

MINUTES
PROVIDER ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: May 17, 2016	Meeting Time: 1:06 p.m.
Location: Pressley Ridge 25 N. Caroline Street Baltimore, MD 21231	Meeting Adjourned: 2:44 p.m.

Participants:

Member	Present	Absent	Member	Present	Absent
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	

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	
Nellie Power, The ARC Baltimore	X		Maisha Davis, Arrow Project, Inc.	X	

Welcome

Darlene Ham called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. She then welcomed everyone to the meeting. Darlene thanked Pressley Ridge for hosting the meeting. Introductions were given by the PAC members and guests. The March 2016 meeting minutes were approved. The minutes

will be made available to the Council members as accepted. The Deputy Secretary of Operations, Greg James was in attendance at today's meeting. The PAC bylaws were verbally reviewed with the PAC members by Darlene Ham during the meeting.

PAC Membership Voting

Kevin Keegan presented the voting slate for new PAC members as well as the new MARFY representative on May 17, 2016. All motions were moved and properly seconded.

Holding PAC Meetings Regardless of DHR Presence (No cancelling of meetings)

Kevin Keegan began the discussion regarding DHR missing PAC meetings and that the meetings should be held regardless of DHR presence. Both Darlene Ham and Rebecca Jones Gaston shared in the discussion that the meeting would not be considered a Provider Advisory Council meeting without the presence of DHR. If the providers choose to meet without DHR, those issues discussed would need to be brought back to the PAC for discussion.

Deputy Secretary James discussed that if the providers have a meeting separate from the PAC, that he trusts that if there are issues that need to be brought back, the providers will do so.

Rate Reform Updates

Deputy Secretary James reported:

- The 2017 rates that providers have submitted needed information.
- The IRC will start taking action soon on taking votes. They will be calculating rates.
- The process will pretty much work the same:
 - a) Medicaid eligible services: Breakout – direct billing for Medicaid eligible services
 - b) Separate invoicing for various activities – i.e. (How do we set up a process for unbundling?)

Deputy Secretary James stated that the overall rate reform process has been daunting.

Deputy Secretary James gave an overview on the new data systems that are being developed and rolled out at DHR:

- The child welfare data system will probably be starting to be developed within the next six months.
- The child welfare data system will be a shared data system with entities that have access and rights to that specific data platform.
- The plan is for the data system to be in place within the next 36 to 48 months.
- Cloud based systems will be used.

Rebecca Jones Gaston lead the discussion on the IV-E Waiver and the Medicaid Waiver. Accreditation was also discussed.

Contracts Updates

Tennille Thomas reported the following:

- Thanked Providers for submitting the information for FY17 Contracts
- RCC Providers submitted letter of intent and Contract Affidavit will be placed on 6/8/16 BPW Agenda
- CPA Providers were issued award notifications from the Procurement Unit and most of the contract documents have been returned. CPA contracts should be placed on 6/8/16 BPW agenda as well. If Providers have not submitted the information to the Procurement Division they need to do so quickly.
- MBE Information provided for Charm City Caters - phone number provided. Cater is a certified MBE
- Providers will be issued performance reports on Monday, May 23rd. Final reports for 1st and 2nd quarter, 3rd quarter draft. CANS points have been included in the quarter 2 reports as well as quarter 3.
- Expression of Interest will be issued for FY18 as well for CPA providers.

Wrap Up

Darlene Ham discussed:

- Medically Fragile TFC Youth Workgroup update regarding the function of the workgroup and the goals of the workgroup
- COMAR regulations are in the legislative office, but not yet on the Maryland Registry.

Rebecca Jones Gaston discussed:

- She is joining a task force regarding recruitment and resources. Maisha Davis from Arrow asked about resources and procedures for sex trafficking youth in child welfare. Rebecca is making this a priority.

Next Meeting / Date and Location

Steve Howe from The Children's Guild agreed to host the next PAC meeting.

Date:

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

Location:

The Children's Guild
6802 McClean Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21234
410-444-3800

Kevin Keegan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:44 p.m.; the motion was seconded to adjourn the meeting by Steve Howe.