

**Medical Assistance Realignment/Integrated Children's Planning Stakeholder  
Conference Call**

**Agenda**

**Friday, February 3, 2007 Noon – 1PM**

1) Introduction and General Updates – Stefani Pashman

Group discussed merits of these calls and agreed to continue holding them. We will proceed with our monthly schedule as planned. There was a request for a status update on the big picture, since most of the discussion is locally focused.

2) Performance Review Process Update – Chuck Tyrrell

Based on feedback from the stakeholder group during prior discussions, PeopleStat staff has developed a group of draft outcomes measures to measure the success of this initiative. A small stakeholder group will be convened to provide feedback on these measures – March 16 in the afternoon at the child welfare training site in Mechanicsburg. If you are interested in participating, email Chuck Tyrrell at [ctyrrell@state.pa.us](mailto:ctyrrell@state.pa.us). DPW staff has also been working to identify a group of counties to pilot the outcomes measures. This group will be finalized in the coming weeks and will be shared once the counties are identified.

3) Internal Monitoring of Initiative Successive – Stan Mrozowski

Steering Committee and OMHSAS and OCYF field staff are working to monitor the impact of the initiative on provider staffing and the children involved. A draft form has been developed and once it is refined, it will be piloted in Philadelphia, with the goal of rolling it out to all counties. The form targets managed care counties but will be revised for use in fee-for-service counties. DPW will also start a database to track providers enrolled, staffing patterns, and children served, partially for the purpose of identifying providers who may need technical assistance.

4) Fee-for-Service Rate Setting- Stefani Pashman and Richard Gold

Providers who were enrolled in Medical Assistance prior to July 1, 2005 as part of this initiative may have come in as managed care-only. DPW is now going back and enrolling these providers in the fee-for-service program. This primarily impacts Philadelphia and Allegheny counties. DPW would like to get these providers enrolled during the month of February. Richard Gold will be contacting providers and sharing the paperwork that needs to be completed. There will be no impact on rates retroactively.

5) Out of Zone Issues – Joan Erney

The Steering Committee is looking to address issues of children receiving residential treatment out of zone from their home managed care county. All MCO rate adjustments were made based on the fact that children are the responsibility of county MCOs and the goal is to maintain that linkage. This is an ongoing issue and once there is resolution or a proposal, DPW staff will share.

## 6) Questions and Answers

One question was raised about progress made towards enrolling drug and alcohol providers as part of this initiative. Very few providers have been enrolled to date although a few Northeast counties are developing some service descriptions. DPW staff does not have an explanation for the limited number of program descriptions received from counties for drug and alcohol providers.

A request was made for a discussion of Governor's Budget and its impact on this project during the March stakeholder conference call.