

Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse & Neglect
Mental Health Standards Committee
Meeting via phone 10.14.16 10:00 am
Meeting Notes

Participants: Sue Hull, Mary Chaliman, Tom Cottrell, Joyce Siegel, David Garvin, Jennifer Stentoumis (on behalf of Kim Batsche-McKenzie), Shannon Lowder, Carol Hackett Garagiola

New members T. Cottrell and J. Siegel provided Committee members with a brief overview of their professional backgrounds.

M. Chaliman reported that MDHHS has posted its RFP seeking providers of trauma assessments in each of 12 regions in MI. M. Chaliman also reported on the status of the MDHHS-Relias contract revision to reflect the addition of 420 users to the Relias system pursuant to the GTFCAN 9.29.16 approval of funding for that purpose.

C. Hackett Garagiola and T. Cottrell reported that a conversation with the Board of the MI Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MI ATSA) is scheduled for 10.18.16 to discuss the potential role of MI ATSA in assisting the MHS Committee with work to implement some of the recommendations of the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children (TFPSAC). S. Lowder and J. Siegel also will participate in the conversation with MI ATSA if their schedules permit.

Committee members discussed development of content for the Relias system to include child sexual abuse (CSA)-specific information, and best and promising practices for services and interventions for child and adult survivors of CSA and their families, and juvenile and adult perpetrators and their families. M. Chaliman recommended inclusion of K. Batsche-McKenzie, and S. Hull recommended inclusion of Child Advocacy Centers in this work. J. Siegel and C. Hackett Garagiola will do outreach for that purpose.

Committee members discussed potential work with MDHHS to enhance qualifications, standards, and training/resources for professionals who receive contracts or funding from MDHHS to provide services to survivors of CSA and their families, and to adult and juvenile perpetrators of CSA and their families. Committee members will keep M. Chaliman advised so that input from MDHHS central office and from the MDHHS field is considered in this work.

Committee members discussed the MI ATSA conversation scheduled for 10.18.16 as an initial step in the Committee's consideration of whether and how to move forward with advocacy for a certification or other process in MI to identify professionals with expertise in providing useful and effective assessments, interventions and services, based on best and promising practices, to adult and juvenile perpetrators of CSA.

J. Siegel offered to check into the existence of CSA-specific curricula at Western MI University, as an initial step in the Committee's work to advocate for inclusion of CSA-specific training in

undergraduate and graduate programs for all students preparing for a career in mental health services or social work.

The next meeting of the MHS Committee is scheduled for 12.9.16 at 9:30 a.m. at the Hall of Justice.