

Levels of Care SUB-GROUP REPORT

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Level of Care: Children Birth through Five

Aim: To better define parameters for this Level of Care including: clinical criteria for inclusion; recommended range for length of stay; recommended range for dosage (hours/month); recommended cultural/linguistic expertise; recommended &/or required EBP's ; supervision recommendations, frequency, #of cases per FTE, reporting requirements (if any); etc.

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Reporting Period: From: June 2013 To: July 2013

1. Update (accomplishments; successes; milestones, be sure to include progress toward goals)

The workgroup held its first meeting June 26, 2013. Work will begin with Charter with initial identification of measurable objectives.

Workgroup identified the following (includes but not limited to):

Inclusion criteria:

- 1) A child age birth to five
- 2) Receiving services from Dependency Wellness Court
- 3) Has MediCal and Healthy Kids
- 4) Meets the CSP-QE qualifications
- 5) Child of a teen/youthful parent
- 6) Child who has developmental and/or behavioral concerns
- 7) Child who requires medication management and psychiatric services
- 8) Child who does not meet medical necessity but could benefit from 60 days of Home Visitation services utilizing unsponsored FIRST 5 funding.

Length of Stay:

- 1) Home Visitation- 8 months average
- 2) Home Visitation unsponsored-60 days post assessment
- 3) Therapeutic Services- 12 months average
- 4) Complexities:
 - a. Collateral work with mothers who have significant mental health needs and psychosocial stressors
 - b. Quality of care

Dosage:

- 1) Workgroup members will seek feedback from their staff and bring to next workgroup meeting for discussion.
- 2) Complexities:
 - a. Face to face with travel time
 - b. 60-90 minute sessions
 - c. Children receiving reunification services require longer lengths of stay and increased dosage
 - d. Acuity level

Cultural and linguistic expertise:

- 1) Identified threshold languages: Spanish, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Cantonese/Mandarin
- 2) Other languages needed
 - a. Korean
 - b. ASL
- 3) Outreach needed-Address potential disparities-over or under representations

Issues to address:

- 1) Prenatal period
 - a. Teen moms
- 2) Medication management for 0-5
 - a. Which psychiatrists have the expertise for 0-5?

Workgroup will meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00am.

2. Change of course (barriers, risks, questions)

No change of course at this time.

3. Response from LOC, SOC or PQIC

(Meeting Date: August 1, 2013)

- Approval to continue course of action**
- Approval for change of course**
- Request for more information**
- Declined**
- Please share with staff:**
- Comments**
