

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

AGENDA

FPSS Division

November 2nd, 2017 1-3 PM, at Children’s Home Society of Kent

Phone conference: 1-800-511-7985, access code: 365-4506

Members: Shannon Bayne Vice Chair, Kerry Ann Shaughnessy Chair, Charlotte Booth Vice President Ex Board, Scott Hanauer, Dave Kucklick, Jessie Dipardo Treasurer Ex Board, Melissa Gorgone, Christi Lyson, Diana Crawford, Gary Romjue, Marie Preftes-Arenz, Debra Hatton, Joseph LeRoy, Danielle McCutcheon-Needham, Tammie Nielsen, Jessie Dipardo, Chris Heckert, Roxanne Cates, Carla Arnold, Rachael Gray, Marcella Thornburgh, Jennifer Shutter.

Member Agencies: Institute for Family Development, Catholic Community Services, Community Youth Services, Olive Crest, Services Alternatives, Working Choices, Inc, Children’s Home Society, Crawford Counseling, Youth Net NW, Hope Sparks, Pioneer Human Services

Present: CA representatives Tim Kelly, Felix Idahosa, Isaac Isaac, Annie Kurtz, Dalton Hauck

Members present: Shannon Bayne, Jennifer Shutter, Kerry Shaughnessy, Dave Kucklick, Dani McCutcheon, Debra Hatton, Marie Preftes-Arenz, Charlotte Booth

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions
<p>1. FCFC phone conference</p>		<p>Meeting set for November 9th for a phone conference with FCFC on Merger</p>
<p>2. Discussions with Tim Kelly on the FPS difficulties with billing CRA and planning.</p>	<p>Concerns in the letter addressed that included the tone of the first letter, the points of billing problems starting with engagement. Time Kelly agreed that a more shared risk model is appropriate and will work on that. The topic of additional contacts and phone calls from Social Workers was discussed and it was agreed that SW contact can be billed as Direct Services. In cases where DV was not know and became discovered in the process of delivering FPS Tim Kelly stated that the CA Social Worker is trained in a responsible for setting up these services. Members detailed more accurately the activities involved in discovering DV, reporting it and helping with emergency</p>	<p>Points of agreement to follow up. Immediate change in the fee statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 hours of engagement efforts as direct counseling. • Add to fee statement • Time spent gathering any information to complete the CANS is direct service. • Phone calls to CA Social Service Specialists. <p>Long term possible contract changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop guidelines for FPS when DV is discovered. Work on clarification with CA clarify taking victims to DV shelters, helping with restraining orders.

housing while knowing that this increases risk for the victim and children. Tim Kelly agreed that additional consideration needs to be looked at. Other activities of FPS therapists that are not paid such as shopping and securing the items purchased under Concrete Goods were discussed and Tim Kelly felt this was work for Para Pros not therapists. The problematic situations with the use of Para Pros for agencies were discussed, difficulty to create full time positions results in low retention, triangulation between the family and the therapist occurs and requires additional supervision costs, most agencies not using that position. Administrators or office managers are utilized for on line shopping in some agencies and this is not billed. Tim agreed to look at including billable tasks for office administration for possible transportation, purchasing concrete goods and other non-contact with clients. Does not include any billing or accounting. In addition to all of the topics in the letter, we discussed that the rates for FPSS are just too low for the current economic realities of a mental health or CPA agency with FPS contracts. Although there are some increases they do not fully address the short falls of running this contract model. We discuss that this will be a position for WACF and will move forward with CA and Legislative efforts of WACF platforms. Tim expressed that he is disappointed that the entry wages offered by agencies for new therapists have not gone up. Members pointed out the costs of adding new therapists, initial training, and unbillable time

- Develop a new worker type to bill for support administration work.

Tim Kelly will notify FPS providers when any of these possible changes are implemented.

	<p>have actually gone up. However, after training salaries go up, more experienced therapist have higher salaries. The last thing discussed were alternative models of contracts that have shared risks or just having a limit on total CRA hours instead of a percentage of direct counseling hours. This model is the outcome of therapists or agency that were not ethical in the services they provided. Perhaps CA could consider a way to remove contracts from unethical practices instead of writing more punitive and limiting rules for the contract. The meeting ended with a discussion of the new DYCF cabinet that is forming.</p>	
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