

**QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (QIP)**  
**Improving the Use of Psychotropic Medication among**  
**Children and Youth in Foster Care**

**Project Workgroup Timeline**

<b>WORKGROUP</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Data &amp; Technology</b>		
	Joint Workgroup Meeting: meeting with Clinical Workgroup to refine outcome measures	12/18/2014
	Issue instructional ACIN re client-level county reports	1/1/2015
	Distribute client-level county reports to counties	1/1/2015
	Workgroup Meeting: agenda TBD	1/13/2015
	Outcome Measures: develop program logic, produce county test data, distribute test data to counties, publicly post outcome measures	Feb-May 2015
	Workgroup Meeting: outcome measures; specific agenda TBD	2/19/2015
	Develop cross-system oversight and monitoring process	3/1/2015
	Workgroup Meeting: outcome measures; specific agenda TBD	3/18/2015
<b>Youth, Family &amp; Education</b>		
	Disseminate <i>Youth Mental Health Bill of Rights</i>	1/1/2015
	Disseminate <i>Questions to Ask</i>	1/1/2015
	Joint Workgroup Meeting: meeting with Clinical Workgroup re hierarchy of interventions/decision tree	1/14/2015
	Workgroup Meeting: training for foster parents and professionals	2/18/2015
	Workgroup Meeting: connection youth to services	3/11/2015
<b>Clinical</b>		
	Joint Workgroup Meeting: meeting with Youth, Family & Education Workgroup re hierarchy of interventions/decision tree	1/14/2015
	Post to DHCS website <i>Clinical Guidelines for Prescribers</i>	2/1/2015
	Workgroup Meeting: Judicial Council feedback re JV-220 form revisions and process efficiencies	2/12/2015
	Finalize <i>Guidelines Appendices A, B, C and D</i> and post to DHCS website	3/1/2015
	Workgroup Meeting: dissemination of <i>Guidelines/Appendices</i>	3/19/2015
<b>Expert Panel</b>		
	Meeting: workgroup updates and work product presentation for comment	2/26/2015
	Meeting: workgroup updates and work product presentation for comment	5/21/2015
<b>Other</b>		
	Stakeholder Semi-Annual Update Webinar	12/8/2014

### **Clinical Workgroup**

The Clinical Workgroup's focus is to develop tools to assist prescribers, pharmacists and the juvenile courts improve their roles in the provision of psychotropic medications. These tools will include prescribing and dispensing guidelines to pharmacists and medical professionals, as well as revisions to forms and processes used by judges and social workers. This workgroup is also responsible for producing protocols and practices for improved oversight and monitoring.

### **Data & Technology Workgroup**

The Data and Technology Workgroup's focus is to conduct analysis of child welfare and managed care and fee-for-service pharmacy claims data. This data regarding court authorizations and pharmacy claims will be reconciled and compiled into reports to assist county child welfare departments monitor court approval of psychotropic medication usage. The workgroup is also responsible for developing outcome measures as an additional monitoring mechanism.

### **Youth, Family & Education Workgroup**

The Youth, Family and Education Workgroup's focus is to develop and disseminate training materials and information about psychotropic medications for youth, parents, caregivers, social workers, juvenile court staff, and other key figures supporting the foster care population.

### **Other Resources**

- For more information about the QIP presentation to the Child Welfare Council on September 10, 2014, go to: <http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/MeetingInformation.aspx>, and scroll to the September 10, 2014 section.
- For more information about the Treatment Authorization Review process, go to: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Documents/PharmacyBenefits/AntipsychoticTARFAQ111214.pdf>