

Provider Alliance Meeting Minutes

MACMHB Office, Lansing

March 23, 2009

10:00am to 12:00pm

Present: Sami AlJallad (Turning Leaf), Mike Caza (PCC), Bret Finzel (Sunrise Centre), Chris Flores (Insight), Tory Hudson (Turning Leaf), Bob McLuckie (ASI), Terry Newton (Harbor Hall), David Panotai (ConsumerLink Network), Mike Reagan (Proactive), Sally Reames (Community Healing Center), Fi Spalvieri (Community Living Options), Kathleen Swantek (Blue Water Development), Mark Weeks (Freedom Works), Grady Wilkinson (Sacred Heart), Jacque Wilson (TTI), Kathryn Young (New Passages)

Staff Present: Michael Vizena, Amy Zaagman and Georjean Knapp

Item	Discussion	Outcomes
Call to Order		Robert McLuckie call the meeting to order at 10:00am.
Review of Agenda		Agenda was accepted as presented.
Review of Minutes		Minutes were accepted as presented.
Discussion on the ARR Process	One of the needs that has been identified from the ARR process is the need for direct care worker compensation.	
Legislative Update	Amy Zaagman reported that the DCH budget is expected out this week with all cuts restored. The Medical Services Administration will issue revised caseload numbers as we are adding about 15,000	

	<p>more Medicaid recipients per month.</p> <p>The state is converting from the Quality Assurance Assessment Program to a Use Tax but this move should not affect providers.</p> <p>Ms. Zaagman distributed a list of bills to watch; including the bills on parity</p> <p>As far as the stimulus package is concerned, Ms. Zaagman reported that no money was attributed to mental health or substance abuse services. With the large amount of federal Medicaid assistance percentage (FMAP) money, we are arguing that some should stay in health care.</p> <p>Two of the jail diversion bills are reintroductions of some of the Mizner bills from 2008.</p> <p>The autism bills were discussed. Those supporting want an autism specific bill that mandates coverage and allows some controversial treatment.</p> <p>Sponsors of parity prefer to include coverage for all mental health and developmental disabilities.</p>	
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	Staff will seek clarification on the property tax issue where non-profit homes are being taxed when there is no staff present for at least 8 hours per day.	
State Budget & Advocacy Planning	<p>Amy Zaagman reported that the Association's Legislation Committee is encouraging members to host regional breakfasts for legislators throughout the state in May.</p> <p>She also referenced the April 2 Issues Briefing breakfast taking place for legislators and their staff in the Mackinac Room, House Office Building, from 8:30am to 9:30am. MACMHB is leading this effort with the Mental Health Association in Michigan and will put together a resource binder to distribute.</p> <p>She talked about the fact that enrollment for ABW has opened again in the hopes of bringing the number of enrollees up to an appropriate average number. ABW runs through December 31, 2009, with the State likely to pursue a federal 1115 waiver to replace coverage for ABW enrollees.</p>	
Review Slate of Candidates for Election of Officers	The election will be held at the May 19, 2009, annual meeting	

	<p>A paper ballot will be emailed to members.</p> <p>Association staff will get together with secretary Kathleen Swantek for further planning for the election.</p>	
Standards Group Solicitation for Data Exchange Workgroup		
Committee Reports	<p>Uniform Contract There was discussion around the uniform contract and its reception throughout the CMH system. The Uniform Contract Workgroup is continuing to move ahead; with the next step being the addition of substance abuse and residential services to the contract. "Uniformity in provider contractual requirements" is a specific expectation within the ARR, therefore, continued push for adoption of the contract is supportive of the Department's efforts.</p> <p>Report Card Workgroup The Report Card Project Workgroup that was formed to evaluate the CMHSPs in areas such as training reciprocity, audits and the uniform contract, is planning to make a formal presentation in April regarding developing a year-long project to evaluate current best practices. At the</p>	

	<p>end of the year a report card will be developed that will be an indicator of what does and what does not work. The focus is on consistency.</p> <p>Strengthening the Alliance Committee Progress on the new print piece and display boards was discussed with printing targeted for the April 27 meeting and the new display to be ready for the May MACMHB conference. The format of the April 27 meeting was also discussed with special guest Chuck Ingoglia from the National Council on tap to give a federal policy update and the meeting location moved to Ann Arbor.</p> <p>Policy and Advocacy Committee The committee continued discussion of the most effective ways to speak with one voice. Useful suggestions were offered on ways to frame the economic impact of treatment delivery and services provided in the community. Development of a simple, one-page talking points piece will continue.</p> <p>Training and Workforce Development Committee The goal of the Training and Workforce Development Committee is to develop an annual training plan that meets the needs</p>	
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	<p>of Provider Alliance Members. Discussion on how to meet this goal included ways to determine what training is needed, the best venue for training and the best method of training delivery. The committee will put together a brief survey for Provider Alliance members to determine regional as well as statewide training needs.</p>	
Other	<p>April 27, 2009, Meeting of Provider Alliance</p> <p>Ms. Zaagman reported that she was approached by National Council to do a fund raiser for Senator Debbie Stabenow on April 27. Chuck Ingoglia will be attending and has agreed to speak at the Provider Alliance meeting in the morning.</p> <p>The Provider Alliance members agreed to moving the meeting location to Weber's Restaurant and Hotel in Ann Arbor.</p> <p>The schedule will be the Provider Alliance meeting at 9:00am, the fundraiser luncheon at 11:00am, ALSAO at 1:00pm.</p> <p>Ms. Zaagman indicated that an invitation will be sent to directors, board members and Provider Alliance.</p>	

	The luncheon will be a minimum contribution of \$100 per person attending.	
Next Meeting		The next meeting of the Provider Alliance is scheduled for April 27, 2009, 9:00am, Weber's Restaurant & Hotel, Ann Arbor.
Adjournment		The meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Georjean Knapp