

**OMHSAS Children's Bureau Updates**  
**May 2009**

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<b>Act 62 External Advisory Committee</b>	Sherry Peters	Monthly meetings	At least 3 family members involved.	Act 62 is the Autism Insurance Act that will take effect in July, 2009 requiring certain private insurance to cover autism services. The advisory group is assisting in planning for a smooth transition. Information can be found at <a href="http://www.paautisminsurance.org">www.paautisminsurance.org</a>	Ongoing forums to provide information for families and providers are available as needed.
<b>Adolescent Co- Occurring Training of Trainers (TOT)</b>	Doris Arena	On-going	Family member Sharon Smith participated as an observer for the two day training	As a result of the recent Co-Occurring Training of Trainers (TOT) for Adolescent Co-Occurring, a cadre of trained professionals (educators, clinicians, other professionals) from various regions across the state are now equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to train the larger workforce across the state; thus, alleviating the barrier of access to adolescent co-occurring training resources. The list of regional trainers and their contact information is available on the DPW and DOH websites.	The participants will provide four trainings within their individual communities to transfer the knowledge and skills to the larger provider community across the state. OMHSAS will monitor the trainings and provide information on future training dates and locations.
<b>Alternatives to Coercive Treatment (ACT)</b>	Scott Talley or Courtney Coover  The ACT is cross systems group that includes the Office of Developmental	Ongoing	Family members	As part of the Alternatives to Coercive Techniques restraint free initiative, the Department has developed a core competencies document.  Members of the Sanctuary State Core Team will hold a one day retreat to further define our role in the support of facilities in Pennsylvania who are participating in the Sanctuary Model.	The purpose of the retreat is to develop strategies to assist providers in continuing their efforts towards developing the competencies to reduce restraints and provide a trauma informed treatment approach in the face of extreme economic challenges. Additional training may be needed as the number of previously trained staff has been adversely affected in the past year for various reasons.

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	<p>Programs, the Office of Children Youth and Families, OMHSAS, Provider Association representation, the Department of Education and family members. The group is committed to supporting alternatives to restraint and other coercive methods while promoting a more supportive and trauma informed culture in residential and day treatment programs serving children</p>				
<p><b>Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) Workgroup</b></p>	<p>Crystal Doyle</p> <p>This is a collaborative effort by the Office of</p>	<p>Bi-monthly Meetings</p>	<p>Parents, advocates, and youth are represented and participate on this Workgroup. If interested in learning more about this Workgroup, please</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CAPTA Workgroup has been divided into two groups – Citizen Review Panel Committee and the Children's Justice Act Committee/Task Force.</li> <li>• Citizen Review Panel Committee</li> </ul>	<p>Eight Citizen Review Panels will be established across the Commonwealth. The first phase will consist of a total of three panels in the north west, south central and north east regions of Pennsylvania. The panels are required to</p>

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	Children, Youth and Families (OCYF), The Pennsylvania Child Welfare Training Program (PACWTP), and the Pennsylvania Child and Youth Administrators (PCYA)		contact Cindi Horshaw at <a href="mailto:chorshaw@state.pa.us">chorshaw@state.pa.us</a>	<p>has developed a timeline for establishing six regional Citizen Review Panels across Pennsylvania and two local panels in the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current efforts are focusing on finalizing recruitment and training materials.</li> </ul>	<p>meet at least quarterly and provide annual recommendations to the Department regarding the continuous improvement of child welfare services in Pennsylvania.</p> <p>Citizen Review Panels are composed of volunteer members, including individuals with expertise and interest in the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect. Citizen Review Panels evaluate practices as well as policies and procedures, develop a means for public outreach, and prepare an annual report highlighting panel activities and recommendations to improve child welfare services.</p> <p>For more information on Citizen Review Panels or to apply to be a panel member please visit the Pennsylvania Child Welfare Training Program's website at <a href="http://www.pacwcbt.pitt.edu/CAPTA.htm">www.pacwcbt.pitt.edu/CAPTA.htm</a> or contact Christine Reese at 717-795-9048. You can also send any questions via email to <a href="mailto:pacrp@pitt.edu">pacrp@pitt.edu</a>.</p>
<b>Child and Family Services Review Steering Committee (CFSR)</b>	Crystal Doyle  This group includes policy, licensing and operational staff from the Office of Children Youth and Families (OCYF), County and Private	Monthly meetings	Youth Ambassadors, parents, and advocates are represented and participate on the steering committee. If interested in learning more about this committee, please contact Stephanie Maldonado at <a href="mailto:smaldonado@state.pa.us">smaldonado@state.pa.us</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee continues to meet on a consistent basis to define action steps that would further enhance the recommendations provided to the Office of Children, Youth and Families after the Statewide Assessment</li> </ul>	Develop and implement a Program Improvement Plan (PIP) to address issues of non-conformity after the Statewide Assessment conducted by the Federal Children's Bureau.

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	Children and Youth agencies and the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS).				
<b>Commonwealth Student Assistance Program</b>	Denise Short or Sherry Peters	Advisory Council meets periodically; Commonwealth Approved Trainers meet twice a year; Regional SAP Coordinators meet monthly via conference calls, video, and face to face meetings	Two family members on Advisory Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Student Assistance Program (SAP) has been in existence for 23 years and provides screening, consultation and support services to youth in all 501 school districts throughout the Commonwealth. Currently SAP teams are in high schools, middle schools and some elementary schools.</li> <li>• Chapter 12 of the PA School Code was revised to include planning and provision of SAP for all school entities, kindergarten through grade 12.</li> <li>• SAP is an important service that is part of the joint initiative to provide School Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (SWPBIS) in schools.</li> <li>• OMHSAS has recently been given the opportunity to collaborate with BDAP and PDE to develop an on-line reporting system for Student Assistance Program (SAP) liaison services through the existing SAP website. Aggregate data will be</li> </ul>	<p>All the Single County Authorities have registered and most of the Mental Health Programs have registered. Still working on gathering data for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter reports but second quarter reports are in progress as well.</p> <p>Continuing to collect Quarter 2 data.</p>

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				collected on-line by each SAP Liaison Provider agency by school district on a quarterly basis using a web-based reporting system. The data will help to substantiate all of the hard work and dedication that the SAP Liaisons have provided to children.	Beginning to look at information collected so far. Working on fixing a few areas in the report to make the report more useful.
<b>Cross Systems Workgroup</b>	Scott Talley	Subcommittee of the OMHSAS Children's Advisory: Conference calls held between meetings	Family and youth members from the Advisory Committee and Sunshine members will participate in this workgroup.	One of the three new workgroups of the Children's Advisory Committee. This workgroup will focus on identifying a framework for Children's System Integration.	The first conference call is scheduled for May 6, 2009. This meeting will focus on identifying a mission statement for the workgroup and identifying a co-chair.
<b>Deaf and Hard of Hearing Workgroup</b>	Stan Mrozowski	Quarterly Meetings in SE	Several consumers are members of the work group.	Developing continuum of community services, including small residential	Continue to develop and implement plan
<b>Early Childhood Mental Health Initiatives</b>	Sherry Peters or Harriet Bicksler	CASSP Coordinators and ECMH Consultants meet periodically; ECMH Advisory Committee meets quarterly; children's bureau staff participate in	A family member is co-chair of the ECMH Advisory Committee; additional family members with young children are being recruited for the advisory committee (around 3-5 family members currently, plus advocates). Contact Michele Walsh at <a href="mailto:micwal@berksiu.org">micwal@berksiu.org</a> for information.	Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) and OMHSAS have been working together on the ECMH Consultation project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project promotes healthy social-emotional development in young children while addressing challenging behaviors to prevent the need for a more intensive intervention in the child's future.</li> <li>• ECMH Consultants work with Early Care and Education Practitioners to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ observe children and program</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OMHSAS is providing psychiatric consultative services to the ECMH Consultants via phone, e-mail, and in person consultation with a child psychiatrist. (In the event that additional consultant services are needed, there is potential to access consultant services in each of the regional keys.)</li> <li>• Early Childhood Mental Health Advisory Committee has met four times. The three workgroups (prevention and intervention, communication and collaboration, and workforce development) are developing</li> </ul>

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		various ECMH-related initiatives (e.g., Strengthening Families Leadership Team, Room to Grow Committee, ECMH Advisory Steering Committee, etc.)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ practices</li> <li>○ develop goals and strategies to enhance the practitioners' capacity to encourage development of positive relationships</li> <li>○ create a learning environment which promotes positive behaviors.</li> </ul> <p>A "periodic update on early childhood mental health initiatives in Pennsylvania" is published and available online at <a href="http://www.parecovery.org">www.parecovery.org</a> (click Statewide Initiatives/ECMH and scroll down to link). (Latest edition dated November 2008)</p> <p>Approximately 30 ECMH practitioners from across the state are enrolled in the Infant Mental Health certificate program at Chatham University through funding provided by OMHSAS.</p>	specific recommendations to present to the DPW program office deputies by September 2009. The next meeting will be held on June 2, 2009.
<b>Evidence-Based Programs (EBPs)</b>	Courtney Coover, Elizabeth Campbell, and Jessica Umbrell	Participation in quarterly Prevention Subcommittee Meetings at PCCD  Quarterly MST provider calls		Children's Bureau is aware of two recent RFP's for FFT, one in York Co and one for Buck/Montgomery  Quarterly meetings for FFT providers have been established. The 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting will be held on March 25 <sup>th</sup> .  MST provider calls continue on a quarterly basis	Identify categories of data to be collected and reported to the Children's Bureau by enrolled MTFC programs.  Collaborate with PCCD to obtain performance data PCCD is collecting for grant-funded EBPs.  Write summary of findings of FFT and MST site visits

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		Quarterly FFT provider calls		Meetings with PCCD, OCYF, and the Center for EBP to coordinate roles related to funding, data collection, and technical assistance to providers	Develop the Youth and Family Team process as a practice model to support EBPs  Utilize appropriate resources to identify further EBPs and promising practices.
<b>Family-Based Regulations Workgroup</b>	Deb Hardy	Stakeholders completed their work and their final work product was forwarded to Policy Division	Participants included OMHSAS, service providers, family members, MCO's, and County Representatives.	The Family Focus Group report has been completed. A clinical review of current DPW approved training curriculums as well as current BH-MCO FB policies and procedures are underway. Training facilities interviews have been completed but analysis of the curriculums is ongoing.	BH-MCOs will be contacted for participation in this review process.
<b>Family-Group Decision Making (FGDM)</b>	Courtney Coover	Statewide Implementation Team Meetings are quarterly; Evaluation sub-committee meetings are also quarterly	Advocating for family and youth involvement on the evaluation subcommittee; implementation team has representation	Attend meetings as scheduled.	Continue to share information.
<b>Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Services Development</b>	Deb Hardy  (Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs (BDAP) FASD Task Force under leadership of the	Executive Committee meetings/Task Force Meetings are focused towards building a system of care to meet the	Parents, advocates, physicians, researchers, service providers, nurses and government policy makers participate	-Invited to serve on the BDAP Executive Committee of the Statewide FASD Task Force  -Continue involvement as a member on the Statewide Task Force, which will reconvene in December to develop an implementation strategy for	-Seek presenters for the conference.  -Continue to assist in expanding public and private child-serving agencies' involvement to increase awareness and get out important message of need to combine prevention with active intervention.

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	Department of Health)	service needs of those children, adults, and families living with FASD. Quarterly Task Force Meetings		the Five Year Plan.  -Participate on planning committee for the Children's Interagency Conference in the development of FASD programming to include presentations and a round table discussion.  -Advocate for inclusion of FASD presentations at the SWAN/IL Conference as a member of the Conference Planning Committee	The Five Year Plan for FASD is available online at <a href="http://www.parecovery.org">www.parecovery.org</a> (click on Statewide Initiatives/Early Childhood Mental Health and scroll to last item on page.)
<b>Integrated Children's Services Planning Advisory Committee</b>	Sherry Peters	Quarterly	Youth and family subcommittees meet before the advisory committee. At least 10 family and youth are involved in this committee.	The Integrated Children's Services Plan Advisory Committee is comprised of county representatives and staff from MH/MR, C&Y, EI, D&A, Juvenile Detention Centers, DPW, PDE, and DOH. This external Committee also includes service providers, family members, child advocates and youth. The role of this committee includes providing the Department input and recommendations on integrated service policies and procedures, provide feedback on best practices on integration of services and to assist in the review of county integrated plans.	County plans were reviewed in late October and November. Final comments have been given to counties and funding decisions will be made after the budget is passed.  Draft guidelines for next year have been distributed for review and comment.
<b>MacArthur MH/JJ Model Systems Project</b>	Stan Mrozowski	Quarterly	Families involved in project	Screening and assessment, development of county efforts to implement elements of position statement, family involvement. Beginning study of Juvenile Mental health Courts.	
<b>OMHSAS Advisory</b>	Sherry Peters, or	Every other	Youth and families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The OMHSAS Advisory</li> </ul>	

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<b>Executive Committee</b>	Doris Arena, or Shaye Erhard	month	involved. Co-chairs from Older Adult, Adult, and Children's Advisory Committees attend these meetings.	<p>Executive Committee is comprised of the Co-Chairs of the Children's Adult, and Older Adult Committees to provide a structure for the coordination of the Advisory Committee's activities, concerns, and issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee is responsible for the development of agendas, completing required correspondence, making recommendations of specific tasks and assignment of workgroups to develop information and recommendations on these issues, and making decisions on behalf of the Committee between meetings.</li> <li>• The Executive Committee acts as the Membership Committee, and having the authority to recommend to the Deputy Secretary persons to be appointed to the three committees.</li> </ul>	
<b>OMHSAS Youth Advisory Subcommittee</b>	Doris Arena	Every other month	Youth and families involved	<p>The OMHSAS Youth Advisory Committee has identified the development of Peer Support services for youth 14-17, as a priority. The group continues to meet regularly to discuss how to strategize this effort.</p> <p>The OMHSAS Transition Cross Systems Workgroup was recently convened to identify and prioritize policy and/or practice barriers that impede successful transition for youth and young adults. The workgroup is</p>	The committee will continue to provide feedback to the Deputy Secretary on matters related to the needs of transition age youth.

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				<p>comprised of state level policy staff from various youth serving systems, as well as a family member and two young adults The workgroup's goal is to develop a work plan by the summer that will detail actions steps to address these barriers across systems.</p>	
<p><b>PA Juvenile Fire Setter Interagency Coalition</b></p>	<p>Deb Hardy</p>	<p>Under leadership of the PA State Fire Commissioner's Office, to establish intervention efforts to address the problem associated with juvenile fire setting within the Commonwealth ; meetings held quarterly or as needed.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two service descriptions for juvenile fire setters (JFS) treatment programs have been received by the Bureau for review. To better understand the proposed services, Bureau staff gathered additional information about the protocol developed by the Coalition, attended a training program offered by the OPSFC, and had internal discussions about how the proposed services could fit within MA standards.</li> <li>• Bureau staff met with PCPA and a group of providers interested in delivering JFS treatment services to discuss how to create a clinically sound service that also fits within MA requirements. The Bureau has since been working closely with one provider, who is taking a leadership role, to develop a template for a JFS treatment program that other providers can also implement.</li> <li>• Provided information to the State Fire Commission on the 16th Annual Forensic Rights and Treatment Conference</li> </ul>	<p>Attend the Juvenile Firesetter Advisory Group for a 'state of the group' presentation and to discuss and perhaps make some decisions as to the future of this initiative.</p> <p>Finalize the template JFS treatment program.</p>

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<b>Public Health Workgroup</b>	Stan Mrozowski	Subcommittee of the OMHSAS Children's Advisory: Conference calls held between meetings	Family and youth members from the Advisory Committee and Sunshine members will participate in this workgroup.	One of the three new workgroups of the Children's Advisory Committee. This workgroup will focus on identifying a framework for implementing mental health promotion efforts for children and families.	The first conference call is scheduled for May 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2009.
<b>Residential Treatment Facilities (RTF) Cross System Workgroup</b>	Scott Talley  The group includes policy, licensing and operational staff from the Office of Children Youth and Families (OCYF), Office of Medical Assistance Programs/the Bureau of Program Integrity (BPI), the Department of Health (DOH) and the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS).	Ongoing		The integration of the approval, licensure, and certification of Residential Treatment Facilities (RTFs) is an initiative within Department of Public Welfare. Since 2002 the DPW/RTF Cross System Workgroup has met regularly to implement a cross system team approach to the review, approval, as well as improving the quality of care provided to residents within RTF's through the regional and field offices.	Targets established by the workgroup are:  1) To establish consistent review and approval guidelines of RTF's and to improve the quality of care provided to residents.  2) To increase communication between state departments for the purposes of incident and site review reporting.

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<b>Residential Initiative</b>	Stan Mrozowski, Sherry Peters, Scott Talley	ongoing	Periodic	Development of draft RTF regulations; Development of a White Paper on PRTFs; retreat with OMHSAS and OCYF in September; work groups to collect data on out-of-state issues, community alternatives, outcomes, pay for performance, and implications of FGDM and High Fidelity Wraparound.	
<b>Resource Facilitation Team (RFT)</b>	Doris Arena	Monthly	This is an internal DPW workgroup and specific cases are discussed; therefore youth and families are not involved.	<p>The Resource Facilitation Team (RFT) facilitates the transition of physical health (PH) age-outs from the Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program to an alternate package of home and community-based services, to avoid institutionalization, and remain a viable part of their family and community. The RFT consists of representatives from the Office of Social Programs (OSP), Office of Program Development (OPD), Office of Children, Youth and Families (OCYF), and Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP) to include long term care, managed care, and fee-for-service.</p> <p>The RFT's functions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>gathering and reviewing assessments and other pertinent material to determine an individual's eligibility for a specific package of service or waiver</li> </ul>	

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>program,</li> <li>referring any individual, for whom the team members cannot find placement, to the Executive Steering Committee for further action</li> </ul>	
<b>Respite</b>	Crystal Doyle	Bi-monthly meetings	<p>Youth (1) and Family Members (4) involvement on the Workgroup.</p> <p>*The group has identified a need for additional representation specifically in the following categories: rural, youth, cultural diversity, parents of MH children/youth, MH case managers and service coordinators</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluation of the 3rd quarter reporting forms received from counties.</li> <li>Making contact with Counties to ensure that allocated respite funds are being spent per the established guidelines and allocated funds will be spent by the end of the current fiscal year.</li> </ul>	<p>Meetings for 2009 have been pre-scheduled to occur bi-monthly. Next meeting scheduled for May 20, 2009. The group continues to identify Counties/Joiners that need technical assistance based on the reporting form data received through 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of fiscal year 2008-2009.</p> <p>Begin working on the Guidelines for fiscal year 2009-2010.</p> <p>Participants from the Workgroup agreed that the following three areas would focus the ongoing work of the group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monitoring the expenditure of allocations for the use of respite services;</li> <li>2. Developing resources such as training curriculum, informational brochures, rural issues; balancing safety with parent choice;</li> <li>3. Developing consistent evaluation information that would demonstrate the value of respite and the need for additional funds for expansion.</li> </ol>
<b>School Based Behavioral Health Leadership Team</b>	Denise Short, Sherry Peters or	Conference calls or face to face meetings monthly	At least 3 family and youth members are involved along with multiple advocates.	OMHSAS has been participating on a School Based Behavioral Health Leadership team with the Department of Education and other stakeholders to	PBS Summit was held on 12/11/08- Lucille Eber was the keynote speaker. Two districts who have implemented PBS in two of their schools presented information regarding the

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				Promote joint initiatives such as Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, School Based Behavioral Health pilot programs, and providing ongoing training and consultation for education staff and provider agencies.	significant gains they have seen in student performance and decrease in discipline referrals as well as a decrease in referrals to special education. 400 people were in attendance at this conference from across the Commonwealth.  Working on a new website for PBS initiative.
<b>Statewide Adoption Network</b>	Crystal Doyle	Monthly mtgs on the Conference Planning Committee and quarterly mtg on the Advisory Board		Continue membership on the Conference Planning Committee for the Permanency Conference 2009.	Continue to provide technical assistance and access to resources that will best be suited to the intended audience of child welfare providers and resource families.
<b>Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative</b>	Denise Short or Sherry Peters	Youth Monitoring Committee meets at least quarterly with occasional conference calls and Youth Advisory meets at least 2 times per year.	2 family members are involved.	The Youth Monitoring Committee provides consultation and directs the agenda and activities for the Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative. OMHSAS and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, along with other state partners and stakeholders made application to SAMHSA to receive funds through the Garrett Lee Smith Suicide Prevention Grant. OMHSAS learned in September that we received \$500,000 for the first year with continuing funding for two more years. Check <a href="http://www.payspi.org">www.payspi.org</a> for more information.	PA Suicide Youth Prevention Initiative web site at <a href="http://www.payspi.org">www.payspi.org</a> is developing pages featuring each county's suicide prevention efforts and resources. (This is ongoing)  Efforts are under way to implement the Garrett Lee Smith Grant-Youth Suicide Prevention in Primary Care. Two successful kick-off events held 12/2 and 12/5. Luzerne/Lackawanna combined their efforts. Schuylkill County held a separate event. Each county has identified a primary care office that has agreed to partner with us on this project. The trainings will begin in March for the primary care setting regarding youth suicide prevention and the use of the screening tool. The trainings for the Behavioral Health Providers on Cognitive

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					<p>Behavioral Therapy and Attachment Based Family Therapy began in April.</p> <p>Weekly conference calls occur with each county along with monthly in person meetings with a continued focus on strategic planning and implementation of the grant.</p> <p>Each county has identified Primary Care &amp; Behavioral Partners. Web-based screen tool will be ready next month. Trainings developed for Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Family Based Attachment Therapy began in the 3 counties. A 3 session series will be held on each topic. Exploring outreach and community awareness efforts to foster more PCP &amp; BH partnerships.</p>
<b>Transition Cross Systems Workgroup</b>	Doris Arena	Monthly face to face meetings.	<p>One family member and two transition age young adults.</p> <p>*Currently recruiting an additional family member to participate.</p>	The OMHSAS Cross Systems Transition Workgroup continues to meet monthly. The focus of the group is to involve cross system policy partners, family members and transition age youth and young adults to identify and prioritize policies or practices embedded in policy that hinder successful transition.	The goal of the workgroup is to develop a work plan by late June 2009 that will identify cross systems policies that impede transition and outline specific strategies to address these obstacles. The workgroup will continue to meet on a monthly basis to work through this process.
<b>Systems of Care</b>	Deb Hardy	Conference calls with Calibur as schedule permits as well as local meetings periodically.	Family involvement with cross system representatives on both state and local levels.	The five year System of Care (SOC) grant period has passed. Sustainability Conference Call Series are held monthly. The last two covered family involvement with a focus on sharing leadership and moving beyond comfort level in order to work together in new ways. The presenters included	Participate in the local meetings for planning of the one year no cost extension. Although Pa's request has not been officially approved to date; it is expected to meet with the Fed's approval.

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				Executive Director of Circle of Parents and a parent leader and trainer from Prevent Child Abuse.	
<b>Transition State Leadership Team</b>	Doris Arena  (Statewide Cross-Systems representatives)	Quarterly meetings	PA State Youth Leadership Network	The SLT has finalized the review of presentation proposals and announced the presenters for the 2009 Community on Transition conference in State College, July 22-24, 2009.  Family and youth scholarship information will be coming in the near future, when the official conference brochure is released.	The SLT is currently working on the details of the 2009 Community on Transition Conference.
<b>Youth and Family Advocacy Workgroup</b>	Sherry Peters	Subcommittee of the OMHSAS Children's Advisory: Conference calls held between meetings	Family and youth members from the Advisory Committee and Sunshine members will participate in this workgroup.	One of the three new workgroups of the Children's Advisory Committee. This workgroup will focus on developing and promoting a statewide strategy to build capacity for youth and family advocacy at the local level.	The first conference call will be held on May 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2009.
<b>Youth and Family Institute Development</b>	Stan Mrozowski Sherry Peters or Scott Talley	Weekly meetings to discuss implementation	Periodically	Creation of Advisory Board, testing financing models working with counties to serve as "Early Implementers" and public education presentations.	Begin implementation in the early counties; continue public education; Technical Assistance for new counties.

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