

LEIS Meeting February 28,2023

Charleston

Agencies Represented:

SC Great Kids

Coastal EI

Lowcountry EI

Babynet Eligibility

Bright Start

Pathfinders

KIDS

CEM

Charleston County School District

East Coast Migrant Headstart

Easter Seals

TECS update: RIT trainings have been scheduled for Friday March 24 (Spartanburg/Anderson) March 30 (Richland/York), June 9 (Char/ Colleton) and June 13 (Horry/Florence)

State Office Updates:

HIRF Forms need to be sent in any time there is a change in insurance. Some agencies have one person completing and submitting these, this seems to work well.

Provider issues:

Natural environment: all Babynet services must be delivered in the natural environment unless there is no one available or there is a valid child centered justification that it can not be. If a parent chooses a clinic and there is a NE Provider available, it must go under other services.

If there is going to be a change in services, there must be a change review to make the changes. Therapist should not be discontinuing service to children without a meeting being held to discuss. Service Coordinators should not be closing kids without holding and meeting and letting the therapist know.

Don't add therapist to planned service until they have accepted the referral.

Data cleanup: when we send out a report (from Stephanie Donald, Regional staff or others in the state office, that is the time for the cleanup. Often there are dates left off, entered incorrectly or there is a

late service identified when there is a reasonable explanation. (start date entered wrong etc.) Once a finding is issued, we can't go back and clean up things.

Fraud: if you suspect there is fraudulent billing, do not delete those logs. They must be in the record to show any attempt at fraudulent billing. Times need to be correct, (start time and end time)

Discussion followed about correcting logs that were entered on the wrong date or using the wrong code. These need to be deleted and reentered, not just an addendum added.

Telehealth is NOT BEING allowed except in instances of COVID.

Transition Issues:

Remember to put in all transition info. LEA must be invited and given WPN if a meeting is to be held. If procedure is followed and they don't attend, hold the meeting without them and follow up with them as to the outcome. If you close a child after age two notify the LEA.

Input from Local LEA's

LEA has requested Babynet staff do not advise parents of anticipated school services because they may not be indicated or available. Also, reminder that the transition conference should be arranged by the SC, not the LEA.

Input from Eligibility offices

A new staff has been hired and several others are in the process of being trained. Also, there are some procedures being written that should help with some of the confusion around eligibility.

Other agency input and discussion

Service Coordinators suggested Babynet update the matrix in Bridges as they are some outdated providers listed. Also would like to have the agency listed not just the person. This will be passed on to provider relations staff.

Team was asked for input regarding meeting time and format. Suggested possible a noon to 2 meeting to account for the day care/nap time where visits don't typically take place.

Make up meeting will be held on Friday March 3 via Teams.

Face to Face LEIS meeting will be in May.