



# WRAPAROUND MILWAUKEE

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## *From the Director...*



### **Wraparound Milwaukee Hosts Visit for CHIPRO States**

Wraparound Milwaukee recently hosted a site visit by three State Delegations from Georgia, Maryland and Wyoming, who are part of a Medicaid initiative to develop Case Management models similar to Wraparound Milwaukee. The site visit, held on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, was attended by 42 people and was coordinated by the Center for Health Care Strategies, who is providing technical assistance to these States. Wraparound Milwaukee was able to utilize some of the modules and workbook materials it used recently at the Wingspread Conference. Some of the attendees also came in early to participate with the Mobile Urgent Treatment Team (MUTT) on community crisis calls, since they are planning on developing similar models in their States.

Overall, feedback from the States attending was that the two-day visit was extremely helpful to their design and planning efforts in their State.

### **State Medicaid Agency asking for Federal Approval to Initiate a Medical Home Model for Foster Care**

One of the 2011-13 Medicaid “Efficiencies” or new initiatives is the Children in Foster Care Medical Home Initiative. The Initiative is designed to improve the coordination of physical, behavioral, dental and other specialty care for children in the foster care system – beginning in a six county area of Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ozaukee, Racine, Kenosha and Washington Counties. Under this model, a primary care provider and care team assures that each child receives an “individualized treatment plan” that coordinates the provision of all health care services.

Benefits available under the Initiative include care coordination, hospitalization, physician visits, dental services, laboratory and X-ray services, prescription drugs, mental health services, well child screening services, immunization and urgent and emergency care.

Qualified health care providers for the Medical Home Model would receive enhanced payments from Medicaid to deliver these services and must be

“integrated health systems”. There are approximately 2500 eligible children within the five counties.

How this Initiative will interface with Wraparound Milwaukee is yet to be determined. Wraparound Milwaukee, the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare and the Department of Health – Medicaid have had some initial discussions about how these two models work together. We have been assured by the Department of Health that youth with serious emotional needs will still have access to Wraparound Milwaukee for comprehensive behavioral health care and services they need. Children/families may end up having access to both Wraparound for the child’s behavioral care and the Medicaid Home Model for their physical and other health needs.

Wraparound Milwaukee has been in discussion with some health systems about possible areas of coordination of behavioral, mobile crisis services with the “Medical Home Model” services. Wraparound Milwaukee may be interested in some partnerships with other Health Systems, but it is still too early to determine if this is feasible.

Federal approval is still pending for this Medical Home Model, but the Department of Health is still hoping to initiate this program in early 2012.

Bruce Kamradt, Director



## *Wraparound Success Story...*

*Oscar\* was enrolled in the Wraparound Milwaukee – REACH program in April 2008, at the age of 10. He was referred to REACH in the family’s efforts to find an alternative solution to being hospitalized. Oscar had been placed in inpatient three times for what was labeled as uncontrollable behavior, but with little long-term benefit. Oscar was adopted and was one of six children in the family home. The*



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family was in the process of determining whether or not they could even continue to care for Oscar, after having him since he was three years old. Prior to being placed with the current family, he and his sister had been in numerous foster homes.

The family reported that Oscar would go into episodes of having “fits” that would last for hours and days. These episodes would exhaust the family and caused issues for and with the other siblings in the home, as they did not understand his behavior. Oscar was kept from participating in community events and activities with his family due to this behavior.

The family worked extremely hard to balance the needs of their other children, but still worked to keep Oscar involved in some community and school events. His parents remained hopeful that trying various strategies and using their personal experience in the medical field, things would improve for Oscar. For formal services, the Team utilized crisis stabilizers, medication management and therapy services for Oscar and his family. The Child & Family Team tried various techniques and with much consultation, Oscar’s behavior improved tremendously.

Oscar and his family remained involved in REACH until July 2011. There were many different trials and strategies that were utilized, and worked on to figure out triggers and behaviors. Oscar remains at home with his family and siblings, enjoying his favorite activity of swimming and being involved in family activities. He continues to attend his school, where he is able to work with teachers that care a lot about Oscar and his family. Oscar recognizes how many gains he has made and glows when telling anyone about how much progress he has made.

(\*Names changed for confidentiality.)

Submitted by REACH - St. Aemilian-Lakeside

## Mobile Crisis...

In the last few weeks, the Mobile Urgent Treatment Team (MUTT) has been active in partnering with several systems, locally and out of Milwaukee County. MUTT has been involved in the Mental Health Redesign Task Force assisting with continuum of care planning for the adult system. MUTT is also working with the Milwaukee Area Youth Mental Health Summit to develop workshops for a conference next year aimed at improving collaboration and conditions for youth. For the May 2012 conference being planned, a theme and topics related to transitioning youth to adulthood is being discussed.

For our readers to know, there is much research and community work being done in Palo Alto, California, on youth suicidal behavior? Some of the findings have shown that about 10% of youth seriously consider suicide at some point during childhood and adolescence. Researchers and the Palo Alto community highlight that peer support and the use of technology could greatly assist in reducing the numbers of youth who become suicidal. These appear to be two key areas worth exploring in our community.

Dr. Chris Morano, Mobile Crisis Services Director

## Announcements...



### Positive Recognition Awards

The following have been recipients of “Positive Recognition” awards:

#### **Theresa Morgan – Crisis Stabilizer – Alternatives in Psychological Consultation**

Nominated by Davina Gillison - Parent

“She is very good at giving advice and suggestions to my family when crisis is at stake. She has lots of patience with my family.”

#### **Nakeita Patterson – Crisis Stabilizer - LaCausa, Inc.**

Nominated by Juliette Schmidt – Alternatives in Psychological Consultation

“Nakeita consistently goes way above and beyond to help a particular youth and the team would be lost without her!!”

#### **Cory Stevens – Crisis Stabilizer - Alternatives in Psychological Consultation**

Nominated by Michelle Stoneburner – REACH-LaCausa

“Thank you for being such a positive role model to the youth that we work with and for supporting the family as a whole.”

## Upcoming Events...

### DECEMBER 2011

**Dec. 1** **Mgmt./Supervisors Meeting**  
8:15-10:15am @ St. Charles Youth & Family

**Dec. 1** **High Risk Reviews**  
11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

**Dec. 1** **WM 2011 Holiday Luncheon**  
11:30-2:00pm WM/St. Charles Cafeteria

**Dec. 1** **Monthly Care Coordinator Mtg.**  
1:00-3:00pm CANCELLED



**Dec. 2**      **New Care Coord. Trg. – M15**  
 8:30-3:30pm @ Children’s Court – Room 1260  
**Dec. 3**      **FAMILY ORIENTATION**  
 11:00-12:30pm WM – Room 416  
**Dec. 6**      **New Care Coord. Trg. – M16**  
 9:00-3:15pm WM – Room 416  
**Dec. 6**      **ARB Meetings**  
 9:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253  
**Dec. 7**      **QA Meeting**  
 9:00-11:00am WM – Room 212  
**Dec. 8**      **High Risk Reviews**  
 11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253  
**Dec. 8**      **Youth Council Meeting**  
 5:00-6:00pm St. Charles Youth & Family Svcs.  
**Dec. 13**     **ARB Meetings**  
 9:00-1:00pm WM – Room 212  
**Dec. 14**     **Child Psych. Cons. – Parent**  
 12:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253  
**Dec. 15**     **Supervisors/Leads ReCert-2**  
 9:00-2:30pm WM – Room 416

**Dec. 15**     **High Risk Reviews**  
 11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253  
**Dec. 15**     **Youth Council Event**  
 4:30-6:30pm Ice Skating – Location TBD  
**Dec. 20**     **ARB Meetings**  
 9:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253  
**Dec. 22**     **High Risk Reviews**  
 11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253  
**Dec. 26**     **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**  
**WM OFFICES CLOSED**  
**Dec. 28**     **Child Psych. Cons. – LaCausa**  
 12:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253  
**Dec. 29**     **High Risk Reviews**  
 11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

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 Website at [www.county.milwaukee.gov](http://www.county.milwaukee.gov) and search using the  
 keywords “Wraparound Milwaukee”.

**Greater Milwaukee Major Events**

11/20-12/31	Christmas in the Country	Grand Geneva Resort	(262) 248-8811
12/2-12/3	Christmas in the Ward	Historic Third Ward	(414) 273-1173

