

MEDICALLY FRAGILE CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
 FAB (Family Advisory Board) – Tuesday, January 7, 2025 1730 - 1830

AGENDA

Agenda Items	Notes/Comments
Zoom Link – Click here Meeting ID: 577 324 8303 Passcode: 888300	Attendees: See Minutes
MEETING ITEMS Welcome Vail Follow up on holiday party All <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any suggestions for next year? FAB Planning for FY25 All <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAB updates at ACQ, next on is 2/13/25, FAB update about noon • MFW Renewal input – services, budget caps 	-Attendees: Kirstin Horne, Michelle Rehren, Caroline Enos, Laura Violante, Melissa Brashear, Linda Tabar, Lucy Freeman, Vail Woodard, Ann Marie Parmenter -Parents that attended were very pleased. Only a few suggestions on handing out presents timelier so kids didn't have to wait so long. Also having a microphone would make it easier to hear. Loved the Santa and the place. -Usually 2-3 minutes for ACQ MF FAB update. Anyone can attend. Open public comment is at ~9 and ~1230 for anyone to speak about issues. ACQ link was sent out late last month due to some changes in facilitators. AMP will send link out ahead of the next meeting. -AMP encourages the FAB to get thoughts together about services that were approved in 2021 that have still not been able to be accessed. To speak about why services are important and why they need to be included in the next renewal even though some were not utilized because of lack of providers. -AMP is working with the state currently to have budget caps removed or increased. If a client is on traditional MF waiver it is based on age and level of care. It goes from 100,000 up to 190,000 for over 21.

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Nursing alone for over 21 clients exceeds the current budget caps.

-When minutes are sent to AMP will explain more about budget caps and services

The FAB can put together a letter to Jen Rodriguez the DDS director speaking directly about services and if any new services are desired. Also discussing budget caps.

Kirstin states the FAB also needs to hold DDS accountable to find providers so services can be accessed?

AMP states maybe this should be composed in two letters since they are separate issues. Focusing on current services and efforts to access providers in one and then providing input in another letter regarding needed services as planning for the waiver renewal begins. AMP notes she has been working with Josh Parkins (DDS MF waiver manager) and Melissa McBride (DDS Bureau Chief) on accessing MF providers. Consistently discussing what services remain without providers and why those services are important. AMP noted feeling positive support from the team at DDS.

Caroline questions that DD waiver has providers but these providers are not available to MF waiver, what is the logic behind this. AMP notes this would be a great point to add to the letter around the discussion of services and providers. She notes this could be because DD waiver providers are not aware of the opportunity to work with MF waiver. It would be simple to amend their provider agreement to include MF waiver. It could also be they are already spread thin. Kirstin adds that moving forward would there be an outline for the letter of what would be needed. She

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- Planning for upcoming family engagement events
 - Family Zoom Connections Planning
 - Guardianship Panel/Info Session

would like to add thoughts and review but not sure about drafting a letter. AMP noted the minutes will capture the discussion and she can provide additional talking points when distributing the minutes. Lucy would also like to add to this if a draft is available and would like to include all the voices as some areas around the state look much different than the more populated areas for access to services. Vail explains that some services that have been approved but without providers are: vehicle modifications, massage therapy, individualized goods and services, and customized community supports, and respite facility have been in place since 2021 but have no providers. It was suggested feedback in the form of letters from all families. AMP recommended an initial letter just from the FAB rather than opening it up to all families. AMP would like to get feedback from families regarding their experience with nursing and what LRI/being hired as their child's nurse or home health aide has looked like for them. Kirstin brings up that Alta Mira does customized community supports through DD waiver and could they do that for MF waiver.

-There has been a lot of interest in guardianship. AMP has some lawyers who are willing to present. Kirstin and Rebekah had offered to be on the panel to discuss their experiences. Kirstin discusses maybe having a parent panel first and then questions that can't be addressed could be requested from the lawyers on another session.

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- Equipment review

- Thoughts on joining CPPA’s monthly meeting efforts to include Zoom capabilities?
 - Begin planning for the Annual BBQ

Wrap Up Vail

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 5:30 pm on Zoom

Vail discussed that a family requested a text alert rather than emails. Ann Marie to work with CDD IT in options for text communication.
FAB agrees to move forward with February 4th for the next Family Zoom on guardianship with a parent panel.

- Plan to discuss potential equipment review in the spring, with the possibility of a hybrid model.

-Meets the first Thursday of the month at a local church and provides a meal. John Chimarusti, current CPPA Lead, will be stepping down in March and AMP thought it may be a good time to discuss joining efforts around family engagement. It could bring together two groups with very similar needs.

Caroline was on the CPPA and thinks it would be a great opportunity if we can bring zoom capabilities to the group. She also feels like it would not be an intrusion because it is very similar needs for families.

- Be thinking about annual BBQ coming up in the spring/summer