

**Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Children's System Change Initiative UPDATE
May 5, 2005**

MHO Contract and Rate Setting Being Finalized

OMHAS will implement financial and contractual changes for the CSCI on October 1, 2005. Additional time has been needed to gain approval for managed care rate methodology and contract changes with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This was due to complications in rate setting and longer timelines for federal approval of planned contract changes. Barring any unexpected and unlikely delays from CMS, OMHAS will achieve the new date for the integration of PRTS and PDTS funding into the MHO agreement.

Implementation of CSCI Referral Coordination

Effective July 1st there will be important contract amendments. First, there are amendments to the CMHP (Community Mental Health Program) agreement that require a community-based decision-making process be developed for non-Medicaid eligible and non-enrolled children who may need facility-based intensive mental health treatment services. This will include assessment, administration of the CASII, service coordination, referral to the appropriate type of care, as well as community transition and aftercare services. Second, contracts with PRTS (Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services) and PDTS (Psychiatric Day Treatment Services) providers will be amended to require the development of a process to accept referrals from CMHPs and MHOs. Similarly, the MHOs have been collaborating with CMHPs and community partners in developing a process and protocol for the Level of Need Determination in their respective communities for enrolled children.

Ongoing Planning/Collaboration of Stakeholders at CSCI Meetings

CSCI implementation continues statewide with stakeholder input at monthly meetings. Following are a list of the meetings:

- Children System Change Initiative (CSCI) – last Wednesday of the month
- Children's System Advisory Committee (CSAC) – 4th Friday of the month
- MHO System Coordinators – 1st Thursday of the month
- Quality Data Improvement Workgroup (QDIG) – 1st Wednesday of the month

Visit the DHS website @ <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/mentalhealth/child-mh-soc-in-plan-grp/csci-imp-meet05.pdf> to view meeting days, times, and locations.

June 1st Hearing for Permanent ICTS Rule

Two public meetings have been held since the temporary Intensive Community-Based Treatment and Support Services Oregon Administrative Rule (ICTS OAR) was filed in January. Based on stakeholder feedback, the hearing draft has been completed and distributed; the hearing will be held on June 1st @ 9am in HSB-137. It is not necessary to attend the hearing to offer testimony. Written testimony will be accepted via letter, fax, or e-mail until 5pm on the date of the hearing. We thank those who have taken the time to participate and offer comments. The permanent ICTS rule will be filed on July 1, 2005. OMHAS staff have developed certification criteria for potential ICTS providers that will be distributed soon. For more information on the ICTS OAR and the certification process, please contact Matthew Pearl @ matthew.pearl@state.or.us or Jeannine Beatrice @ jeannine.beatrice@state.or.us.

CASII Update

OMHAS sponsored another training on how to administer the Child and Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument (CASII) on April 22nd. For those who want to learn more about the CASII but don't need to be trained in how to use it, a three-hour "orientation" to the CASII has been scheduled for May 11th @ 1:30pm in HSB-137. Trainings have also been sponsored in the Portland area by Verity/Multnomah County and by GOBHI for their counties. Trainings are scheduled for May and June in Douglas and Jackson counties sponsored by Jefferson Behavioral Health. For additional CASII information, please contact Derek Wehr @ Derek.Wehr@state.or.us.

Memorandums of Understanding

OMHAS is working closely with state agency partners in the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), the DHS Children, Adults, and Families (CAF), and the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) to develop memorandums of understanding (MOUs). These memoranda will outline broad system parameters that will lay the groundwork for further CSCI implementation. Local community partners are encouraged to develop MOUs that outline local system priorities and ground rules for local system implementation.