Minutes

GSETA Operations Committee

04/01/2024

# Call to Order –

1. Fran Kuhn called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.
2. Approval of minutes from March 2024. Motion Jaime Gomez, Second Howard Weiss. Approved

# TANF – Reintroduction to the Sanction Process – Michell Lowe

1. DFDI 24-03-04
2. The sanction process has not changed other than the pro-rata period was extended to 6 months and then suspended in the 7th month if there was no documented activity at which point the whole case will close as well as any other benefits (TRA) will close.
3. Technically this is being implemented right away. However, there are several counties who have several hundred people that need to be outreached to.
4. It is not expected that any sanctions will be in the system until May 1, 2024.
5. Good cause exceptions for COVID are no longer in play. Michelle will check whether or not that piece of the instructions has been rescinded.
6. CWA’s are now referred to CSSA’s (County Social Service Agencies).
7. CSSA’s are to do the outreach to clients as the state will not be. Every single person that has been non-compliant has to have outreach.
8. Initial 30 days, the 6-month pro-rata, and then 1 month to suspend, 1 month close (TANF only) – GA process stays the same.
9. This will be tracked in the system. FAMIS/OMEGA has been updated to track the 6-month pro-rata. The pro-rata is only for the person that was non-compliant. However, they still get their emergency assistance benefits.
10. What is the expectation for workforce development as it relates to efforts to address those customers who are sanctioned? During the six months of pro-rata, will there be a requirement or expectation for the To-Work component to be active in attempting outreach? Is there a due diligence of the agencies to be reaching out to the client during the 6-month period? No. Michelle will take this back to discuss.
11. Clients need to get their hours in, so the scheduling is up to the local area. If a client does not show for 3 days – it will depend on good cause.
12. Key is getting the client to attend their 35 hours.
13. No one has access to shared data warehouse (has TANF clients in numerator and denominator). It is very valuable. Our counterpart in the CSSA should be sharing this with the One Stop monthly. (Idle report, denominator report, the two-parent report, and sanction report). Fran is asking that One Stop gets access to this website. Michelle will speak with Alecia about it.
14. Structuring the RFP for Work First NJ (GA, SNAP, and TANF)– is there anyone considering access to AOSOS for vendors of Work First. Sherie Jenkins will follow up.
15. We need a breakout of the allocations to comply with the Steven’s Amendment so that we can incorporate the federal funding percentages in our RFP. Sherie/Alecia is working with the Feds to see what we do to comply.
16. Sherie is suggesting that you incorporate career coaching and career mentoring.
17. One Stops need an IEP for the client. The assessment starts with the Comprehensive Social Assessment (CSA). The CSA needs to be revisited. Can this be provided to the vendors for their information with a release? The CSA should not be treated as a process as opposed to really finding out the barriers. It is very difficult to assess a person by having a conversation on the telephone. Are the One Stops getting a copy of the CSA’s? Fran will poll the group.
18. There needs to be a level of service with a contract.

# Adjourn & Next Meeting

* Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 AM. Next Meeting: May 6, 2024, at 10:00 AM