

Youth and Family Coalition

11.4.2024

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Virtual

Meeting called by: Tri Lead Bobbie Racine

Note taker: Maria Arreola

Attendees: Bobbie Racine, Andee Martinez, Starleen Lewis, Sheryl Landstrom, Kaleb Lewis, Angela Fraser-Powell, Kate Naeseth, Christina Jackson, Reed Grace, Megan Axley, Dawn Scott, Gina Chirichella, Rick Deluga,

Introductions, Announcements and Updates

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge, with humility, that the land of the North Sound region today is the territory of People of the Salish Sea. Their presence is imbued in the waterways, shorelines, valleys, and mountains of the traditional homelands of the Coast Salish People, since time immemorial.

WISe Updates

4:00 – 5:00

Megan and Dawn

ACTION: Action/Decision () Discussion (x) For Information Only ()

- Data can be found on the Health Care Authority website. [Wraparound with Intensive Services \(WISe\) | Washington State Health Care Authority](#)
- MCOs have targets for WISe.
 - Keep the service intensity and enrollment up and to reduce the interest list.
- Service intensity has gone up with providers.
- Working with providers regarding Level of care that is appropriate for youth and families.
- MCOs have a case load target for each region. Must be met by 85%.
- Interests list has gone down. The interest list can change month to month.
- Quality reviews are going to be revised for WISe.
- Is there an expected turnaround on the waitlist for families? It depends on the provider and agency. It can range from days, months to weeks. If a youth is on an interest list for 9 days, 10 being the maximum days, it is considered an Adverse Benefit Determination. It is required to have youth to access WISe services in a timely manner. That is a Medicaid rule. When a youth is on the interest list, they are connected with a Care Coordination staff at the MCO level to ensure they are interim services.

- CCS currently has a short waitlist. Capacity is slowly growing due to fully staffed in Whatcom County. Skagit County needs a Family Support staff. Position is posted on the CCS website. [Job Search / Jobs](#)
- There are five providers for WISE in the North Sound.
- If there is a long interest list the providers can reach out to another county. The 5 providers are not available every where it depends on each county.
- WISE is referring to Child, Youth, and Family Crisis Team (CYFCT.)
- Are there any trends how long families are connected with WISE? It can be such time of a 9 months to a year families are in services.
- Must have a good transition plan when families graduate from WISE.
- It is a priority to support on going training for staff to support the families being served.
- When a family is put on the waitlist and has started WISE and requests another provider it is the expectation to not have families go back to the bottom of the interest list. CLIP families get moved up on the interest list.
- At CCS is fully staffed in outpatient services.
- WISE can move families within different teams if that is the request from the family.

Summary of Strengths and Needs Assessment	
5:20 – 5:30	Reed and Kaleb
ACTION: Action/Decision () Discussion () For Information Only (x)	
Overview:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Receive and gather information from all the school districts in the North sound and multiple community organizations. — A total of 85 responses were received from the survey. — The goal is to interpret the information received from the survey to have meaningful discussions of goals, projects and dreams to pursue. — Kaleb presented the Strengths and Needs Assessment. 	

Introductions and Announcements	
5:30 – 6:00	Val Jones
ACTION: Action/Decision () Discussion () For Information Only (x)	
Overview:	
Discussion Points:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Starleen, Kaleb, Sheryl, Christina, and Andee will be attending the National Federation of Families Conference in Florida. They will provide an update during the December meeting. — Sheryl with a Common Voice will be presenting at the National Federation of Families Conference in Florida. 	

- Christina spoke of being more involved in YFC and Whatcom County.
- Reed spoke of volunteering at Lighthouse Mission. The Lighthouse has moved into a new facility.

Conclusion/Outcomes

Evaluations	
15min	
ACTION: Action/Decision () Discussion () For Information Only (x)	
Overview: Link was sent to the committee	
Discussion Points:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Evaluations link sent to committee 	
Conclusion/Outcomes	
Committee will complete the online evaluation	