

**Professional Advisory Committee
of the
Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
New Jersey Department of Human Services
Meeting Minutes**

Location: 3000 Kozloski Road, Freehold NJ 07728

Date: January 18, 2013

Attendance: Linda Chapman, Tony Comerford, James Curtin, Roberto Flecha, Benjamin John Gonzales, Connie Greene, Manny Guantez, Jean Hennon, Phil Horowitz, Barry Johnson, Jan Krolack, Diane Litterer, Sue Neshin, Alan Oberman, Dharmesh Parikh, Vera Sansone, Mike Santillo, Barbara Schlichting, Sue Seidenfeld, Don Starn, Evelyn Sullivan, Linda Voorhis, Don Weinbaum, Ernestine Winfrey

State Staff: Suzanne Borys, Andrea Connor, Jean DeVitto, Mollie Greene, Lynn Kovich, Valerie Larosiliere, Harry Reyes, Dona Sinton

PAC Business

The meeting was called to order by Chair Evelyn Sullivan at 10:00am. The November 18, 2012 minutes were approved. The PAC nominating committee will convene at a date and time to be determined to review and discuss the nominations for the new PAC Executive Committee. A PAC sub-committee will convene after the PAC meeting today to complete the proposed revisions to the PAC By-Laws. The election of the new PAC Executive Committee and approval of the proposed revisions to the PAC By-Laws will be conducted at the next PAC meeting in March.

DMHAS Announcements

- The Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) Table of Organization and Office Descriptors are available at the following website: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/divisions/dmhas/>
- The Deputy Director position is in process.
- The Division is conducting a staff survey to solicit feedback from DMHAS staff regarding the evolution of this new division and other merger related issues.
- The Division is beginning to work on a Strategic Plan with senior staff. The Division has finished completing 3 areas in their SWOT analysis as part of a strategic planning method. The next step is to solicit feedback by conducting strategic planning sessions with other DMHAS staff, the provider community, consumers and families. The goal is to complete a Strategic Plan by July 1, 2013 with a work plan for fiscal year 2014 under the new system reform.

INVOLUNTARY OUTPATIENT COMMITMENT

- Implementation of the state's Involuntary Outpatient Commitment (IOC) law, which was passed in 2009 and has led to IOC programs opening in seven counties so far, is getting more attention perhaps in light of the recent mass shootings and related increased concern about mental health and provision of mental healthcare services.
- On January 17, 2013, Governor Chris Christie committed to "fully implementing" the mental health treatment law which gives Judges discretion based on screening to demand people to take medication and go to the therapy if they pose a danger to themselves or others in the "foreseeable future."
- If these individuals fail to comply then they can be involuntarily committed to a psychiatric hospital after being screened and pose an imminent danger to self/others.

ADOLESCENT TRANSITION TO DCF

- As announced by Governor Christie during the last budget address, and as reflected in the Appropriations Act, the State will realign certain mental health and substance abuse services between the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Department of Children and Families (DCF).
- The transition is one of the steps in moving toward the systems of care envisioned in the Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver application submitted in September 2011 to the US Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS).
- Youth with substance abuse disorders will be transitioned in FY 2014 as will youth with mental health involvement. Discussions are ongoing regarding young adults ages 18-20.99.

Discussions/ Presentations

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ORGANIZATION UPDATE

- State staff are working on a final draft of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the ASO/MBHO to be issued through the Division of Purchase and Property.
- The Intellectual and Development Disabilities/ Mental Illness/ Substance Abuse (IDD/MI/SA) Work Group has been convened and are meeting.
- An Actuarial consulting firm is being selected to assist in the rate setting evaluation; the Fiscal Work Group will be reconvened to participate in this process and there will be additional provider meetings with actuaries.

- State staff is working on planning and implementation of the Behavioral Health Home (BHH).
- Excluded Adult ASO functions include: Adult populations currently enrolled in the 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Waivers who are moving to Managed Long-Term Services (MLTSS) programs will be excluded from the ASO since their behavioral health care will be managed by the MCO.
- Children not in a Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)/ MTSS population will have their BH coordinated by an ASO. Excluded children ASO functions include: (1) Provider Network Management; (2) Claims Payment; and (3) Rate Setting.
- The I/DD/MI work group started meeting in October. The group includes stakeholders as well as staff from Medicaid, DMHAS, and DDD.
- The group's goal is to develop recommendations for a specialized DD/MI Provider Network. This includes recommendations for provider incentives, provider qualifications, service array, and specialized service descriptions.
- Behavioral Health Home (BHH's) will serve individuals with I/DD/MI. The NJ State Plan Amendments (SPAs) will focus on BHH and target individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) or a Substance Use Disorder with a co-occurring chronic condition. The Division anticipates from their current review of data that there will be additional requirements for BHH eligibility, most likely around service utilization.
- For this SPA the BHH service will be a new service to the State Plan. The BHH will not replace any existing services such as Targeted Case Management (TCM).
- Current implementation plan will be by region or county. After the SPA is implemented the Division will measure outcomes and impacts on costs. Subsequent SPAs can be developed for additional regions/ counties. The Division plans to implement the BHHs prior to the roll out of the ASO.
- The Division plans to support the provider capacity through a learning collaborative, startup funding, and will reach out to providers of I/DD services for inclusion in capacity building efforts.
- A discussion ensued pertaining to the topics above. DMHAS is welcoming feedback regarding the topics discussed above.

Next meeting March 15, 2013 at 10 AM