

MEMO TO THE CPMT

December 7, 2018

Administrative Item A - 1: Request additional MHI Local Funds for CSA Disallowances

ISSUE: That MHI Local funds be used to reimburse private providers for appropriate services when CSA funding is disallowed due to worker error.

BACKGROUND: The CPMT has identified that \$210,650 annually of MHI local funds will be used for purchase of services for youth who meet the non-mandated criteria. Last October, the CPMT agreed to allow up to \$30,000 annually of MHI local funds to be used when CSA funding is not permitted due to errors. The availability of these funds support the cross-agency system so that stakeholder agencies are not fiscally penalized for accepting case management responsibilities (e.g., CSB, FCPS SW). All agencies involved in CSA have the opportunity to request the funds in writing and are required to indicate their corrective action steps to prevent future re-occurrences. The CSA MT members also consider all of the factors before approving use of the funds. In some instances, when public agency staff are not at fault but CSA funding is disallowed, providers have been denied payment or offered a reduced amount. For example, a provider that received the standard notices about fiscal year end deadlines and submitted a claim weeks after the deadline agreed to cancel their request for reimbursement.

The CSA Management Team has approved \$22,563.89 in FY19 YTD to resolve 13 different CSA disallowances. We request that the CPMT allow an additional \$30K for use by the CSA Management Team to cover otherwise appropriate services. The remainder of the MHI Local funds will utilized to supplement the non-mandated funding pool.

RECOMMENDATION: That the CPMT approve an additional \$30,000 out of the MHI Local funds for the CSA Management Team to use to fund service requests that are otherwise ineligible for CSA pool funds.

ATTACHMENT: None

INTERNAL CONTROL IMPACT: All requests for MHI funds are reviewed and approved by the CSA Management Team. The UR manager and budget staff monitor the amount utilized annually.

FISCAL IMPACT: The MHI local funds are capped amount and are used for purchase of service. These funds are being utilized when CSA funding is not available.

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