

Workgroup to Help Individuals to Cease Relying on Public Assistance Meeting

February 5, 2015

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

32nd floor Rhodes State Office Tower

In Attendance: Doug Lumpkin (ODJFS); Jody Walker (Vinton), Shancie Jenkins (Delaware), Eileen Dray- Bardon (Columbiana), Kathryn A. Offenberger (Carroll), Anthony Trotman (Franklin) and Timothy A. McCartney (Hamilton), David Merriman (Cuyahoga), David Dombrosky (Clark), Beth Rubin (Greene)

Meeting Agenda:

- Changes/approval of notes from 1/8/15 meeting
- Budget update
- Youth Program Workgroup update
- Mental Health & Addiction Services meeting update
- Wrap up and next steps

Change/Approval of Notes from 1/8/15 Meeting:

- One minor change made
- Notes will be placed on web site

Budget Update:

- Direction is to align Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and some Ohio Works Incentive Program (OWIP) funds
- Combine TANF and WIOA youth programs into one year-round program
- New youth program for 16 to 24 year olds will begin December 2015
- Will need to address how to run current programs, and start the new youth program, since the current youth programs end in October 2015
- County performance metrics will be required, and this workgroup will participate in developing metrics

Youth Program Workgroup Update:

- Initial Core member team members were introduced:
 - Amiee Bowie, Franklin County JFS, Deputy Director of Supportive Services,
 - Angela Carnahan, Licking County JFS, Workforce Development Administrator,
 - Tamara Goniea, Perry County JFS, Executive Assistant to the Director
 - Beth Brannigan, ODJFS, Workforce Development, Bureau Chief, Employment & Training Programs
 - Betsy West-Suver, ODJFS, Family Assistance, Section Chief, Cash and Food Assistance Policy
 - Patricia Clements, Policy Analyst, ODJFS Director's Office
 - Lawrence Parson, Policy Analyst, ODJFS Director's Office
 - Jamie Carmichael, Policy Analyst, ODJFS Director's Office
- Initial Partners and Experts:
 - Successful Non-Profit Providers
 - Mental Health and Addiction Services
 - Department of Education
 - Opportunities for Ohioans with Disability
 - Department of Health

The team also will be adding county and SME participants. It was recommended to add case workers and child case management specialists to this team, and Clark, Franklin, Delaware and Vinton counties volunteered to have staff participate. This small team will check in with the workgroup for feedback.

- New program to combine TANF & WIOA Summer Youth Programs

- Combine both programs into one comprehensive case management program
 - Mapping out current processes
 - Determining what an ideal program would look like
 - What are the pain points in a unified system (i.e. sharing information)
 - Suggestion was made to look at the counties that are already combining youth programs successfully.
- Key model characteristics
 - Discussion of case plan based on strengths and needs.
 - Intensive track/case management to deal with multiple or severe barriers
 - Discussion about service availabilities and county expectations/accountability

General Discussion:

- This is a new territory and the counties need to be able to setup the system, but the counties need the opportunity to fail without losing county money
- Person centered case management will not be perfection in one year
- Need to have consistent dialog of reality of our clients' situations and capabilities
- Leverage the Family and Children First Councils (FCFC)
- Ensure system metrics match realistic expectations

What is this workgroup's responsibility?

- Must submit report by 3/31/2015
 - The group needs to figure out its responsibilities
 - Address and communicate concerns
 - Identify metrics to show success
- Group nominated and confirmed Tim McCartney from Hamilton County as chairperson for the workgroup

Mental Health and Addiction Services Meeting Update:

- Initial meeting with Mental Health & Addiction Services presentation on agency and current initiatives
- Discussion about the process of mental health with drug addiction issues with employers
- Need mental health services and job supports to work in tandem with treatment to support the individual throughout the treatment process
 - Think of it as an Employee Assistance Program
 - Job as part of recovery

Next Steps:

- Complete Work Group Report
- Work to shape outcome measures
- Better define case management
- Define "success" looks like at a higher level
- Elevate prevention conversations (i.e. teen pregnancy, infant mortality)

Next Meetings:

February 26, 2015, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Rhodes Tower, 32nd Floor, Performance Center Meeting Room
 March 11, 2015, 1 to 3:00 p.m., Rhodes Tower, 32nd Floor, Performance Center Meeting Room
 March 26, 2015, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Rhodes Tower, 32nd Floor, Performance Center Meeting Room