Learning the Language: Working With Local & State Mental Health Providers

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MH Affinity Group Agenda

- Differing Definitions
- Connecting to MH providers
- Strategies to Successful School/MH Provider Partnerships
- Developing your Action Plan
- Group reports

Differing Definitions

- Counseling
- Confidentiality (HIPPA, 42 C.F.R.)
- Supervision
- Licensure Requirements for Counselors
- Continuing Education
- Billing Codes
- Various HHS approved MH provider rates of reimbursement

Connecting to MH providers

- What provider do you talk to first?
 - Agency Director, Children/Youth Director, Private Provider
- Where do you begin the discussion on SMH?
 - SMH program desire to develop
 - Setting clear roles between school/MH provider
 - Benefits to MH provider for SMH partnership
 - Coordination between school/MH provider
- Goal SMH program sustainability

Strategies to Successful School and MH Provider Partnerships

- Continual discussion with local MH provider on benefits of SMH program
 - Develop CMT SMH sub-committee to provide oversight for program
 - Review of protocols, procedures, training
 - Refinement needs for program
 - Data collection process/procedures

Strategies to Successful School and MH Provider Partnerships

- Contact state MH oversight agency to ...
 - Inform about SMH program outcomes
 - Add state provider to CMT
 - Learn about state funding mechanisms currently in place for SMH programming
 - Develop state funding mechanisms for SMH
 - Develop state SMH workgroup
 - Meet with state departments' of education and HHS to discuss SMH program benefits for each agency and further statewide program development

Table Discussion By Cohort 2007 2008 2009

ACTION PLAN – NEXT STEPS

SS/HS School: _____ Date Developed: _____

Need to Address	What actions need to occur?	Who will carry out the action?	What data do you need to collect?	When will the data be available?	Who will you communicat e with?	How will you monitor the action plan?
Example: Billing for school based MH services	Meet with the evaluator to determine SMH program data currently collected.	PD will schedule a meeting with Evaluator	1. # of students serviced in SMH programs last school year	1. July 2010	PD will meet with local MH Director to discuss data collection: data currently being collected and data	Monthly staff meetings with evaluator and program staff Quarterly
	Meet with local MH Child and Family Director to discuss options for billing SMH services	PD will contact the local Child and Family MH Director to schedule a meeting	2. Types of services provided by SMH services 3. # of students who have or are Medicaideligible, private pay, or private	 July 2010 Need to add this to the intake form. Will begin data collection August 2011, 	they need to collect for the upcoming school year PD will meet with evaluator and program staff after discussion with MH Director takes	meetings with MH Director to discuss feasibility of sustaining SMH through billing options
			insurance	when school begins – will collect data monthly	place	

Cohort Reports

- Share on the action plan(s) from your table discussion
- Lessons Learned
- Next Steps
 - What else do you need to know?
 - What do you need from TAS or others?

MH Affinity Group Website

- MH Affinity Group website link
- http://sshs.promoteprevent.org/sshsevents/meetingswebinars?type_1=webinar&field_pd_cohort_va lue_many_to_one=All&title=MH+Affinity+Gro up