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Services /Advocacy

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Minutes

SERVICES

Services Members Present: LJ Fisher, Bill Fox, Annie Piazza, Ron Skwieralski, Patricia Terziani, John Viera.

Staff: Pat Zacharias.

Agency Updates:

- **FLACRA** –full time position for a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in Ontario County is still open. If interested please contact Brenda Hale at Brenda.hale@flacra.org.
- **Catholic Charities** – Tracy Boff will be returning November 19th. Casey Cline, Darlene Russell and John Viera have resigned. Final interviews are being held for the positions of Art Therapist and Youth Specialist. There is an opening for a Bilingual Case Manager II.
- **ACHC** – thanks everyone who made their fundraiser a success. There is an opening for a Senior Case Manager with a MSW. The agency will be closed next Friday (Oct. 12) for a staff retreat. Dr. Michael Christie has resigned. The online medical records program was scheduled to go live this month but has been pushed back to February 1st.
- **Empire Justice** – has hired several new attorneys. Allison Bates will be working on the Medicaid Churning issue. Cases are still needed.
- **ABC/AFC** – will be having a site visit from AIDS Institute soon. They have an opening for a Case Advocate.

Announcements:

- A series on Voter Preparation will be offered at the Mercy Prayer Center beginning on Monday, October 29 and continuing for 3 more Monday nights. Former Mayor Johnson and Wade Norwood will be presenters.
- There is a HIV Case Management Regional Training Forum being offered in Syracuse on October 18. Spaces are filling up fast. For registration information contact Ida Colon at (212) 594-7741 x288.

Bill distributed a letter his agency wrote in which his agency asked for and received clarification regarding the phrase “changes in level of care”. FLACRA requested a meeting with the Ontario County Commissioner of Social Services but so far have not been successful in getting an appointment.

JOINT MEETING

Review of Minutes:

Trilby requested that the minutes be changed to say that she and Catherine will be following up with the agencies regarding use of the data collection form. With that change the minutes were approved.

Medicaid Churning Form

The redesigned form was distributed. (See attached.) After reviewing the form the committee decided that a release of information should be attached when the form is submitted. When asking a client to sign a release the case manager should tell the client that we have a sense that there is a problem but we need specific case scenarios to prove it so we can meet with DHS. Once we have received the data we will craft our approach accordingly.

Also there needs to be some contact information so people know who is receiving the forms.

It was decided that every case identified as “OTHER” will be followed up on.

This form and what the committees are doing will be an agenda item when the Executive Directors meet.

Next Steps:

At the next meeting the edited form will be distributed and the new timeline. Also the sub committee will report on whether they have met with any agencies to explain the purpose of the form.

ADVOCACY

Advocacy Members Present: Trilby deJung, LJ Fisher, Catherine James, Ron Skwieralski, Patricia Terziani, Calvin Twoguns.

Excused: Debra Khani, Sr. Gratia L’Esperance.

In the absence of the chair, the meeting was cancelled.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 1 at 8:30 am for Services and 9:00 am for Advocacy at AIDS Rochester.