

DATA TEST/HIGH PERFORMANCE

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October 27, 2023, at 9:30am – 12:00 pm

Minutes

I. Attendance/Roll Call

Present: Angela Hassell (DCFS Co-Chair), Mary Ann Berg (CWCA Co-Chair)

Analiz Castillo (NU), Anthony Yagmour (NU), Felicia Fredricks (DCFS), Jennifer Prior (NU), Jessica Perry (One Hope United), Kelly Mitchell (Allendale), Neil Jordan (NU), Ronald Howard (Lawrence Hall), Wendi Wilkins (TRPMI/NU), Allen Yang (NU), Chariss Chockley (NU), Rebecca Woodard (DCFS)

II. Approval of Previous Minutes

Approved as written.

III. Provider Feedback / Issues / Concerns/ Misc.

Angela and Mary Ann are both stepping down from their role as Chair and Co-Chair of the CWAC Data Test group, passing on the torch to new Chair Felicia Fredricks with DCFS and Co-Chair Jessica Perry with One Hope United.

Providers raised a question at the last meeting regarding expansion of hours and locations of background checks. Shontee Blankenship shared with Felicia that the current contract does not allow for expansion for current office hours or days but does allow for 1 time visit upon request by either DCFS or our partners for special accommodation. Requests must be made to vendor, cc'ing Dough Washington, Deputy Director of Office Contract Administration.

IV. Family First

- a. Engagement of Permanency Team**
- b. REDCap Compliance**
- c. Youth Beyond Clinical Justification**
- d. Post-Discharge / Aftercare Services**

Monitoring have been encouraged to add to their agenda the need to engage the permanency team, to act as advocate to provide additional support for

enhanced collaboration between the QRTP and Permanency team. Permanency team have been encouraged to create an urgency around improved engagement regarding youth in services.

One Hope United shared that there may be a need for Clinical Placement to have additional training around Family First due to lack of understanding of the rules and Procedure 301.100 by some of the staff.

Providers shared their challenges around emergency Placement of youth that are not appropriate for QRTP. Length of stay for these youth placed at a QRTP on an emergency basis, varies between 1 day to several weeks.

Providers also shared their challenge around getting the permanency team to understand the urgency around consistent participation in CFTM.

The workgroup discussed the possibility of developing data that may support the providers' challenges around inappropriate placement, longer length of stay for emergency placement, and several other concerns and challenges. Northwestern shared that these conversations have been ongoing and current data such as LOS should support the conversation.

One Hope shared they had some challenges at the beginning with REDCap, however; have since been resolved and can enter CSR without any issues.

Angela noted that it has been requested for lateral moves for youth that have no clinical justification be denied. Treatment team are challenged to step those youth into a community-based setting.

Collaboration between Family and Caseworker team is encouraged for post-discharge/aftercare services. One Hope United shared that they have created a position for an after-care specialist that becomes engaged when youth is submitted for matching.

V. Residential Monitoring Redesign
a. Residential Performance Measures (RPM)
b. Suggestions

Northwestern provided an update on Residential Performance Measures (RPM). Noting that the report now includes all Residential Providers.

Recording of presentation available for review

VI. Tentative Data Presentation Review and Update

Month	Presenter
July	High End Presentation Prep
August	NU Data Team
September	NU/TRPMI- Census Summary
October	High End Prep
November	NU Data Team
December	NU/TRPMI- Census Summary

VII. Department Updates

Background Check – Amir Shariff is the new Associate Deputy of A&R Licensing.

Lori Littleton is the new Associate Deputy of Resources and Referrals. Noting that each region has a recruitment manager.

Claire Brown is the new Associate Deputy of Community Resources. She has taken over Lauren Williams position.

Trainings:

- There is a virtual financial literary training for program that have TOPs on 11/15 – 11/16.
- Special education transition plan training by Center for Child Welfare Education with Northern Illinois University. Preparing students with disabilities for success.
- Error reduction training – Started on Tuesday, October 24th. There are multiple sites across the state. Norther region has not been scheduled. Purpose of training is to address strategies to avoid common mistakes.

Next Meeting

CWAC Data Test Meeting: December 8, 2023 (WebEx)

CWAC High-End Meeting: December 13, 2023