

**Southeastern Regional MH/DD/SAS
Provider Community Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2005**

Providers Present: 40

LME Staff Present: 16

Gary Allen, Contracts Manager called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. He asked that all providers in attendance stand and introduce themselves. Gary announced that seventeen providers attended the March 21, 2005 RFP Pre-proposal conference/site visits with 15 providers attending the site visits. The due date for the RFP has been extended from April 15th to April 29th. Questions and answers from the March 21st meeting would be posted to the website. Spring FARO conference will be held at Wilmington Hilton from April 24 through April 27, 2005. Gary asked that providers send in revisions and updates to their policies and procedures to provider relations. As of March 31st the state has monitored 515 homes. Two homes in Bladen and 5 in Columbus have been monitored.

Kathy Baker of Planning and Collaboration discussed a recommendation from January's Stakeholders' meeting to hold these meeting locally. She said that for the month of April Stakeholders meetings would be held in each of the four counties. The meetings dates, times and locations are the following:

Bladen Center	April 14 th	10:00 am
Administrative Offices	April 14 th	2:00 pm
Whiteville Cooperative	April 28 th	10:00 am
Extension Office		
Gibson Center	April 28 th	2:00 pm

Kathy informed the providers that their questions could be answered by emailing her from the e-mail address provided on the LME web page.

Gary announced that answers to questions presented at the RFP Pre-proposal conference will be posted on the LME's website on the Provider Relations link.

Dr. Purdy informed the providers on the CBS services that are scheduled to change July 1, 2005. He explained that those services would no longer be available as they have been in the past. Dr. Purdy said that as he is seeing children and their guardians, he is informing them of the changes in CBS. He also said that the school systems need to be informed of these changes. Dr. Purdy said that he would be meeting with all five school systems in the four counties to discuss these changes over the next month. He said that the state is still looking at July 1st for the implementation of these new changes. Dr. Purdy said that everyone has questions and concerns about how Community Supports is

going to work. He also informed the providers that the State is in the final implementation stages of reform.

Gary informed the providers that there was a handout provided of transition questions and answers from providers along with the screening/referral process for the STR unit.

The UM and STR sections gave a presentation about the referral process for consumer's needing services. Leslie Epps from UM gave a brief overview about the referral process to Walter B. Jones. Providers can now refer consumers to Walter B. Jones, however they must obtain a referral number from Utilization Management. The person who completes the forms must know ASAM criteria when evaluating clients and referring to Walter B. Jones. Indigent clients can also receive services at this facility. There is a three-week waiting list to get into Walter B. Jones. Sue Locklear went over what is required on the DD tracking form with the providers.

Jeanette Jordan-Huffman went over the Screen/Triage/Referral process with the providers. She informed the providers that the STR Unit would need to access their offices to make referrals. She asked them to make sure someone was available in their offices to take referrals and to make appointments. Some providers complained that they were not receiving paperwork on consumers that have been referred for services. Jeanette said that she would check on this. Another provider suggested that the type of insurance that a consumer has be put on the referral forms. Jeanette said that consumers could access STR from any place. They do not have to come in for services.

Gary introduced Melinda Weissinger as the new Quality Assurance Specialist with the Provider Relations Division.

Laura Smith-Allen informed providers that there is a registration form for Evidenced Based Practices on Children in Trauma on the table. The first twenty people who sign up for the workshop and identify themselves as a provider will receive a discounted rate. The regular rate is \$150 and the discounted rate is \$120. She gave a brief description of the agenda for this workshop. Laura went over Intensive In Home Services for children. She said that these services are very limited in this area. The LME is not currently providing these services. Laura informed the providers that the LME did not receive the grant for Intensive In Home Services for Children. She said that 19 applications were submitted and 8 were chosen. She said that she is back in the planning phase of how Intensive In Home Services will be provided without the grant money. She asked for volunteers to form a task group to work on developing and implementing these services. She said that there is a sign up sheet for this group.

Gary thanked Linking Services for providing refreshments. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2005 at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by,

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