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## BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT PROCEDURES UPDATE

- TO: FCBDD and contracted behavioral specialists; supervisors of behavioral specialists; HRC members; Service Coordination Dept; and others involved in behavioral services
- FROM: Angela Everson Ray, Ph.D., Director of Psychology
- RE: Frequency of required team reviews of restrictive measures
- DATE: 11-15-18

Earlier in 2018, stakeholders shared that the FCBDD requirement of meeting every 30 days to review use of restrictive behavioral strategies is often difficult to achieve and is a barrier to success.

To support stakeholders and still meet the behavioral support Rule requirements, FCBDD is making the following change, EFFECTIVE December 1, 2018:

Teams serving persons who have restrictive measures in their Individual Service Plan (ISP) may choose to meet "at least every 90 days" as stated in the Rule:

"Ensure the strategy is reviewed by the individual and the team at least every 90 days to determine and document the effectiveness of the strategy and whether the strategy should be continued, discontinued, or revised. A decision to continue the strategy shall be based upon review of up-to-date information which indicates risk of harm or likelihood of legal sanction is still present." [OAC 5123:2-2-06 (D) (8) (e)]

This update replaces the 30-day review directive for use of restrictive strategies on pages 13 and 19 of the current FCBDD Behavioral Support Procedures Manual. **Data should continue to be collected and compiled monthly** in preparation for each team meeting, to be scheduled based on the needs of the person being served. Meeting minutes and monthly data must continue to be sent to the Psychology secretary for HRC reviews.

<u>A TEAM SHOULD MEET AS OFTEN AS NEEDED TO INSURE</u> <u>THAT A PERSON'S NEEDS ARE MET, RISKS ARE MITIGATED,</u> <u>AND RESTRICTIVE STRATEGIES ARE EFFECTIVE & FADED!</u>

Please contact Dr. Angela Ray if you have questions. Thank-you for your continued efforts to reduce the use of restrictive strategies with those we serve.

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