

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

Meeting Location: 3000 Kozloski Road, Freehold NJ 07728

Date: July 19, 2013

Attendance: Anthony Comerford, Connie Greene, Manuel Guantez, Jean Hennon, Diane Litterer, Alan Oberman, Jass Pelland, Vera Sansone, Michael Santillo, Barbara Schlichting, Donald Starn, Maria Varnavis-Robinson, Ernestine Winfrey

State Staff: Lynne Alexander, Joel Boehmler, Andrea Connor, Jean Devitto, Mollie Greene, Lynn Kovich, Valerie Larosiliere Dona Sinton, Lauri Woodward

Chairperson Barbara Schlichting called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PAC Business

Approval of the minutes did not occur due to the lack of a quorum.

Updates

Residential Regulations - Jean DeVitto

10:161A residential regulations effective 7/15/2013. Training will occur after the quarterly meeting on 9/19 and it will be mandatory for residential providers. Please review the new regulations prior to the meeting. Little has changed from what was proposed and published in 2011. In particular look at: credentialing as within two years you must be at 50% of credentialed staff; Quality management regarding outcomes; ratios have changed and nursing criteria. Licensure is developing a synopsis of the salient changes in the regulations.

Rate Setting – Joel Boehmler

Power Point Presentation was distributed.

Presentation Highlights

- Steve Adams is retiring, which is a huge loss to the Division.
- Myers and Stauffer, the actuarial firm selected by the state, is looking at Behavioral Services-rate setting and transition planning.
- DMHAS is seeking equity in rates and to maintain and increase access
- Time Line: extension request for Myers and Stauffer 3/31/2014
- Preliminary rates to be developed in the fall
- There will be an adjustment period
- Final Rates by 12/31 of this year

- Transition plan options were noted, including graduated glide path or cost corridor methods
- As Medicaid has an impact on analysis, 7 million claim lines reviewed from fiscal year 2012

ASO RFP – Mollie Greene

Power Point Presentation was distributed

Presentation Highlights

- MBHO Timeline:
 - Review/finalize design elements by DMHAS/DMAHS executive staff and interdivisional/interdepartmental partners
 - Review/content from Department of Banking and Insurance (DOBI)
 - Review/approval by DHS Central Office Procurement
 - Review/approval by Office of Information Technology (OIT), Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC)
 - RFP transmitted to Department of Treasury, Division of Purchase and Property (DPP)
 - RFP published/posted by DPP
 - Responsive bidder identified
- October 1, 2013-initial enrollment for Medicaid;
- MH/SUD services are in essential health benefits package
- Relevant issues: trainings at County College in NJ; standardized training
- Division will assist with pre-screening questions and provide additional support.
- RFP to procure a vendor for the MBHO developed collaboratively by DMHAS and DMAHS

Discussion/ Announcements

Quarterly Meeting scheduled for 9/19/13 at the New Jersey State Police Auditorium

Residential licensure site visits will remain on schedule for August. Other site visits may have to be postponed most likely to October or later to allow residential facilities to come to terms with new regulations.

51 agencies have been participating in the BH Business Training coordinated with SAMSHA/NIATx to help with business plans and to assess readiness for the changing times.

RFP Expanding Outpatient services

- 5 awards across state
- \$500,000 for each expansion in three regions of the state but only one per county

RFP: Expanding Drug Court

- Will be in Ocean, Hunterdon, Somerset, Warren, and Hudson Counties
- It will be a part of the continuum of residential services
- Bidder's conference will be announced

Social Services Block Grant Funding for Sandy Recovery Efforts continues

- This funding will provide clinical services for outpatient and housing will be wrapped around the service
- Individuals with Mental Illness, Substance abuse and Co-occurring disorders will be able to access services.
- More information coming

Joint Block Grant submission is moving towards Behavioral Health

Connie Greene reported about the Hope and Healing Program. Four agencies are providing services with twenty five counselors in the field. The issues have changed over time as many of the impacted houses are being demolished. Individuals are seeking a greater scope of referral sources. In Ocean County they began last month a program called Walk and Talks for families/children groups.

Connie will bring an update to each PAC meeting regarding the Mental Health Planning Council, which is a group that is both state and federally mandated.

Recovery Walk 9/21 in Philadelphia, and 9/7 in Paterson

Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Next meeting September 20, 2013 at **Agriculture Building Room 2**