

ENGAGE update for BH Leadership Group

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Leadership Change:

With the resignation of Angela Sausser Short in July, Valerie Connolly-Leach has been chosen as the Interim Project Director. She is a member of the Office of Prevention and Wellness team and brings a wealth of experience in providing prevention and treatment services to young people. She is currently serving as the Principle Investigator of our Safe Schools Healthy Students SAMHSA grant. Tammy Collins is the Principle Investigator for ENGAGE, and Chad Hibbs, OFCF regional coordinator, will be assisting with project coordination. A permanent decision for the Project Director will be made once a decision is made on how to fill the vacant OFCF/OhioMHAS position(s).

Training Update:

As of Friday, August 29th, three of the seven regions in the 1st Cohort will have completed the Wraparound Facilitators Training. It is our hope that they start enrolling youth the first of September. The four remaining regions will have their training completed by early October. We hope to have the 2nd Cohort identified by the middle of September so we can start their preparations later this fall for their rounds of training.

Data System Update:

Through a competitive bid process we have chosen a vendor to build the ENGAGE Data System. We hope to have the system built and at least testing by the beginning of the calendar year. In the meantime we will be collecting data from the counties to make sure that we are meeting our data requirements for the grant. The initial data collection training for the first three regions that have completed the Wraparound Facilitators Training will be this week.

Finance Plan Update:

Data, both Medicaid and non-Medicaid, is still being collected for the Finance Plan. We did request and receive an extension on the deadline from SAMSHA. We appreciated SAMSHA's consideration on that request. We wanted to make sure that the Finance Plan was as comprehensive as possible, and not rush to just complete something so that we could get a check in that box. The deadline to complete the Finance Plan is beginning of October.

YYAT and Family Advisory Councils:

Both groups are continuing their hard work. The YYAT Advisory Council is working on increasing the social media messaging for ENGAGE, and developing "youth friendly" language to describe High-Fidelity Wraparound maintaining youth-voice in the local process. The Family Advisory Council is working on expanding their base on a more informal level, and has aligned their structure as more of a support and mentoring structure for similar families around the state.

Management Team:

The Management Team continues to work to on organizing ENGAGE around sustainability, implementation, youth and family voice, budget, training, time lines, and cross-county mobility issues.