

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

**Meeting Location:** Monmouth County Human Services Building, Kozloski Road,  
Freehold, NJ

**Date:** June 19, 2015

**Attendance:** Camille Bloomberg, LeAnn Cianci, Connie Greene, Manuel Guantez, Jean Hennon, Deborah McKinley, Kendria McWilliams, Alan Oberman, Michael Paoello, Dharmesh Parikh, Jass Pelland, Vera Sanson, Michael Santillo, Barbara Schlichting, Sue Seidenfeld, Dinita Smith, Linda Voorhis, LeeAnn Wagner and Ernestine Winfrey

**State Staff:** Andrea Connor, Vicki Fresolone, Carol Grant, Nancy Hopkins, Val Mielke, Susanne Rainier, Brian Regan, Dona Sinton and Irina Stuchinsky

**Guests:** Gary Abraham, Nick Armenti, Chris Kosseff, Shauna Moses, Stephanie Mulfinger, John Pellicane and Deb Wentz

Chairperson Barbara Schlichting called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed all; self-introductions were made.

## **IME Discussion**

### **NJSAMS**

- Trainings- 4 of the 7 trainings have been completed. Vicki reported that they are full and going fairly well.
  - DMHAS will tape one of the trainings and post it on the web site as there are still many people who want to get trained.
  - Susan Brown from UBHC is willing to connect with those who have been to trainings to test out the system. Contact Susan directly and her information is on NJSAMS. This will allow providers and the IME to test the interface between the two and the ability to obtain assessment authorizations. Brian encouraged as many providers as possible to test.
- Affiliation Agreements- MUST be returned to DMHAS
  - If your agency has multiple sites you only need one agreement for the entire organization.

- Please check with your Executive Director as the agreement might have been emailed to them.
- SCMS- Each **USER** needs their own SCMS form filled out and sent directly to UBHC (contact information on the bottom of the form)
- Brian Regan gave an update of NJSAMS IME functions.
  - Testing started in April. There are 462 test cases to be completed.
  - Brian thanked the providers who have volunteered to test. We know that this has been hard work and there was one glitch that made NJSAMS unavailable. Providers requested additional testing time. Brian agreed to an extended testing period.
  - Brian is confident they will be ready to launch on July 1, 2015.
  - Some discussion on EHR not interfacing with NJSAMS - this issue will be revisited going forward after Phase II (January, 2016). Possibly a rewrite of NJSAMS to integrate IME and EHR
  - Brian reported that they are working on a NJSAMS manual.
  - Issues around the DSM 5 were discussed and Tony Comerford suggested using the ICD 10 codes instead of switching to DSM 5.

### **IME**

- Nick Armenti reported:
  - He will have a full contingent of staff by the end of the week.
  - All staff is being trained in the UNCOPE and INP
  - All call staff will have a list of resources available including unaffiliated resources
  - Marketing will go into full swing on July 1, 2015 to include radio spots, newspaper ads, posters, and flyers and will be distributed to agencies and IDRC
  - Addiction hotline # 800 will go to UBHC
  - 211 will refer calls to UBHC for screening
- Vicki reported that DMHAS is developing a marketing plan for promoting the UBHC telephone number. DMHAS will ask provider agencies to incorporate the UBHC telephone number on agency voice mail messages. Flyers and posters were distributed. However do not give them out to the general public until July1, 2015.
- Medicaid will publish a newsletter on or about July 1, 2015. The IME will be included in this newsletter. It will also include all billable codes from Medicaid
  - Medicaid training is available through Molina

## **PAC Business**

**Approval of May Minutes:** The minutes of the May 16, 2015 PAC meeting were approved as submitted.

Next meeting is July 17, 2015 from 10-1 (IME/PAC meeting)

All agreed to keep the meetings monthly.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.