

**Community Based Services Subcommittee - Child Advocate's JJ Work Group**

**October 10, 2019, 3p.m.**

**New Futures Conference Room,  
100 North Main Street, Suite 400, Concord**

**Minutes from meeting**

*Attendees: Becky Whitley, Rep. Skip Berrien, Dellie Champagne, Rep. Erin Hennessey, Matt Messier, Nathan Rowell, Adele Bauman, Nicole Rodler (on the phone)*

- Unfortunately, no one in the group was able to make last week's presentation on MST. The group was interested in learning more and how it could fit in with NH's emerging System of Care and DCYF's service array redesign. The group didn't want to create another silo.
- Will FAST Forward eventually replace ISO services?
- Discussed parental responsibility requirement under delinquency statute.
- Group felt that diagnostic and clinical needs assessments are very important to ensure children are getting what they need. It's currently difficult to find providers to do assessments because the rates are so low.
- The group identified that there are regional service disparities or service deserts for this population. We have quality services in parts of the state, but need to replicate what's in Manchester in Berlin, for example.
- Also identified the need for electronic records in the system so children and families don't have to undergo multiple assessments and tell their story over and over again.
- Discussed the need for more in-home supports and services (e.g. home-based therapies, ISO, tracking) and more culturally linguistic providers.
- Also discussed workforce issues, including high case loads and low pay for in-home providers.
- A major gap the group discussed is respite, which could help with diversion from deep-end involvement in the system.
- Discussed the importance of early intervention and prevention

**Assignments: Becky will research what interventions exist in other jurisdictions including Georgia, NJ, MD, Milwaukee. Becky will also ask Moira to come next meeting to talk about MST within the System of Care context.**