

Family First - Programs and Service Array Workgroup (PSAWG)
Meeting Date: December 17, 2020 | 1:30 - 3:00 pm
Meeting Summary

Welcome/Introductions:

- Co-leads introduced the goal for today to finalize initial recommendations from the workgroup for Tier 1 and 2 models, and note the gaps that have emerged.
- The 12/31 meeting is cancelled. The workgroup will meet again in January.

Review of Tier 1 & 2 Models with Fit/Feasibility Matrix (SEE SLIDES FOR DETAILS)

- The workgroup was reminded of the Tier 1 and Tier 2 models (see handout "PSAWG Tier 1 and 2 Service Overview") and reviewed where these 15 models aligned on the matrix.
- The Federal Clearinghouse is constantly evaluating programs, and more models were actually added the day of this meeting so additional programs may become the focus for our workgroup's future review.
- The feedback from workgroups' meetings has been used to populate the quadrants.
- Tier 1 programs are those that have been evaluated by the FFPSA Clearinghouse as well-supported. They can be submitted without an additional evaluation plan, whereas those that are not Tier 1 will need a full evaluation plan.
- High Fit/High Feasibility models have been researched with communities of color and are available in Connecticut. These models will be included in the initial recommendations to Governance.

High Fit, Low Feasibility Services

- Most Tier 2 services aligned in the high fit, low feasibility quadrant. The workgroup determined to include these services in the initial recommendations to Governance to forward to the fiscal workgroup for further analysis.

Low Fit, Low Feasibility Services

- There were 3 models in the low fit/low feasibility quadrant. Due to the limitations of the specific model, potential overlap with other existing programs in Tier 1 or 2, the workgroup did not recommend inclusion of Families Facing the Future (FFF) or Homebuilders in the initial recommendations.
- **MMT:** The workgroup felt this service should be included in the initial recommendations due to the opioid crisis and wide availability in CT.

Summary

- All programs in Quadrant 2 (high fit, high feasibility) are being recommended.
- No programs were in Quadrant 1 (low fit, high feasibility).
- For Quadrant 4 (high fit, low feasibility), the group recommended BSFT, MDFT, HFA, PPP, and Wraparound, pending Fiscal's review.
- For Quadrant 3 (low fit, low feasibility), the group included MMT.

- There are factors to consider for all the recommended services, and the workgroup felt these recommendations should await some further analysis from the Fiscal workgroup to address the benefits for inclusion of these models in the CT Plan where it may impact IV-E revenue.
- The Fit and Feasibility Matrix helped make the recommendation process more objective, while noting there are other considerations that should be raised to the Governance Committee, in particular, notable emerging gaps where no models align with some of the candidacy groups.

Next Steps

- The co-chairs will be presenting the PSAWG's initial recommendations at the CT Families First Governance Committee meeting on January 5, 2021.
- The next PSAWG will meet again in January, pending next steps from Governance.