

## **WACF BRS Division**

### **Meeting Notes: 9/10/2015**

**Attendees:** Rose Quinby (YMCA), Carol Amero (Friends of Youth), Erin Larson (Navos), Karen Brady (Ryther), Nicki Brown (Community Youth Services), Linda Thomas (Catholic Charities), Sean Dawson (Friends of Youth), Jessie Dipardo (Services Alternatives), Rod Johnson (Services Alternatives), Ryan Kiely (Excelsior), Mary Johnson (Pioneer Human Services), Kymm Dozal (Comprehensive Life Services), Blair (missed last name and agency).

#### **Introductions & welcome completed.**

**Vision and goals:** Unity between division and providers provides best opportunity for improved outcomes across system of care. Rose proposed, “Right care, right treatment, right placement at right time for youth and families” to orient our division. Minimizing barriers, building bridges, and avoiding pitfalls of “silos” create best opportunities for youth, families, and providers to be successful.

**WISE discussion:** Early impressions and anecdotal evidence suggest difficulties with care coordination. No data available to indicate WISE is deferring placement in higher levels of care. Karen B. provided a case example where enrollment in WISE hindered the CLIP referral and placement process, as youth/family had to discharge out of BRS to qualify and backtrack in treatment trajectory in order to enter CLIP. Rod J. pointed out a need for clarification regarding differences between WISE and existing WRAP model. Linda’s agency is a WISE provider and noted needs/opportunities to educate CA about Medicaid’s role in service delivery as it relates to WISE. Concerns were raised about having “silos” in the service delivery system and lack of collaboration/integration of RSN (BHO’s) and CA/BRS.

**Right Time of Placement:** Rose asked whether kids in need of services were accessing appropriate level of care at the “Right Time.” Members voiced concerns about lack of standardization of screening tools to assess needs. General consensus was crisis decision making dominates process. Additional barriers were lack of foster homes, and on-going problems with DLR delays in foster home licensing. Concerns were raised regarding a CA’s potential conflict of interest regarding recruiting foster homes from providers. Prioritization issues were briefly mentioned by Rose.

**Forecasting:** Summary of forecasting budgeting was reviewed. Forecasting for BRS services was removed about 10years ago to protect funding for larger residential providers. Byproduct of this decision was funds were then accessible for other budgetary needs. Members discussed best ways to lobby/advocate for reinstatement of forecasting for BRS funding. A sub-committee was decided to be the best way to gain additional information about how best to proceed. Key priority needs to be data collection.

**Next meeting time:** Not discussed; TBA