

Levels of Care SUB-GROUP REPORT

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Level of Care: Children Birth through Five

Aim: To define parameters for the Level of Care for the Birth to Five population 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 ; clinical supervision recommendations, frequency, caseload per FTE, reporting requirements (if any); etc.

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Reporting Period: From: March 2014 To: May 2014

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

The workgroup continues to meet. **Workgroup is meeting the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00am.**

Draft documents have been developed on the Continuum of Step-Up/Step-Down Care process and flow diagram which is helping determine criteria for dosage and length of stay. We have identified core-resources that support the care continuum and redefined discharge from various services as “transition” to the next level of support, whether that is step-up or step-down.

By next month we are ready to make a recommendation for dosage across the programs, while being sensitive to differences between program service models and philosophies.

The team is creating a LOC manual and has developed an outline and summary of draft documents for manual that can be of support to programs, particularly supervisors who can reference when meeting with staff to review and discuss care-plans. Sections of the manual will include: charter, LOC dosage recommendations, LOC decision grid, step-up/step-down care grid, transitions, assigning AFI's to HV or TS, tools/measures, EBP's, supervision, and data/evaluation.

To assist with the development of the manual, workgroup members were assigned sections to further develop and finalize for integration. A draft of the manual is expected by August 2014 to present to PQIC and SOC for feedback and approval.

Our next workgroup meeting is June 18, 2014.

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

Group elected to continue monthly meetings through August 2014, at which time a quarterly schedule will commence.

3. Response from LOC, SOC or PQIC

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