Status of Performance-Based Contracting Model

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September 30, 2017

Sec. 503 (6). The department, in conjunction with members from both the house of representatives and senate, private child placing agencies, the courts, and counties shall implement the recommendations that are described in the workgroup report that was provided in section 503 of article X of 2013 PA 59 to establish a performance-based funding for public and private child welfare services providers. The department shall provide a quarterly report on the status of the performance-based contracting model to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on the department budget, the senate and house standing committees on families and human services, and the senate and house fiscal agencies and policy offices.



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The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) continues to lead and utilize the Child Welfare Partnership Council to ensure stakeholder involvement in the development of a performance-based funding model. MDHHS has collaborated with Kent County MDHHS staff and the Kent County provider community involved in the West Michigan Partnership for Children (WMPC) to continue moving the Kent County pilot forward. The performance-based funding model pilot is on schedule to begin on October 1, 2017.

Recent accomplishments include:

WMPC Infrastructure Planning

- Finalized a communications plan that includes launching a website in August and social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn) in September 2017.
- Participated in various community events to share information about the WMPC.
- Planned and held a workforce celebration that occurred on August 25, 2017.
- Planned a larger community-wide launch party to be held at Grand Rapids Downtown Market on October 17, 2017.
- Hired 14 staff to support operations at WMPC.
- Selected medical, dental and vision plans; short-term and long-term disability plans and a retirement plan for WMPC staff effective September 1, 2017.
- Developed WMPC Employee Handbook.
- Developed WMPC vision and mission statement.
- Private agency and WMPC staff participated in MiSACWIS (Michigan's Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System) testing.
- Tested data coactive with Mindshare.
- Established contracts with service providers.
- Purchased a financial accounting system which allows for statistical, financial and cost accounting reporting and integrates with MindShare to provide financial data and analysis at the case level. Private agency financial representatives were involved with the implementation, planning and testing.
- Conducted in-person meetings and calls with service providers to introduce WMPC's Executive Leadership team, provide a vision for the partnership, educate about the services provided and answered questions about the upcoming partnership with WMPC.

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MDHHS Contracting, Oversight, Claiming and State Plan

- Finalized local oversight processes for fiscal and child welfare program monitoring.
- Finalized case rate and reached consensus with the WMPC and WMPC board members.
- Received state administrative board approval for the WMPC contract.
- Finalized MiSACWIS changes and began testing with the WMPC, private agency providers and the local MDHHS offices.
- Finalizing cost reports for federal claiming.
- Delivered the first round of data to Mindshare for testing.
- Drafted a cost allocation plan amendment.