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“ENGAGEMENT”: What starts a Partnership?

The Partnership Assessment Form should be started at the client’s first service contact. Most programs use the episode opening date as the Partnership Start Date.

The PAF needs to be completed within 90 days of the Partnership Start Date. If the client is discharged before the completion of the PAF, the PAF may be left unfinished. Use the Key Events Tracking (KET) form to Discontinue the Partnership.

When entering a “new” partner into the DCR System...

1) the DCR system will identify whether or not a partner is already in the DCR when a CSI Number is entered

2) When a partner is already identified as being “in” the system, please remember to search for the partner on the:
   - Active Client list
   - Inactive Client list
   - Call Ann Santos, from DCR Support, for more help

Incomplete PAFs

New partner PAFs must be completed within 90 days after opening.

Partners with incomplete PAFs, and who are no longer accessing services, must be closed out of the DCR using the KET form (enter date of Partnership Status Change and indicate NEW partnership status). Special consideration for DELETION of partners completely from the DCR can be requested on a case by case basis.

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**DCR ERROR MESSAGE:** "CSI # did not match our records"

When registering a new partner in the DCR on the Partnership Assessment Form (PAF), you may get a message on the CSI Client County Number field that reads: “CSI # did not match our records” even though you entered the correct number. The reason for the error is likely that DPH has not uploaded CSI data to the state since Avatar went live in July, 2010, so the state does not have the CSI numbers for clients who are new to the system since that time. If you have a PAF that is in pending status because of this error, just ignore it for the time being. DPH expects to resume uploading CSI data to the state very soon. At that time, the DCR support team will fix the error on any pending PAF affected by it.

“RE-ACTIVATING A CLIENT”: What happens when a client who left the FSP is now returning? Does s/he require a new PAF?

First, the client will need to be “re-activated” in the DCR. [Please contact DCR support if you need help with this]. In some cases, the DCR will require a new PAF for the reactivating of the client.

If the time from the last Partnership Discontinuation Date to the new Partnership Status Date is less than one year, the original PAF will be retained, along with any KET & Quarterly Assessments. NOTE: KETs and 3Ms should be completed for the intervening time.

Alternatively, if the time from last Partnership Discontinuation Date to the new Partnership Status Date is greater than one year, then the system will require a new PAF to be completed. This will create a new baseline data for the client covering the previous 12months.

When choosing a residential setting of “other” in a PAF or KET….

Please contact Ann Santos, DCR Support. By contacting Ann, you help the MHSA Evaluation Team better understand under what circumstances a residential setting of “other” is chosen. In some cases, an existing setting may work better.

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Please be sure to LOG-IN to the DCR at least once a week to check for any Quarterly Reports coming due!
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Validation Report...

This report will list out all information needed to complete a “pending” PAF. This report can be found on the Active Partners page, when displaying the assessments for a partner. It is located in the PAF Section (lower left) when the PAF is in pending status (please see image below).

Please be sure to LOG-IN to the DCR at least once a week to check for any:

- Pending PAFs that need to be completed
- 30 Day Key Event Notification(s) reminders
- Quarterly Assessments that are coming due!

Please contact Ann if you have a question or an idea for a DCR Bulletin item! Thanks.