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Re: Addressing the BH Needs of Children Involved with DCS – HB2442 Implementation

Please find our update on current and upcoming activities related to addressing the behavioral health needs of children involved with DCS below. As requested the following topics - Community Forums/Stakeholder Engagement, Staff Training, and Network Development are broken out into sections.

Section I: Community Forums/Stakeholder Engagement

Convened our third UHCCP-CRS Foster, Adoptive and Kinship Parent Advisory Committee (FAKPAC) meeting. It was scheduled on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, at the Ability 360, <http://ability360.org/>, located at 5025 E. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85034 from 12:30 – 2 PM.

There are five CRS family members who participate in our FAKPAC. Participation includes three foster parents and two kinship (grandparents) family members. For this meeting, one foster parent participated by phone and the other participated in person. Due to summer vacations, other family participants were unable to attend. We have identified potential participants to add to the FAKPAC from the CRS Behavioral Health provider network and from community advocacy groups. Invitations are the process of being extended.

Agenda items:

- Community Corner: MIKID Program Overview (resulting from DD/BH Respite issues identified). MIKID staff included Akia Compton, Christie Blanda and Dick Geasland.
- Completed: Review of UHCCP CRS second draft BH flyer from verbal/written feedback from committee members.

Our next scheduled Advisory Committee meeting is on 7/26/16:

- Strategize about scheduling community forums content, identify topical content (cont.)

Current outreach thus far but not limited to:

- 6/22/16, Danielle Tassielli, CRS High Risk Case Manager and Marta Urbina, CRS Children's Liaison, met with Dick Geasland, LCSW, Chief Executive Officer, Mentally Ill Kids In Distress (MIKID) to identify opportunities to better promote ways in which we can partner and provide families information about their support services. We discussed the behavioral health respite issues reported by committee members as a barrier to families and extended an invitation for MIKID to present at the upcoming FAKPAC meeting on June 28, 2016. MIKID accepted invitation and presented at the June 28th meeting. Families welcomed the information about the availability of MIKID's services, in particular respite services performed in the home.

- As a result of the 6/22/16 meeting, Danielle Tassielli, CRS High Risk Case Manager, accepted an invitation to an upcoming Parent Support Now meeting on Thursday, September 15th, at MIKID's Kingman site, 606 E. Beale St., Kingman 86401. Meeting participants include judges as well as representatives from DCS, the attorney's office, referral agencies, and HCIC. The goal of this gathering to coordinate services/supports for children birth to 3 years of age.
- 7/13/16, CRS high risk manager team and Optum Behavioral Health network managers attended MIKID supervisors' meeting to provide an overview of CRS program, review behavioral health contracted services as well as review the SMI determination process. Resources for the MSIC locations, High Risk Case Management and MTBA were provided. The MIKID team had questions about the CRS transportation benefit. Other questions and any concerns were addressed.
- Completed: established standing FAKPAC meeting schedule, 4th Tuesday of each month from 12:30 – 2:00 PM at the Ability 360 and telephonically. Future dates are 8/23/16 and 9/27/16.

Current outreach thus far but not limited to:

- Continued monthly meetings with CRS/CMDP/DCS Collaborative Calls; April and May DCS CRS removal reports initially identified one CRS member each report. Both members determined not to be CRS enrolled. Feedback provided to DCS/CMDP. DCS reviewing report criteria.
- 6/8/16- Received draft copy of the CRS and DCS Collaborative Protocols for review.
- 6/21/16- Received draft copy of CRS and MMIC Collaborative Protocols for review.
- 7/11/16- Optum BH Meeting with Nursewise to discuss crisis services for CRS.
- 7/7/16 – Sent AHCCCS CRS BH Access Flyer for Foster, Adoptive and Kinship flyer for review/approval.
- 7/8/16 – Sent AHCCCS CRS/CMDP call script for out-of-home placements for approval. Once script is approved UHCCP will call each CRS/CMDP members' out of home placement to identify if member is in need of BH services, currently receiving care and if there are any barriers to care. A member letter will also be drafted and will be sent to AHCCCS to for review and approval.

Section II: Staff Training

- MIKID/ CRS staff training mentioned above on 7/13/16.
- Weekly meetings with UHCCP Clinical Training team to develop, review and add *Addressing the BH Needs of Children Involved with DCS* to existing curriculum called Arizona State School of Training, which is required for all new UHCCP staff. The new module on BH will be required of all current and new employees once launched. Expected completion date is 7/22/16.

Section III: Network Development

No new updates since June's report. CRS is in the process of surveying our BH network to identify ASD diagnosing providers who are also comfortable with treating members. (Noting recommendations of the ASD State Task Force include use of diagnostic tools such as Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule™ (ADOS) and who can complete a thorough battery of tests to diagnose ASD (e.g., Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview, Autism-DSM/ICD10 specific interviews, Autism questionnaires, and the ADOS-2, Adaptive Behavior and verbal/nonverbal cognitive skills).

Section IV: AHCCCS Call Tracking related to HB2442

Log provided for CRS. CRS DCS Liaison has received two additional calls that were referrals from MMIC for CRS members since June's report. Total of six calls; five of which are closed and one is in process.