

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

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Name of Governmental Body: Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Council			Attending: Council Members: Liz Hecht; Nissan Bar-Lev; Patti Becker; Jonelle Brom; Sharon Fleischfresser; Mitch Hagopian; Chris Hanten; Pamela Hencke; Wendy Heyn; Barbara Katz; Shakita LaGrant; Katy Morgan-Davies; Cherie Purdy; Angela Radloff; Walt Schalick; Lisa Stephan; Beth Swedeen; Sandra Tierney Public Attendees: Julie Forrest (FW Consulting); Kelly Blaschko (Genesee Community Services) DHS State Staff: Deb Rathermel; Autumn Knudtson; Sarah Kate Johnson; Lori Garsow; Maryjean Schmierer; Gary Roth (AV Technician)
Date: 4/15/2020	Time Started: 10:00 AM	Time Ended: 12:05 PM	
Location: Zoom			Presiding Officer: Liz Hecht, Chairperson
Minutes			

Welcome–Introductions and Council Announcements (Liz Hecht, Chair)

- Individual introductions of Council members, Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) staff, and general public.

Operational – (Liz Hecht, Chair)

- Approval of January 22, 2020, Meeting Minutes
MOTION: Walt made a motion, seconded by Nissan, to approve the draft meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.



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Public Comments: None

Council Members/News to Share

- Katy Morgan-Davies, Sandra Tierney, and Wendy Heyn shared variability in county administration of the CLTS program's Parental Payment Liability

BCS COVID19 Activities and Inputs

Deb Rathermel provided an overview of current CLTS actions in response to COVID-19 Pandemic:

- Suspended all support and service coordinator (SSC) face-to-face contacts
- Enabled remote service provisions
- Weekly teleconferences with county waiver agencies (CWAs) and providers
- Q&A webpage
- Numbered Memo 2020-04, increasing service coordinator contact standards
- All in for Kids family newsletter
- DHS and each program's webpages providing COVID-19 updates
- Daily management meetings in the following areas: Administration Office, Long-Term Care, Medicaid, Department of Children and Families, and Bureau of Children's Services, to identify latest needs and authorities
- Biweekly Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) calls

Emerging Topics:

- DHS is requesting permission from state legislature to request federal flexibilities to meet the needs of the population during the COVID-19 pandemic through CMS application for a 1135 Amendment and K Appendix to the CLTS waiver

Inputs from Stakeholders and Additional Inputs

- Council is interested in considerations for the current parental payment liability planning during COVID-19 crisis
- ForwardHealth COVID-19 broad scope changes for virtual visits
- Discussion on safety precautions and possible standardization for in-person visits during COVID-19
- Clarification to county waiver agencies regarding consideration for families without technology access
- Family's ability to connect with support and service coordinator is very important during COVID-19

BCS Program Access Advisory Committee COVID-19 Input Grid

Document with Council



COVID-19 Input
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Inputs from Stakeholders and Additional Inputs

- Council recommends identifying considerations for outreach to individuals currently on the CLTS waitlist
- Consideration for retroactive payment for parents if amendments are approved by CMS
- Council recommends a toolkit for holistic support and service coordination assistance
- Council discussed creation of a caregiver risk assessment for support and service coordination
- Recommendation for temporary revisions to respite care requirements
- Consider reimbursement to family who is unable to work and is providing replacement care for their child when outside service was not possible
- Consideration for services as resources reopen

Reflection Discussion

- Access to protective equipment for in-home care providers
- Parent-driven decision for resumption of services without loss of service when Executive Order #12 is lifted
- Concern identified for the potential financial struggles of providers through the COVID-19 crisis
- Concern identified for availability for youth to transition to adulthood in lieu of school and other community-related closures

Future State:

- Discussion on long term planning--what happens after the immediate crisis?

Future Meeting Agenda Planning:

- Next meeting Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

Adjournment

- The CLTS Council meeting was adjourned by Liz Hecht, Chairperson.

Prepared by: Lori Garsow on 4/20/2020.

Approved 7/15/2020