

**Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, May 7, 2010
MACMHB**

Exec Members Present: Judy Webb (MDCH), Joanne Sheldon (Lifeways), Lisa Lepine (ARC), Alexis Kaczynski (North Country); Norm DeLisle (MDRC), Paul Ippel (network180), Jane Terwilliger (SE Affiliation), Brad Casemore (Summit Pointe) for Erv Brinker

Guests: Nora Barkey (MDCH), Mike Vizena (MACMHB), Bob Sheehan (CEI CMH), James Gallant (Project Parenting Time)

Staff: Laura Vredevelde (TSG),

Approval of Agenda - approved as written

Public Comment - Mr. James Gallant, representing Project Parenting Time, asked the TSG Exec Committee to implement the CDC strategies for suicide prevention in all TSG workgroups. Mr. Gallant reports that guardians are routinely denying court-ordered parenting time and this puts children at risk. Mr. Gallant also recommends that TSG approve draft workgroup products at frequent intervals rather than allowing workgroups to develop products and bring them to TSG Board near completion. Also expressed concerns about the legal opinion sought related to TSG being subject to the Open Meetings Act and suggests that MDCH legal council be the one to provide the opinion. He also expressed concerns that certain PIHP's/CMHSP's are not complying with the draft Waiting List Guidelines. Mr. Gallant also suggested that the TSG workgroup developing draft language related to active engagement should change its name to "MI Meaningful Life" and that this workgroup should add language to the document that supports contact with non-custodial parents.

Review and Approval of Minutes - April 2010 meeting minutes approved as written.

Current Budget/ Actual Financial Update - Laura reviewed the current financial statement. No questions or concerns noted. Monthly expenditures continue at pace with previous months.

Other Business – Medicaid Capitation Workgroup –

Robert Sheehan presented an overview of the MACMHB Medicaid Capitation Workgroup, which is a subcommittee of the Financing Policy Workgroup - a joint Policy and CFI Workgroup. In short, this workgroup's aim is to develop:

- A) a written policy recommendation related to financing of the PIHP system
- B) A Medicaid bulletin or statute which outlines a sound capitation development process (to be modeled after the Medicaid Health Plans Rate Development and Certification process - June 2007)
- C) A written advocacy strategy

Mr. Sheehan provided a written description of the background, charge, purpose, expected outcomes and proposed work plan for issuing a Request for Information from outside expertise/consultants and the development of work product. He indicates the workgroup is looking for TSG Exec & Board consideration to determine if this project fits within TSG's charge and to consider TSG funding the consultant to be used through this process. Mr. Sheehan indicated that the workgroup is exploring options for funding a consultant to carry out this work. The consultant would be identified through an RFI process. The workgroup will likely have no estimate on cost or full scope of work until RFI responses are complete

Robert emphasized that having an established funding formula is crucial to ensure quality of care, stability in Medicaid service capacity, predictability & resiliency, and to ensure a consistent and sufficient Medicaid benefit statewide. He emphasized that the process must allow for a transition period from current funding practices to any revised financing system. Finally, Mr. Sheehan emphasized that any efforts be well-documented (preferably through statute) so there is consistency and predictability over time.

The Exec Committee was asked to consider if this proposal fits with what TSG does conceptually and whether additional discussion/consideration should be held related to financing this effort through TSG. TSG Exec members agree that this is an important issue to PIHP's. There was also general support that this issue fits within the mission/charge of TSG.

There were concerns noted that this workgroup should not have to go through the additional complexities/structure of typical TSG projects and it would be preferable, if moved forward, to limit the TSG role to fiduciary, however there would also be a possible "oversight" role for whatever entity provides the funding. Concerns that it not be handled through both the MACMHB committee process and the TSG workgroup/Board processes. MDCH

Judy Webb indicates MDCH is not in a position to weigh in on the discussion as they have not had any opportunity to discuss this internally. Questions were raised about what MDCH's role on the workgroup or through TSG as voting members should be.

Exec Committee agreed to bring the issue to Full Board for information only and to continue the discussion at next Exec meeting after MDCH has had a chance to review the proposal.

Current Project/Workgroup Updates:

Laura Vredeveld provided a written update and verbal summary of all current TSG projects.

-Waiting List Guidelines – MDCH issued the Waiting List Guideline draft for 30 day review and comment to all stakeholders on April 15th. MDCH will share the feedback and comments they receive on this draft document with TSG Director.

-Needs Assessment Workgroup – Workgroup has developed a detailed work plan and is in process of collecting information through surveys and input sessions to determine core elements for community needs assessment. Will present at June Improving Outcomes Conference.

-Direct Workforce Development – TSG Director is working with Kalamazoo PIHP, Hollis Turnham from MPHI and Nora Barkey from MDCH towards a pilot project and solicitation of grant funding for identification of core competencies, curriculum development and training for direct support staff.

-Administrative Efficiencies – TSG Director is meeting informally with various providers who contract with multiple PIHP’s/CMHSP’s to solicit suggestions for areas for improved consistencies and efficiencies in contract expectations and monitoring. TSG Director is also participating on QI Council workgroup looking at MDCH site review process and indicators.

-Active Engagement/DD PIT vision * - The draft document (currently titled “Vision for Active Engagement and Community Inclusion for Adults with Developmental Disabilities”) continues to elicit significant and strongly positioned feedback and comments, particularly due to its references to particular types of settings and programs. There remain several areas of the document where the subgroup has not reached consensus. Recommendation from MDCH and TSG Director last week to DD PIT group is to re-draft this document removing all reference to specific settings. Exec Committee support for this direction.

-CM/SC Core Competencies * - Nora Barkey from MDCH will join Laura for detailed update at Full Board meeting today. Currently developing draft competencies and soliciting input from a variety of stakeholders.

-Enhanced Data Submission* - Workgroup Chair Chuck Dougherty will present detailed update at Full Board meeting today. Development on Data Warehouse proceeding as per work plan.

Update on MACMHB Invoice to PIHP’s for TSG –

Per MACMHB records, nine (9) PIHP’s have paid the invoice for continuation of TSG for FY 11/12 to date. Two (2) of those PIHP’s have paid both installments. The budget update provided earlier in the agenda does not reflect those payments.

TSG Update/Plenary at June Improving Outcomes Conference -

Laura Vredevelde will be giving plenary update to QI/IS/Finance staff at June 2010 Improving Outcomes conference. Workgroup chairs Dave Schneider (Needs Assessment) and Chuck Dougherty (Data Exchange) will be presenting workgroup updates during break-out sessions. Exec Committee members indicate we should emphasize the unique collaborative efforts that TSG provides to improve services in the state and the opportunity for broad stakeholder feedback into development efforts.

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