



Charlie Crist, Governor
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Analysis of Children on Psychotropic Medication

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**Mission: Protect the Vulnerable, Promote Strong and Economically Self- Sufficient Families,
and Advance Personal and Family Recovery and Resiliency.**

Background

- Findings from the initial QA Review completed by DCF & Child Net
 - Informed consent consistent with Florida Statute had not been obtained
 - The Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN) did not contain the psychotropic medication prescribed to Gabriel
- Secretary Sheldon directed that a review be completed of every child in OHC prescribed psychotropic medications

Background

- Psychotropic Medication Validation Project
 1. Identify all children in OHC prescribed psychotropic medications. Complete file review w/o reliance on FSFN
 2. Update FSFN with accurate information
 3. Verify that all children with current prescriptions for psychotropic meds have informed parental consent or court orders for the medication
 4. Any psychotropic medication or any prescribed medication that may be used as a psychotropic medication will require parental consent or court order

Data Update

Recent History of Data For Children on Psychotherapeutic Medications										
	0 - 5		6 - 12		13 - 17		Total			
Date	Number on Psycho-therapeutic Meds	% of Children Ages 0 - 5 on Psycho-therapeutic Meds	Number on Psycho-therapeutic Meds	% of Children Ages 6 - 12 on Psycho-therapeutic Meds	Number on Psycho-therapeutic Meds	% of Children Ages 13 - 17 on Psycho-therapeutic Meds	Number on Psycho-therapeutic Meds	% of Children Ages 0 - 17 on Psycho-therapeutic Meds	Number without Consent	% without Consent
April 20, 2009	40	0.44%	672	11.50%	1237	22.43%	1949	9.53%	687	35.25%
May 4, 2009	51	0.59%	814	14.72%	1530	28.89%	2395	12.33%	808	33.74%
May 27, 2009	73	0.81%	1025	17.66%	1571	28.74%	2669	13.19%	433	16.22%
May 28, 2009	111	1.24%	1148	19.77%	1689	30.94%	2948	14.58%	634	21.51%
June 1, 2009	111	1.24%	1201	20.68%	1704	31.22%	3016	14.93%	573	19.00%
June 2, 2009	115	1.29%	1217	20.94%	1701	31.18%	3033	15.00%	527	17.38%
June 3, 2009	121	1.35%	1247	21.43%	1712	31.35%	3080	15.22%	491	15.94%
June 4, 2009	118	1.32%	1255	21.52%	1695	31.11%	3068	15.17%	435	14.18%
June 5, 2009	122	1.36%	1270	21.90%	1701	31.25%	3093	15.32%	403	13.03%

Data from April 20, May 4, and May 27 is based on counts of children receiving medications for psychotherapeutic purposes (where the box "Is medication for psychotropic purposes" is checked in FSFN). Data from May 28 forward is based on counts of children receiving any named medication in the medications listing in FSFN and "Other" medications where the box "Is medication for psychotropic purposes" is checked in FSFN.

Data Update

	OHC	# Meds	%
All	20,186	3,093	15.3
0 - 5	8,944	122	1.36
6 - 12	5,798	1,270	21.9
13 – 17	5,444	1,701	31.25

- Children prescribed psychotropic medications
 - 17% Relative or non-relative placement
 - 83% Licensed placement
 - *13% w/o consent or court order
 - CBC % variance 10 – 23
 - 52% male
 - 3 out of 10 teenagers in OHC are prescribed psychotropic meds

* % is higher than number represented in FSFN – File reviews and QA examination reveal the majority of consents were not obtained properly

Action Plan

- **Project Management**
- **Data Integrity**
- **Rule and Policy**
- **Quality Assurance**
- **Legal**

Action Plan: Project Management

- **Establish Executive Steering Committee**
- **Identify point persons in Regions, Circuits and CBCs**
- **Weekly Conference Calls**
- **Strengthen CBC and Mental Health Provider Contract Requirements**

Action Plan: Data Integrity

- **Case File Review**
- **Develop Management and Exception Reports**
- **Ensure FSFN screens support all policy, rule, and law on psychotropic medications**
- **DCF leadership to meet with the Florida Psychiatric Association**
- **Develop ad hoc capability in FSFN for CBCs to run reports on psychotropic medications**
- **Match AHCA and FSFN Data**

Action Plan: Rule and Policy

- **Emergency Rule Change**
- **Review CBC Policies**
- **Develop Statewide Policy and Business Rules**
- **Review Supervisory Review Tools**
- **Modification of Bilateral Agreements**
- **Ensure training includes most up-to-date statutes, rule, policy, and FSFN data entry requirements on psychotropic medications**

Action Plan: Quality Assurance

- **Review files for all children age five and under**
- **Develop additional quality assurance reviews to address other children in out-of-home care receiving psychotropic medications**

Action Plan: Legal

- **Develop process for responding to legal questions and posting responses**
- **Immediately obtain informed consents or court orders for children lacking same**
- **Clarify and reinforce the requirements that case managers assist prescribing physicians in obtaining parental consent**
- **Send written requirements to Regional Directors (also include in business rules).**