

Outcomes/Deliverables

The following outcomes/deliverables will be produced as a result of this plan

- **Identify team to facilitate implementation of the budget initiative on rate setting (ASAP)**
 - BPOHC will lead the team supported by the licensing manager
 - Identify county administrators to participate in the process and identify areas of County impact and concern
 - Identify contracted agency leaders to participate and identify areas of agency impact and concern
 - Identify "actuarial team" responsible for conducting the fiscal/program review
 - Identify the psychologists, child psychiatrist, attorney, advocates, physicians, etc.. who will serve to inform decision making
 - *Present team and plan to Legislative Council*
- **Identify any changes needed in Statutory language in order to support rate regulation (By December meeting)**
 - *Present proposed changes, if any, to Legislative Council*
- **Determine per diem rates and enhancements for contracted services based on cost-based accounting methodology (January-March)**
 - Select sampling of child care institutions, group home providers and therapeutic foster care providers to participate in a cost analysis workgroup.
 - Apply cost-based accounting matrix to their monthly financial reports.
 - *Deliver written report of findings including associated costs with each service provided in each general service category to legislative council for consideration*
 - Define allowable enhancements and associated costs for both enhanced level of care and innovative delivery models
- **Develop system to categorize contracted services in order equalize payments among like providers (January – March)**
 - Prepare and deliver presentation on nationally recognized reimbursement systems (fee for service, per period rates, case rates, etc).
 - Research and prepare a report outlining level systems based on nationally recognized best practices.
 - Develop and implement a targeted strategy around a provider/state agency work group designed to develop a level system based on child acuity.
 - Prepare and submit matrix outlining various levels of care to be utilized and the minimum services required in each.
 - *Present prospective levels, associated per diems and enhancements to legislative Council for discussion, revision, and approval*
 - Assign and negotiate provider's service level(s)

- Develop a decision matrix to guide placement of youth determined by acuity and measured by CAN assessment in conjunction with Graduated licensing/Levels of Care.
- **Develop performance-based rating system designed to reward stronger performing providers within each level (April – September)**
 - Research and prepare a report outlining performance monitoring based on nationally recognized best practices.
 - *Present information above to legislative council for their determination of indicators and outcome standards*
 - Outline basic performance standards and develop formula for determining final rate based on provider performance.
 - *Review draft of indicators, standards and formula for performance based enhancements to Legislative council for approval*
 - ~~Assist in the development of performance monitoring protocols.~~
- **Develop rule language to support changes in practice (January-October)**
 - ~~Develop a list of rules impacted by prospective changes~~
 - Articulate drafts of new rules to address those changes
 - *Share draft of rule changes with legislative council for guidance, revision, approval*
 - Amend rules to reflect guidance
 - *Formally submit rule changes with the council's endorsement*
- **Train county staff on proper application of new contracting system (August-October)**
 - Engage county staff in the new contracting methodologies providing theoretical foundation and technical assistance.
 - Develop orientation and train providers.
 - Develop an implementation process and schedule for training.
 - Develop a communication strategy and process.
 - *Preview training with legislative council*
 - Provide training to Counties, licensers and providers related to the development of internal scorecards and best practices around monitoring their outcomes.
 - Training will coincide with CANS training
- **Negotiate and approve provider rates and enhancements (September-December)**