



BHSA FSP Workgroup Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, July 23, 2025

TIME: 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

LOCATION: Virtually via Microsoft Teams

Meeting Summary

1. Welcome

- Welcoming of FSP workgroup members to first meeting held in virtual format.
- Introduction of Dr. Alice Gleghorn, FSP Community Co-Chair Alternate, CEO of Phoenix House California.
- For workgroup meetings, no recording or AI assistants can be utilized. The BHSA Workgroup webpage contains meeting summaries available for access within two weeks of meeting date.

2. Pivot Project

- Third Sector
 - Third Sector shared a slide deck and reviewed their goals, sharing they hope to become FSP subject matter experts (SMEs), with plans to attend workgroup meetings.
 - A landscape assessment is being conducted to identify gaps and assess needs.
 - Third Sector will provide trainings on FSP standards and requirements, focusing on the County's specific needs.
 - Implementation support will come at a later stage.
 - Questions arose about data collection—HCA's data analytics team is involved and partnering closely with Third Sector.
 - Internal champions are identified to support data work within HCA.
 - Emphasis on identifying what needs to change or be created while leveraging existing resources (aka "crosswalk" approach).
 - Contact information for Third Sector: Aubrey Patino, apatino@thirdsectorcap.org and Jessica Headley-Ternes, jheadleyternes@thirdsectorcap.org



- UCI Evaluation
 - Conducted in collaboration with Third Sector and HCA.
 - Evaluation is tailored to FSP and aims to document both barriers and facilitators of the implementation process using the evidence-based EPIS framework (Exploration, Preparation, Implementation, Sustainment).
 - Data collection strategies include utilization of:
 - Key informant interviews
 - Biannual surveys
 - Meeting performance summaries
 - Standardized tracking tools
 - HCA administrative data
 - Evaluation plan will remain flexible and adapt as needed in collaboration with the County and Third Sector.
 - Contact information for UCI PIVOT Evaluation Team: Rachel Varisco, rvarisco@hs.uci.edu and Shahrzad Mavandadi, mavandas@hs.uci.edu

3. FSP Discussion

- There are specific DHCS FSP guidelines detailing additional requirements and expectations, however many FSP specific guidance details are still emerging.
- Services are based on clinical need, as outlined in the DHCS BHSA County policy manual.
- For children's programs, development will follow High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) models.
- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) programs will adhere to fidelity models to ensure appropriate connections to the right programs.
- As of now, no fidelity model has been officially shared, however it was mentioned that the TMACT fidelity model is expected to be used.
- No final decisions have been made yet regarding the HFW fidelity tool.
- Children and Youth Services (CYS) FSPs can make referrals to County SUD outpatient services, where providers can assess the need for residential treatment, however most CYS FSPs do not have an on-site SUD counselor.
- Question was posed as to how outcomes will be measured to build, implement and maintain programs, with particular note of FSPs serving youth, as their needs and program structures may differ significantly.
- Programs are also trying to understand what services will be billable, in particular as a result of increased pressures tied to payment reform.
- Payment reform discussed—FSP has non-billable requirements handled by administrative staff. Some providers are concerned that staffing ratios may be reduced and wonder if billing support will be sufficient, raising concerns about FSP services.



- The group provided feedback about the importance of providing co-occurring services in FSPs.
- At this time, FSP for SUD is under consideration but nothing has been decided or defined.
- Chat question about prudent reserves funds will be researched by HCA and information will be shared with workgroup.
- Request for BHSA County Policy Manual was made chat and can be accessed here: [Behavioral Health Services Act County Policy Manual-V.1.3.0-20250630](#)

4. Next Meeting- Wednesday, August 13th from 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM at the Behavioral Health Training Center