

1115 WAIVER TASK FORCE MEETING
May 19, 2014
MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Janet Iovino, Kathy McKeon, Jennifer Reid, Mark Adelman, Tina Spears, Nicholas Oliver, Deb Castellano, Maria Petrillo, Jim Nyberg, Michelle Brophy, Craig Syata, Lisa Hetland, Anne Quinterno, Deb Garneau, Michelle Lafrance, Sharon Terzian, Tom Marcello, Steven Patriarca, Ann Mulready, Holly Garvey, Michelle Amado, Michelle Szylin, Rory Carmody, Elizabeth Shelov, Janice Bijesse, Bethany Caputo, Anthony Salvo, Elena Nicolella, John Mansolillo

Elena Nicolella, EOHHS, opened the meeting by having all attendees introduce themselves to the larger group. The goal of this task force is to be responsive to all the issues and questions that arise from different representatives. Recent feedback from the task force shows an interest in more back and forth conversations between state staff and the community. It should also be noted that the goal of the task force is to provide an environment where members feel safe to express their views and thoughts. There will also be effort to be consistent with presentations that are made to the task force. The information will be clear and explained in an appropriate format. The Office of Partner Engagement will be reaching out to the task force in the near future to solicit ideas for a topic the task force would like to explore on a more detailed level.

Director DeFrances (DCYF), Lee Baker (DCYF) and Michelle Brophy (BHDDH) convened a discussion around the transition of 18-21 years olds. Ms. Nicolella noted that there is an information vacuum on regarding children who transition into adulthood. Task force members stated there is a lack of consistency in health services and eligibility standards. Director DeFrances brought up the issue of allowing parents to know of DCYF resources before their child gets placed in custody.

Alda Rego, EOHHS, provided the task force with a brief presentation on the Caseload Estimating Conference. See attached for presentation.

Ms. Nicolella also spoke on recent EOHHS updates. Medicaid will begin the renewal process soon than expected in order to prevent cuts to the budget. A public hearing will be taking place to revise the rules regarding this decision. Those who have to renew will be guided to the new UHIP eligibility portal. Anyone without access to a computer can always renew via paper application as well via telephone.

During the public comment portion of the meeting many members brought up ideas for the task force to explore at future meetings. A breakdown of the number of people on Medicaid and the number of new Medicaid members will be provided to members at the June TF meeting. The issue of opt out rates in Phase I of the Integrated Care Initiative was also brought to the group's attention. The TF will be looking for updates from the Lt. Governor's group regarding this issue. There will also be a follow up on the discussion of 18-21 year olds transitioning through the system.

The June 2014 task force meeting will be held on Monday June 23, 2014.