**2018 POLICY COMMITTEE PLANNING GRID**

**PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE** (why it exists**):**

* Provide input and recommendations to the Board of Directors
* Develop and recommend to the Board policies, plans, and recommended courses of action that provide for mission accomplishment and attention to urgent, emerging and strategic issues to define and drive a policy platform.
* All policy relevant work will flow through the Policy Committee. The following committees are considered subcommittees of Policy: Program Directors, Government Relations, Waiver reimbursement, waiver pilot, and ICF committees.

**WORK OF COMMITTEE FOR 2018 - 2019 (what we will accomplish/monitor):** (Based on strategic plan, annual business plan, etc.)

* Develop a work plan with specific outcomes and timelines
* Develop a system and practice of accountability to the committee members, Board of Directors, and membership
* Develop a process to vet policy recommendations across all systems

**DISCUSSION TOPICS FOR UPCOMING FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

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| **Meeting Date** | **Priorities** | **Who is Responsible and when** | **Status** |
| **9/17/18** | **ICF Quality Indicators** | **Anita Allen, Core committee** | **Subcommittee identified 10.15.18 to provide input: Dave, Kurt, Scott, and Diane. Input provided to Anita, Anita submitted comment to DODD 10.30.18.**  **Public hearing held 1.3.19.**  **JCARR 1.22.19**  **9.9.19 Significant work on this has transformed the quality indicator approach influenced by the state budget language, DODD leadership re-orienting their intent and approach, and committee engagement. Gina Kerman has represented OPRA. Five quality indicators, instead of 13, will be the focus. Stakeholder input is shaping the identification of the 5 indicators as well as how to measure. The indicators will represent 1% of DSPP incentive. This process is continuing.**  **3.9.2020- Work on developing the quality indicators is mostly complete. A few aspects on the indicators remain unresolved. Collection of indicators begin this year.** |
|  | **Develop process to vet policy recommendations across all systems** | **Anita to forward sample, Core committee** | **3.9.2020 A process has been developed for Policy Committee to vet policy suggestions and requests from other OPRA Committees.** |
|  | **PUCO issue**  **10.15.18: additional issues identified:**   * **ICF transportation regulation** * **Possible delegation of authority of OUCO to DODD** * **How the proposal works with federal regulations** | **Core Committee** | **10.15.18: Jeff updated – awaiting feedback from PUCO on related issues.**  **9.9.19 Clarification has been communicated to providers via OPRA that compliance with PUCO requirements is needed for applicable vehicles.** |
|  | **NMT** | **Core Committee, Scott Marks** | **10.15.18 – in process, continue to monitor and be prepared to respond with feedback when rule released.**  **10.15.18: Lisa and Jeff meeting with Romanchuck, DODD and OACB and small provider group and will report back. When rule released (Oct/Nov) committee will need to provide quick feedback to Lisa. Expected implementation 10/2019 (rule first to CMS, then JCARR)**  **9.9.19 OPRA has provided numerous updates on this topic over the past months. DODD has committed to implementation of new rate structure. Tentative timeline: DODD ensure all IT infrastructure is in place; rule implementation targeted for January 2020 and rate implementation targeted for February 2020. DODD emphasizing intent to move toward supporting flexibility in community integration transportation.**  **3.9.2020- The new rule and rate went into effect on 3.1.2020. The main confusion of the new rule is centered around mileage and revising of plans to include mileage in the ISP. Scott Marks is working with Lori Stanfa from OACB to develop additional guidance for SSAs and providers.** |
|  | **OSOC** | **Core committee** | **10.15.18 – part of the budget ask-goal is to eliminate.**  **Subsequent update from Jeff: OACB opposed to eliminating, open to discussing resetting the rate.**  **9.9.19 Initial goal to eliminate OSOC was not supported by stakeholders. Instead, an increased rate for OSOC was successful and a uniform, clear process for determining when OSOC is appropriate, is in process of being finalized and implemented statewide.**  **3.9.2020- New OSOC rates went into effect 1.1.2020. New rule-required assessment was not ready before the requirement to use the assessment was implemented.** |
|  | **EVV** | **Christine update, Core committee** | **10.15.18: deadline for phase 2 extended to 8/19. Tech specs just released.**  **Continue to monitor and work toward compliance. Submit all concerns to CMS email box.**  **9.9.19 Implementation of Phase 2 began in August. OPRA has been highly engaged in informing, educating, supporting providers to be prepared and continues to do so. Providers are encouraged to submit feedback to Christine on any problems with the process.**  **3.9.2020- EVV is now required in HPC and waiver nursing services. Claims denials have not been turned on and ODM still does not have a date set for denials to begin. Alternate vendors continue to complete their demonstrations- only a small portion have successfully completed their demonstration. Alternate vendors have till mid-summer to complete their demonstration and remain certified.** |
|  | **50% rule regarding voc hab** | **Diane referred to adult day, Scott provide feedback from committee** | **10.16.18: small state group working to determine/recommend wage calculation method; review Vorys feedback when available; monitor for new administration and their plan re: this rule; Providers have until 9.19 to develop a plan to comply.**  **9.9.19 DODD is convening a workgroup to build an implementation plan for a new service Basic Employment Skills Training (BEST). Continued info gathering and impact assessment to be completed related to elimination of 14c, should that occur, on the individuals and system capacity to provide appropriate alternatives. Discussion and work to be completed regarding assisting providers to expand business models and services. The Day Array committee is still discussing member recommendations related to voc hav and 14c services.**  **3.9.2020- DODD had to shift their approach in order to get tentative CMS approval. There will be one rule with tiered services. The various DODD workgroups for BEST implementation are still meeting with the hopes that the new rule and service will be implemented by the end of the year.** |
|  | **Provider Certification rule** | **Anita Allen and Scott Marks** | **Due to several lengthy and urgent board agenda items, this was not discussed. It needs to get on the board agenda as a distinct item for October. No October board meeting – will take to 1/19 board meeting.**  **9.9.19 OPRA board did approve eliminating both the HS/GED requirement and supporting DSP qualification at 16+. Statewide Provider Certification workgroup is in process and there seems to be stakeholder consensus on both of the above, while work is in process to develop a DSP assistant type role with modified job duties for those age 16-17. CEO training requirements will likely be revised to increase relevance and reduce redundancy. New Provider requirements to become certified will likely change. Staff training requirements are still in discussion. Dave Rastoka continues to represent the policy committee and OPRA on this workgroup.**  **3.9.2020- the DODD workgroup has finished their work on the Agency rule. DODD is finalizing rule language and will send the revisions to the Provider Certification Workgroup for reaction. DODD hopes to have the rule implemented by the end of the year. Director Davis reached out to confirm OPRA’s stance on the high school diploma/GED. There was significant pushback from other stakeholders on removing the age requirement, the age requirement is still in the rule. OPRA is working on improving the waiver request and approval process for employing minors.** |
|  | **Build out the overall work plan including all items identified for focus with priority level, approach, deadlines, expected deliverables** | **Core committee** |  |
| **10.15.18** | **Funding for high behavior kids/adults** | **Core committee** | **9.9.19 While details on implementation are not yet available, funds to support are being generated by the successful increase in ICF franchise fee to be allocated for this purpose.**  **3.9.2020- DODD has been working on developing an add-on for ICFs supporting children with high behavioral support needs. ORPA is concerned by the complexity of the requirements ICFs need to adhere to get the additional funding. We don’t think the additional funding will cover the cost to comply with the requirements of the rule. OPRA does not anticipate that many ICFs will take advantage of the new funding.** |
|  | **MRC** |  | **3.9.2020- Providers continue to have issues with working with the County Boards on the MRC- some counties are immediately (or almost immediately) removing individuals from a site when they go to the hospital. DODD is looking at improving MSS that should help a little on improving this process. The Residential Waiver workgroup has requested to have Jessica McGonigle at the next RW Committee meeting.** |
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