Residential & DCS Monthly Meeting - 5/9/2024

Waiver/Variance discussion – Crystal Byrne

* Questions -
	+ Can you get a variance for a NP – senate bill 169 makes it moot

SB 169 – Kate Collins Legislative Director/Ashlee

* NP are going to be able to do medical services and prescribing psychotropic medication.
* Psych med review now 35 and 95 day reviews.
* Additional requirements for what case manager case loads can be depending on number of youth assigned and/or if they are a supervising case manager.
* Encouraged to attend June 2024 meeting for more discussion.
* Email Nicci Chenowith for updates for LCPA.

Background Check – Crystal Byrne

* Reviewing process
* My Case – guideline/instructions sent with agenda
* Overwhelming non-compliance are with My Case, alias is being missed which over follows on to the Sex Offender checks.
* Started this year and will offer 2 training courses per year for vendors. Schedule for regular provider meetings. Encourage staff who complete check to attend July meeting. Will ask for questions in advanced
* COBCU will be presenting

Urgent Discharge Notices – Crystal Byrne

* Youth coming into ESC need youth to move along within the 20 days
* Will have another option on Services Hub specific to ESC, will have scheduled discharge option.
	+ Is this with all planed discharges – no specific to ESC

Service HUB

* D&E and Stabilization – policy change on requirement to submit extension requests, this is no longer required. The language on the Services Hub will be amended to reflect this change.
* Concerns of youth lingering in the program. The reports used by DCS to monitor where youth are placed, will allow these youth to be tracked by keeping the ICPR’s current. Youth will no longer fall off the DCS reports.
* For ESC still need to submit the extension requests.
	+ Some D&E were due to expire, do agencies need to inform DCS that an expiration date is coming up? – monitoring month by month. i.e. for May all ICPR’s will be extended to the end of the year, and so forth for each month.
* Have been evaluating D&E programs and reviewing the recommendations and how long youth are staying in the program. Emails have been sent to admissions staff at agencies asking if there is a recommendation determined to notify DCS to begin working toward the next steps in services. This has been very helpful.
* For ESC – please continue to update the bed availability. This is used by FCM’s and Integrated Care Team. It appears that most facilities are updating within 48 hours. Which is extremely helpful.
	+ For youth who are past the end date, youth are stuck due to lack of options/denials on next level of care availability. – DCS agrees this is an issue. Would like to have some monthly summer meetings specific to D&E and ESC providers for more specific discussions on issues with these programs.

Contract Feedback – Ashlee Prewitt

* Submit feedback and suggestions due by July. Send to Ashlee, RLS, Res. Lic. Email
	+ Have to upload a lot of information into the portal. For waiver/variances is there a good place to look for previously approved waivers/variances? – waiver/variances for agency specific are kept on file. Request those from current or previous RLS.
	+ Do we anticipate there are any changes or updates identified will that be sent out for discussion? – yes

Policy Portal – Ashlee Prewitt

* Thank you to those who are using the portal. It has been helpful.
* Let DCS know if there are issues.
* Will be considering this portal for other requested documentation.
* Is only one person allowed to upload polices? – not if the agency designates who can do that.
* How are documents stored? – when submitted, there is a cloud drive that all policies go into that is sorted by agency and type. Once policies are approved, DCS will work to get them uploaded to KT.
	+ Can we assume that we don’t have to upload from year to year unless there is a change or new policy? – the goal is yes. 2024 was a big clean-up year. Unit goal is to have everything for 2025 audit ready to be presented by the last meeting of 2024.