stated that this will be looked into.
- Constance Grant asked if individual meetings will be held with providers.
- Darlene Ham suggested that small groups of providers that provide the same services can meet to discuss services provided etc. regarding levels of intensity. Darlene Ham suggested that one quarterly meeting can devoted to discuss levels of care.

Contracts Updates

Tennille Thomas reported the following:

Notices will be going out to providers regarding MBE goals and awards. The procurement office will be contacting providers directly.

Family Centered Practice Trainings

Tina Bullock and Keisha Atlee from SSA discussed:

- The providers were thanked who have already hosted trainings.
- The next round of trainings will be focused on targeting transitional aged youth.
- Feedback from previous trainings will be discussed as well.
- The providers who have not yet hosted trainings agreed to host.
- Tina will send information to Shannon McRae regarding the trainings to forward to the providers.

Co-mingling Updates

Darlene Ham reported:

Please see (2) handouts

1. Policy SSA 10-11 Policy regarding placement of children in DHR's care
2. Providers that Contract with DHR and DJS

- DHR met with DJS regarding co-mingling
- The policy is mainly geared toward group home programs
- The policy can be amended
- We want to make sure that safety is the primary goal
- Regarding the co-mingling of DHR and DJS youth staffing patterns, well-trained staff, proper placement protocols in place are all important aspects.
- The attached provider list (handout) will be updated as changes occur.

Wrap Up

Darlene Ham discussed:

- Terms for expired PAC members as of January 2016 will be put on the agenda for the 5/17/16 PAC meeting.
- Discussion will be held with Zach and Kevin regarding the voting in of new PAC members.
 - Mark Mittelman asked about accreditation for providers to become M.A. providers.
 - Constance Grant reported that COA accreditation was accepted for respite only.
 - Darlene Ham shared that the regulations are in legislative hands. DHR is waiting for the regulations to be posted on the registry.
 - Tennille Thomas reported that the providers will get the points for CANS to be added to the report card.
 - The Prudent Parenting Webinar is posted on OLM's website. The actual link to the Federal webinar will be sent to the providers.
 - Tracey Paliath, Deputy Secretary of Programs, DHR discussed that a new centralized database and modernization of a new system is underway, but it is a multi-year undertaking.
 - Ezra Buchdahl asked Tennille Thomas about the RCC incentive for diagnostic programs.
 - Tennille Thomas suggested that providers hold onto their CANS data until it is requested.

Next Meeting / Date and Location

Damon Thompson from Pressley Ridge agreed to host the next PAC meeting.

Date:

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Location:

Pressley Ridge
 25 N. Caroline Street
 Baltimore, MD 21231
 410-342-7554

Kevin Drumheller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.; the motion was seconded to adjourn the meeting by Steve Howe.