

**Arizona Children’s Executive Committee (ACEC)
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, January 22, 2009
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Cenpatico
1501 W. Fountainhead Corporate Park Ste. 295
Tempe, AZ 85282

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| Members Present | Mark Ewy- DCYF | Dan Wynkoop- BHPC |
| Michele Flatbush – Cenpatico | Alex Fernandez- CPSA | Maria Richards-CPSA |
| Terri Kang – Magellan | Larry Starks- ADJC | Jill Fabian- Pascua Yaqui |
| Vicki Johnson - MIKID | Nitika Singh – DBHS | Bob Crouse - DBHS |
| Karen Bulkeley – DCYF | Steve Lazere - DBHS | Bill Callahan - AOC |
| Mike Carr - DCYF | Jennie Lagunas -DBHS | Steve Tyrrell- AOC |
| Anne Rock – DBHS | Lisa Harper- DDD | |

| ITEM | DISCUSSION | FOLLOW –UP ITEMS | PERSON RESPONSIBLE |
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| Welcome/Introductions | Jennie Lagunas welcomed participants and introductions were given. | None | NA |
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| Review of Minutes from 12/4/08 meeting | The draft minutes were approved. | None | |
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Old Business/Follow-Up

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| ACEC Operating Guidelines | <p>Steve Lazere reported that he was able to find a more recent version of the Operating Guidelines and the changes from that version are reflected in the section titled Committee Structure and Process on page three. This version does breakdown voting members and non-voting members whereas the version provided at the December meeting did not. As was suggested in the December meeting, RSA was added as an ACEC member, and was listed under the non-voting member category. Lisa Harper indicated that Dr. Klaehn had an issue with DDD listed as a non-voting member. Dr. Klaehn indicated that DCYF and DDD would share the one DES vote in respect to the voting membership and both agencies would discuss any issues prior to a vote. The MOU states that responsibility for chairing the meeting is intended to be shared by the agencies, but DHS is the lead agency in coordinating the Committees activities. The most recent version of the guideline was updated in May 2007 with the original document created in April 2007.</p> <p>There was discussion as to how voting members and non voting members were determined and if the MOU addresses this. The MOU does not address the issue of voting members.</p> <p>There was additional discussion as to whether it was necessary to have</p> | | |
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| | at next month's Clinical Subcommittee meeting. That discussion will include why these children are placed out of state and whether there are circumstances that could be created in Arizona to bring these children back. If you are interested in being part of this group, please let Bob know and he will let you know when the next meeting is. | | |
| New Business | | | |
| | There was no new business introduced | | |
| Other Updates | | | |
| State Infrastructure Grant/Substance Abuse Coordination Grant (SIG/SAC) Updates | <p>Nitika Singh reported that the SAC grant is in an extension year which ends on July 30th and this is the last year for the SIG grant with a possibility of getting an extension.</p> <p>An ongoing project through the SAC grant involves completing the second round of trainings for ACRA with Magellan. Cenpatico has been approved for ACRA training which begins in April. The biannual evaluation report was recently submitted and are awaiting feedback.</p> | | |
| JK Settlement/Children's System of Care | The second quarter updates on the RBHA's Children's System of Care are currently being reviewed. | | |
| Subcommittee Updates | | | |
| Clinical Subcommittee | <p>Bob Crouse reported that the subcommittee continues to work on the white paper that will be presented to AHCCCS requesting they consider allowing overrides for certain support and rehab services for Level II and Level III group homes. Kayla Caisse of DBHS Program Support informed Bob and Jytte that overrides are not required for family support or peer support services in any of those residential settings because they are not part of the assumptions when those contracts were created. For example, family support is not expected to be part of a Level II group home service. It appears that family support and peer support services will eliminate the need for overrides for Level I, II and III facilities. Bob indicated that he and Jytte will be meeting with Kayla tomorrow to discuss this further.</p> <p>Bob indicated that he is hoping to have a draft of the white paper for next month's meeting. An override will still be requested for living skills training and other support and rehab services.</p> | Provide white paper draft to ACEC | Bob Crouse |

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| <p>Family Involvement Subcommittee</p> | <p>Vicki Johnson reported that at the last Family Involvement Subcommittee meeting there was discussion regarding the Special Education Webinar on January 9th. Vicki indicated that attendance was poor with just a few families and staff from the juvenile court attended. There was discussion as to how it is being marketed and providing a better explanation of the Webinar. There is an interest in children who have behavioral health problems and are involved in youth gangs. The subcommittee has had several speakers on this subject and is interested in reaching out to groups and organization that could provide more information. Continue to track the project at Cactus High School around substance abuse in teens and also continue to look at the transition to adult issue.</p> <p>Vicki was asked who should attend the Webinar. Vicki indicated that this would most benefit parents who have a child in school that is receiving special ed. services or needs these services and is experiencing barriers.</p> <p>Michele Flatbush stated that she could advertise the Webinar in Cenpatico's provider meeting and their newsletter. Bob Crouse stated that could provide information about the Webinar to the statewide Child and Family Team coaches.</p> | | <p>Steve Lazere</p> |
| <p>Adolescent Substance Abuse Subcommittee</p> | <p>Nitika Singh reported that the full subcommittee last met in December and discussed the work plan which was followed up by a meeting with the subcommittee in charge of developing the work plan. This subcommittee met to streamline and finalize the work plan. Mark Ewy provided an overview of the changes that were made to initial work plan.</p> <p>There were additional questions as to whether timelines and due dates for this work plan, which will be included in the ACEC Strategic Plan, needs to be in line with the overall ACEC Strategic Plan that was developed in August 2007. It was discussed that the subcommittee should develop timeframes that they believe are reasonable, but can be accomplished within one to two years.</p> <p>The next subcommittee meeting will focus on due dates, tasks and deliverables for the work plan.</p> | <p>Work plan with due dates, tasks and deliverables to be completed for next ACEC meeting</p> | <p>Adolescent Substance Abuse Subcommittee</p> |
| <p>Training Subcommittee</p> | <p>Steve Lazere provided a written update from Kim Skrentny. The ACEC</p> | | |

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| NARBHA | No update | | |
| Gila River | No update | | |
| Pascua Yaqui | No updates | | |
| DDD | No update | | |
| ADJC | Larry Starks reported that ADJC recently received their Auditor General's report. ADJC's response is due back to them by the end of the month. Larry provided an update on the budgetary issues they are experiencing. There was discussion on funding for Non-Title XIX children as it relates to Magellan and the overall budget. | | |
| ADE | No update | | |
| AOC | Steve Tyrrell reported that their system is coming up for re-contracting three pre-proposal conferences coming in up in Phoenix, Tucson and Flagstaff in January. Chad Campbell is the new Juvenile Justice Services Division Director. Steve provided an update on the budgetary issues AOC is experiencing | | |
| DCYF | Mark Ewy reported that the Psych Med workgroup is meeting on a regular basis and started working on the development of guidelines for foster parents and case managers to use when a child is being evaluated or having their medications monitored. He is hoping to have something completed by May or June. Mike Carr reported that several conferences have been cancelled due to the budget. | | |
| DERS/RSA | No updates | | |
| JPO | No updates | | |
| In Depth Technical Assistance (IDTA) | Jennie reported that AOC, CPS and DHS applied for IDTA from the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare and was selected along with California, New jersey and the Seminole Tribe in Florida. The technical assistance, which will last for 15 months, and is concentrated on improving substance abuse treatment services for families involved with the child welfare system. | | |

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| Other | <p>Jennie reported that Will Humble is the interim Director at ADHS. The Auditor General is visiting DHS with their focus on substance abuse treatment primarily focusing on the non-SMI adult general mental health population. The target date for their report is in August.</p> <p>Clarification was requested regarding directives on the federal level that have not been put in place by the federal government in respects to rehabilitation services. Rehab options have been put on hold by Congress until this April.</p> <p>Steve Tyrrell reported that there is a provision in the federal bailout package that allows for states to get more money from FMAP. The states therefore may have more money to pay for behavioral health services. Steve requested that DHS and AHCCCS consider this in funding behavioral health services such as non-Title XIX services.</p> | | |
| Adjourn | Next meeting February 26th at ADHS | | |