

**Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services  
Children's System Change Initiative UPDATE  
January 7, 2005**

**Children's System Advisory Committee**

The Children's Mental Health System Advisory Committee has been given informal approval as a permanent subcommittee of the Planning and Management Advisory Council (PMAC). PMAC welcomed the advisory body and will give the formal nod upon the completion of the group's bylaws. The Children's Committee consists of 51% family members and consumers. The council's formation meeting occurred January 6.

**EBP Update**

Efforts to work towards implement the requirements of SB 267 continue. One of three stakeholder workgroups (Selection and Validation) has completed its work. An internal OMHAS committee continues to review practices based on our operational definition of evidence-based practices. It is anticipated that the committee will have a preliminary list of these "low hanging fruit" for distribution by the end of the month. For further information contact Bob Miller at 503-945-6185 or [Bob.Miller@state.or.us](mailto:Bob.Miller@state.or.us) or Jon Collins at 503-945-6429 or [Jon.C.Collins@state.or.us](mailto:Jon.C.Collins@state.or.us).

**Temporary ICTS Rule Filed**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> public meeting to review and discuss the temporary Intensive Community-Based Treatment and Support Services Oregon Administrative Rule (ICTS OAR) was held on December 9. OMHAS staff is reviewing and considering comments and suggestions from stakeholders. With the involvement of many community partners, the ICTS OAR has evolved significantly since the first meeting on September 15. We thank those who have offered taken the time to participate and offer feedback. This temporary OAR was filed on January 3, 2005. Filing temporary rules allow for immediate implementation and an opportunity to "test drive" the rule prior to permanent filing. OMHAS staff is currently developing certification criteria for potential ICTS providers. This Rule will continue to be refined over the next six months and readied for permanent filing by July 1, 2005. For more information on the ICTS OAR, please contact Matt Pearl [matthew.pearl@state.or.us](mailto:matthew.pearl@state.or.us) or Jeannine Beatrice [jeannine.Beatrice@state.or.us](mailto:jeannine.Beatrice@state.or.us).

### **GOBHI Rolling Out CSCI Early**

Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc., the MHO that includes 12 counties in eastern Oregon and the north coast, will begin implementing the CSCI starting January 1, 2005. They have completed regional trainings on six topics about implementation including referral & eligibility determination and family care coordination. GOBHI has engaged community partners, providers, and allied agencies in the roll out of their implementation strategies. By starting early, GOBHI is creating an opportunity to “work out the kinks” of their system change that starts contractually statewide on July 1, 2005.

### **General Funds to CMHPs for CSCI Level of Need Determination**

The OMHAS will allocate approximately \$1.5 million state General Funds to Community Mental Health Programs through Service Element 22 (Child and Adolescent Outpatient Mental Health). The funds will be distributed in the remaining months of the 2003-05 biennium. Funds for the 2005-07 biennium are not anticipated to be greater than the amount distributed to the individual CMHPs in 2003-05. These funds will enable CMHPs to provide mental health assessments and CASII screenings, as well as service coordination and transition planning, for non-Medicaid eligible children who may need facility-based intensive mental health treatment services. OMHAS will continue to make direct payment to the appropriate facilities for admitted children deemed Medicaid eligible due to the “household of one” provision in federal regulations.

### **CASII Update**

In 2004, 65 practitioners from MHOs and CMHPs were certified to administer the Child and Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument (CASII) through OMHAS sponsored trainings. Many of those trained to use the CASII are now training additional people. OMHAS is planning to sponsor additional trainings in February or March and dates will be announced ASAP. The cost of the training manuals has been reduced from \$30 to \$12 per manual plus shipping and can be purchased by contacting Cristene Ford of the American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists at (202) 966-7300, extension 133.

The Quality Data Improvement Workgroup (QGID) has created a CASII data template and OMHAS will work with MHOs and CMHPs on data submission details. For additional CASII information, please contact Derek Wehr at (503) 947-5527 or [Derek.Wehr@stat.or.us](mailto:Derek.Wehr@stat.or.us).

