

# Meeting Summary



<b>Project / Initiative:</b>	FASAMS
<b>Meeting Purpose:</b>	Data Advisory Committee (DAC) Meeting
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	5/11/2021
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	10:00am - 11:00am

	Attendee	Office		Attendee	Office
X	Ronesha Jefferson	SAMH	x	Danielle Downing,	Credible
x	Richard Power	SAMH		<u>Natalie Kelly</u>	FAME
x	Greg Nix	SAMH		Paul Bebee	FAME
x	Tracey Fannon	SAMH	x	Jesse Lindsey	FEI
	Shivana Gentry	SAMH		Andrew Barden	FEI
x	Ed De Cardenas	SAMH		Rodney Pritchard	Knight Software
	Nathan McPherson	OITS		Josh Botbol	Let's Talk Counseling
	Mark Grant	OITS		Arthur Cooksey	Let's Talk Interactive
	Victor Gaines	OITS		Jason Lee	Let's Talk Interactive
x	Wen Cao	OITS	x	Jennifer Ramirez	LSF
	Mike Idoni	BHCPNS		Ryan Lavender	Netsmart
x	Beau Frierson	BHCPNS		Andy Mead	Netsmart
x	Sharyn Dodrill	Carisk		Seana Zagar	Qualifacts
x	Diego Wartensleben	Carisk		Matt Lightner	Streamline
x	Larry Brown	CFBHN	x	Katie Morrow	Streamline
	Joseph Glidden	CFBHN	x	Johnny Guimaraes	Thriving Mind (SFBHN)
x	Joanne Szocinski	CFBHN	x	Debbie Stephenson	Five Points
	Nydia Neris	CFBHN		Bryan Micu	
x	Mike Lupton	CFCHS	x	Dan Field	
x	Tom Rose	CFCHS	x	Chris Jones	
x	William Garcia	CFCHS			
	Steve Lord	Circles of Care			
x	Lori Nicolosi				

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## Agenda and Discussion Summary

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3	Open Issues	<p><b>1. Update on the Status of all Purge Requests *NEW*</b>            DCF will describe the process planned to complete the purge requests in the production system.</p>																								

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	<p>Nathan opened asking for Jesse to provide an update regarding the purge. Jesse stated the purge was completed over the weekend in production for v13. Everyone that gave approval for the v13 purge did get fully purged with no issues. V13 data has now been removed. Maura asked if all facilities have been purged or just state-run facilities. Jesse Stated yes.</p> <p><b>2. Provider Readiness for Version 14 *NEW*</b></p> <p>The group will discuss the work being completed to ensure providers are ready to submit data in Version 14 format by July 1, 2021.</p> <p>Diego is concerned with the versioned Data currently in FASAMS for table 2. He believes the counts should be higher than they are showing. Nathan asked Rich to intercept. Rich stated the next time he runs the report it should be 100% the new version. Jesse added that when Diego submitted his data it was still under v13. Now that the purge was completed over the weekend after his submission, it should now pull the correct number in v14. Rich said when he re-runs the numbers, he'll provide it to Diego to see exactly how its ran and to be sure the numbers are accurate. Mike suggested a note be added to the table stating it can be either v13 or v14 so that everyone looking at it sees the proper data instead of the historic data. Sharyn added this isn't just historic data. Rich confirmed its both historic and current. Diego added again this is too low of a number for historic data. Nathan asked for a note to be added so its clear exactly what this data is. Nathan moved to showing the Weekly Provider Readiness Report. He showed the legend that explains how things should be reported. He asked for the ME's to provide this report Wednesdays weekly instead of bi-weekly as that's how often they meet with the Secretary. Mike said he doesn't think the data changes that often, so he doesn't think it'll make a difference and takes away time on his end. Nathan said his preference would be to get the same spreadsheet weekly just adding updated information. Rich suggested an easier way to go through completing this for the MEs to make it easier for them. Nathan stated he understands this is more effort but thinks it'll be small effort. Diego said it'll take lots of follow-ups which is the timing part. Nathan asked of this can still be done every Wednesday. Mike said the additional information being asked for isn't worth the additional time it'll take for them to complete this. Nathan added this information has to go to the Secretary weekly and he doesn't want to have to submit the same data for two weeks. There was still pushback, so Nathan concluded this section by asking for it to be provided by noon every other Wednesday.</p> <p><b>3. Reporting of FARS/CFARS Data in FASAMS</b></p> <p>The group will discuss the question form Sharyn Dodrill regarding the reporting of FARS/CFARS data. DCF will have policy staff available to help address this issue.</p> <p>Nathan said he received an email from Suzette saying we really need this information in FASAMS. Christi stated she spoke with Greg and now understands where the confusion was coming from. When Greg showed v14 of the pamphlet it showed it would expire 7/1/2021 – not sure where this came from. Never was the intention and she thinks this is what caused the confusion. The expectation is still for the specialty teams to still be using the identified level of functioning tools. Sharyn stated the point all along is if they are still going to be required in the contract document they should remain in FASAMS. Sharyn added this was a decision involving SAMH at the state level when Ute was here that was very specific. She added if this is going to remain in the performance outcome a rule</p>
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needs to be added that it'll be done at certain intervals. Christi asked where this was talked about at. Sharyn stated it was held with this same committee when Ute was still here. She added they are happy with this decision they just need a final decision. Heather added when she first started hearing about this she reached out to Ute and she knew nothing about it, so she's confused as to where this is coming from. Sharyn was utterly shocked. Heather said she believes she'd remember making that decision. Mike added he confirms that Ute did in fact make this determination. He thinks one thing that may have confused things is the question of specific programs using these tools and being required to report them versus general broad-based use of them. He believes this was implemented as a way to address the broader population. Christi agreed she thought this was one of the topics discussed – for those specific identified level of functioning tools to be used with those specialty teams and for the rest of the adult population to use the general functioning tool. Sharyn said a new requirement was added to access FACT clients that was never there before. Rich said it doesn't matter the program because if they are children as they must have multiple CFARS. Mike asked if this means the specialty population named in guidance document have to use the tool named in the guidance document and children should all have CFARS, but the adult population can have the general functioning tool? Christi said yes, as long as they are not part of one of the specialty teams. Rich said this is all policy not technical. Mike said the requirements need to be listed because that's what the vendors are building off of. Sharyn agreed and added if it's not there they don't build for it. Greg agreed and said they need to be put in the pamphlet so that it's clearly communicated to the writers of the field. Dan added from a vendor perspective in terms of what the providers need to enter or what they submit, if they create a FARS or CFARS then you're putting back in the specific assessment tools for FARS or CFARS, and if they find it they report it in the file it was prior to "being removed"? And if so when does this go into effect? Rich said instead of simplifying he's hearing this is expanding it. Because now FASAMS is becoming the enforcement mechanism for all contract requirements regarding these assessments. Rich then asked is this the intention because this means there's a lot of things that'll now have to be done. Dan added from a vendors perspective if they attempt to put that into the process of tracking what the provider enter into their system, then they would also have to attempt to mimic the rules and this will not be simple. Rich asked if they are asking for an enforcement mechanism to be built into FASAMS to ensure that all these contract requirements are being met? Sharyn said yes. Danielle asked if it's not done this way where is the line? As contractors are always confused. Rich asked Christi how she's been validating contract requirements are being met in the past? She stated she does not know that answer as she didn't do it. Christi said she doesn't want to make a decision right now without being able to thoroughly consider everything being talked about. Rich, Christi, and Heather plan to meet regarding same and will circle back to the group. Heather said she thinks this can be done by next week.

#### **4. Questions from Mike Lupton**

a. If an element is only required for a specific program area and is not to be provided otherwise, should that element be excluded entirely? For example the SchoolDaysAttended element.

Mike stated this has been resolved.

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	<p>b. The Unable to perform daily living activities element has historically been an AMH only element. In the current documentation it says it is used for priority population determination, but otherwise it is just generally required – should it be provided for all program areas?</p> <p>Mike stated this has been resolved.</p> <p>c. One other issue which was discussed back in the fall and approved by Ute, but I think fell off the radar with Ute and Jonathan leaving, was the aligning of the Bio-psycho-social levels with the Placement codes. The current values match the LOCUS/CALOCUS levels, which doesn't make much sense.</p> <p>Mike said to just align the Bio-psycho-social levels with the Placement codes. Nathan said they will look into this and report back next week.</p> <p><b>Update:</b> DCF will brief their progress on the review of these requested changes. Likely allow NULLs.</p> <p><b>5. Questions from Dan Field</b>          Dan submitted questions pertaining to:          a. UnableToPerformDailyLivingActivitiesCode          b. AnnualPersonAllIncomeAmount and AnnualFamilyIncomeAmount  <b>Update:</b> DCF will brief their progress on the review of these requested changes. UnableToPerformDailyLivingActivitiesCode should be optional.</p> <p><b>6. Requested Chapter 5 change from Sharyn Dodrill <span style="background-color: yellow;">*NEW*</span></b>          Sharyn Dodrill requested "DCF" be added as a new PrimaryPaymentSourceCode value in Chapter 5.  <b>Update:</b> DCF reviewed and decided this request will not be completed. This was pushed to next week due to timing.</p>
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## New Decisions

#	Decision Maker	Description
1	Nathan McPherson	MEs will submit provider readiness data by noon on every other Wednesday (5/19/2021, 6/2/2021, 6/16/2021, and 6/30/2021)
2	Christy Anderson	FARS, CFARS and NCFAS/CAT Tool Codes options SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED from FASAMS. Remove July 1 <sup>st</sup> .

## New Action Items

#	Item Description	Assignee	Estimated Completion
1	Add additional details in section 2 of the Provider Readiness Report that explains the counts are of service records and that v13 is valid through June.	Rich Powers	5/14/2021

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#	Item Description	Assignee	Estimated Completion
2	Evaluate Mike Lupton's request to aligning of the Bio-psychosocial levels with the Placement codes. The current values match the LOCUS/CALOCUS levels, which doesn't make much sense.	Greg Nix	5/17/21
3	Evaluate Dan Field's request to update the pamphlet to specify UnableToPerformDailyLivingActivitiesCode is only required for MH admissions only.	Greg Nix	5/17/21
4	Remove the statement in the pamphlet that indicates FARS and CFARS data will not be required after July 1st.	Greg Nix	5/17/21