

CIS Open Agenda Call Summary: January 23, 2009

Participants: CIS Representatives from the following regions:
Bennington, Brattleboro, Springfield, Rutland, Addison, Hartford,
Washington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Newport, Franklin Grand Isle.

Representatives from the CIS State Team: Sue Shepard, Brenda Bean,
Terri Edgerton, Danielle Howes, Joann Mattsson, Sue Harding,
Jane Ross-Allen, Janice Stockman, Christina Strobridge facilitating.

Guest: *Sue Schmidt AHS Planning team, Integrated Services for children 0-22*

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<i>Topic</i>	<i>Discussion Points</i>
<i>Updates</i>	<p>CDD State Team: The state CIS team reconfigured at the beginning of December to a much smaller and focused planning group. Members include KC Whiteley, Sue Shepard, Brenda Bean, Terri Edgerton/Helen Keith (shared), Sue Harding, Joanne Mattson, Danielle Howes, Christina Strobridge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kim Keiser will continue to join the team by phone through the month of January. No announcements have been made to date about a new Deputy Commissioner appointment. ▪ Brenda Bean will be retiring from State Government on February 1. She moves on with best wishes to work with the VT Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health . ▪ The Division remains committed to hiring a CIS Director with Mental Health expertise and the ability to connect CIS work at a higher systems level
<i>BBF Regional Director Cuts</i>	<p>Question: How do BBF cuts impact CIS? What is the expectation of CDD about CIS in light of BBF cuts?</p> <p>Multiple regions have CIS teams facilitated and coordinated by their BBF Regional Director which will mean the loss of a strong support to CIS. The impact of the cuts will be felt differently in different regions. The work of CIS will continue and is critical work to the larger system of care for families, even more so with these cuts. CIS teams have to be functioning in communities to interact with children and families early on and comprehensively.</p> <p>Regions are asked to communicate specifics: What do you need to do the CIS work? Identify the core issues to creating a functioning CIS intake and referral process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facilitation, neutral person able to focus on process, tend to details, keep group moving forward, oversee the referral and intake process ▪ Some regions say they will feel minimal impact on CIS with loss of BBF. Others feel increased burden on CIS without the BBF regional director ▪ Will need to regroup to coordinate EC systems work, cross-discipline training ▪ AHS still figuring out funding to pay for teams: challenging. What amount is needed in each community to carry efforts forward? Teams need to be specific: Training, facilitation, core issues? Make sure the State team knows your regions needs by communicating them to your state CIS team liaison.

	<p>particular emphasis on outreach, engagement, referral, and the delivery of family support services; and</p> <p>3) To support a more comprehensive approach to service delivery including supporting time for delivery of direct services, group education, team and supervision time, documentation and other record keeping requirements</p> <p>For the first 15 months of the pilot, the four pilot sites (Franklin Grand Isle, Hartford (2 sites) and Springfield) used upfront grant funding instead of fee-for service billing. As of September 08, they began testing a case rate structure by which they bill once monthly to EDS for reimbursement.</p> <p>A comprehensive Pilot Evaluation Report for the first 15 month period is available at: http://dcf.vermont.gov/sites/dcf/files/pdf/cdd/dev/CIS_Pilot_Report.pdf</p> <p>It is too soon to draw final conclusions about applying the case rate structure to CIS. It is very important to provide thorough testing and feedback to AHS as we move forward and consider how billing needs to work for the CIS program. The first reports back from pilot sites regarding the case rate structure are due February 13, 2009.</p> <p>The 4 pilot sites have worked very hard and contributed significant time, feedback and resources to CIS.</p>
<i>Bundled Rates for CIS</i>	<p>Question: When will we hear if CIS will have bundled rates and what those will include?</p> <p>Representatives from the CIS state team are meeting regularly with DCF, AHS, and OVHA business office partners and have made much headway in identifying the many funding sources and billing pathways related to a unified CIS budget. The Early Childhood financing system is quite complex and there is still work to do before decisions about bundled rates can be made. The overall goal is to get monies to communities to provide direct services.</p>
<i>Medicaid Budget Cuts</i>	<p>Question: Governor Douglas has proposed to decrease Medicaid funding by 4% in addition to the 2% previous cut. What will this do to CIS funding?</p> <p>The current economic crisis is definitely impacting services for children and families. The budget and associated proposals for cuts change daily. Cuts will have different impacts in different communities depending on how each region has accessed and used Medicaid allocations. Close communication important between the regions and CIS TA person regarding how such cuts will impact regions specifically.</p>
<i>Regional budgets</i>	<p>Question: The possibility of co-location and a regional budget seem remote at this point. What is the states' sense of those issues at this time?</p> <p>While there is no state mandate for co-location at this time, many teams already have some aspect of co-location in place (for example, a PCC with Part C, and Family Support services under the same roof). Their feedback is that natural proximity makes CIS work easier and more coordinated.</p> <p>There is a strong commitment at the state level to consolidated grants and clearly communicating dollar amounts to regions for planning. Much work has been done already to identify all CIS related funding. Specifics will be communicated as soon as possible.</p>

<p><i>TA liaisons from CIS State Team to Regions</i></p>	<p>Due to changes in the state CIS team structure, the state team TA/contact person for some regions will change. Joanne Mattson and KC Whiteley will be providing additional assistance to the liaisons as needed. The state TA staff is responsible for forwarding communications from the state team to their regions and fielding questions and requests for technical assistance to their regions. Feel free to contact your TA person with any CIS issue as needed.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="443 420 1466 590"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="443 420 703 485">Danielle Howes</th> <th data-bbox="703 420 963 485">Terri Edgerton</th> <th data-bbox="963 420 1222 485">Christina Strobridge</th> <th data-bbox="1222 420 1466 485">Sue Shepard</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="443 485 703 520">Addison</td> <td data-bbox="703 485 963 520">Bennington</td> <td data-bbox="963 485 1222 520">Franklin G1</td> <td data-bbox="1222 485 1466 520">Newport</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="443 520 703 556">Chittenden</td> <td data-bbox="703 520 963 556">Rutland</td> <td data-bbox="963 520 1222 556">Springfield</td> <td data-bbox="1222 520 1466 556">Caledonia</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="443 556 703 590">Washington</td> <td data-bbox="703 556 963 590">Windham</td> <td data-bbox="963 556 1222 590">Hartford</td> <td data-bbox="1222 556 1466 590">Lamoille</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Danielle Howes	Terri Edgerton	Christina Strobridge	Sue Shepard	Addison	Bennington	Franklin G1	Newport	Chittenden	Rutland	Springfield	Caledonia	Washington	Windham	Hartford	Lamoille
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