



NE Family Youth System Partner Meeting Minutes NE FYSPRT

May 3, 2018

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The NE FYSPRT met May 3, 2018 at the Enduris Training Facility on Technology Blvd in Spokane and was called to order by the System Partner Lead Liz Perez. Thirty one members and guests representing families, youth, and system partners were present or participated by webex, including WISE providers in Okanogan, Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties.

PRESENTATION

Rosey Thurman, Attorney with Team Child, provided the NE FYSPRT with a presentation on IEPs. IEPs are individual educational plans developed by the school and the student's caregivers. The caregiver sends a referral to the school asking for an evaluation. There are time limits for the school to respond. If the school determines the individual is eligible, an evaluation takes place. The evaluation must cover all areas of potential disability: health, hearing, vision, academic performance, general intelligence, communication, speech and language, and motor activities. If the family disagrees with the evaluation, they can ask for an independent examination. Once the evaluation is complete, it should determine if the individual is eligible for special education and informs the IEP. There are timelines for completing the IEP. The IEP determines placement, which should be in the least restrictive setting. The IEP is not finalized until all parties are in agreement. The IEP utilizes SMART goals (specific, measurable, attainable/appropriate, reasonable, and time sensitive). The parents must be involved in the decision making process including discipline. Students cannot be disciplined for behavior that is part of their disability. Students who receive special education have the right to receive education, special education, and related services even if suspended or expelled. The school itself may not know of the special needs of the student. Ms. Thurman provided additional information on discipline. She offered training on discipline if desired.

Ms. Thurman was thanked for her well prepared presentation. She indicated that the Office of Educational Ombuds website has valuable information.

WISE UPDATES

WISE Teams provided updates on their agency's WISE capacity and staffing. Justin again reiterated that the SCRBHO WISE teams are at or near full capacity and while the anticipated summer drop hasn't started yet, it is still expected.



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The BHO has been notified that the TR lawsuit will continue for one more year. Justin complimented the teams and community for handling the additional referrals. Teams were allotted 10-12 enrollees but most are at 14-15 with more referrals each month.

It is unknown how the referral process will be accomplished with the MCOs in 2019. They will not be filtered through the BHO. The BHO is reviewing processes to identify a way to cover the inter-provider issue and this should also be a state-wide topic.

Frontier indicated that all of their WISe teams have been consolidated at the Lidgerwood office. IFD is transitioning several individuals out of the program. Lutheran has an interest list as does Passages. New Alliance, Okanogan and Pend Oreille all are at or near capacity.

Members discussed the quality of care and staff burnout with caseloads of 17 per team as compared to 10. The east side also has the requirement to complete the screenings which is not required of west side teams.

STATEWIDE FYSPRT

The Statewide FYSPRT provided the response to the issue raised by the NE FYSPRT relating to respite. It is noted that there is an error in the report. While it addressed YFA and CRC, it did not address Excelsior.

The Children's Behavioral Health Executive Leadership Team reviewed the recommendations from the Statewide FYSPRT and replied in writing. They addressed the two options provided by the Statewide FYSPRT and offered an additional option.

The next NE FYSPRT meeting is June 7, 2018. The meeting will be held at the new Passages location.