

Behavioral Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes for January 25, 2019

Members Present: Julie Barron, Karen Cashen, Mary Chaliman, Norm DeLisle, Ben Jones, Arlene Kashata, Mark Maggio, Kevin McLaughlin, Malkia Newman, Andy Konwiak, Eva Petoskey, Mark Reinstein, Michelle Roberts, Kristie Schmiege, Larry Scott, Patricia Smith, Jane Shank, Sally Steiner, Jennifer Stentoumis, Maxine Thome, Jeff Van Treese, Brian Wellwood,

Members Absent: Linda Burghardt, Elmer Cerano, Amber Desgranes, Erin Emerson, Kevin Fischer, Jennifer Hirst, Greg Johnson, Stephanie Oles, Jamie Pennell, Sarah Williams

Others Present: Phil Kurdunowicz, Melissa Rai, Brenda Stoneburner, Jon Villasurda

Welcome and Introductions: Karen reported that all current BHAC members should have received their appointment letters for 2019. There are currently 32 members.

Section 298 Update – Phil Kurdunowicz

Planning and work continues on the 298 pilots. There should be more details about the model by early March. Changes to electronic data systems are being identified and they are moving closer to establishing contracts. The total health collaborative has submitted their Memorandum of Understanding for the demonstration project in Kent County. The department is reviewing it. The evaluation had been on hold for a bit but discussions are resuming now that additional details about the pilots and the demo project have been received. Stakeholder input will continue as the evaluation proceeds, both general and very specialized / technical input. Phil indicated that there is an evaluation meeting on January 31st and they will be identifying needed content experts then. There is no hard start date for the demonstration project but they are shooting for October 1, 2019.

MDHHS/BHDDA Update – Larry Scott

The Waiver renewal application to be submitted by April 1, 2019. This will include all B Waivers, the 1915i, the 1115 & the C Waivers. Public comment on the application will begin around February. The BHAC will be notified when the application is available for comment.

Supplemental Budget – provided a .25 cent increase to direct care workers. Hoping this will be applied by April 1, 2019. The money will be added to the capitation. A statewide psychiatric bed registry was also funded. Phil indicated that MDHHS is now putting a plan into action for establishing the registry. There will be an advisory council for the registry established in early spring to guide the development of the registry.

SUD Grants - There are two large grants that MDHHS has received from SAMHSA that address the opioid crisis. The Department is also eligible for a supplemental grand in addition to one of the large grants. They are identifying strategies to utilize this

supplemental grant. Jon Villasurda gave a brief update on one of the opioid projects. They expect about 1500 enrollees in the opioid health home in Region 2 over the 2 years of this project.

New SUD licensure rules – LARA did approve new rules effective December 17, 2018. LARA can now send out site reviewers to ensure SUD providers are meeting the new licensure requirements. MDHHS continues to express concern with the new rules and how they will negatively impact the available work force to serve the SUD population. MDHHS is attempting to continue discussions with LARA. Larry will provide a copy of the final rules that will be sent out to the BHAC. Kristie indicated that MCBAP also continues to try to explain to LARA just how extensive the negative impact to the SUD field will be. If any SUD providers have specific examples of how their programs will be negatively impacted, please send them to Kristie and/or Larry. Kristie is also working with the PIHP and SUD Directors to collect statewide impact information. Kristie asked that all BHAC members email their relevant talking points to her, she will compose a letter to LARA and cc all relevant parties by February 1, 2019. Malkia moved to accept that recommendation, Mark M. seconded. Motion approved with state staff abstaining.

Federal Government Shutdown – So far, the shutdown has had no impact on MDHHS behavioral health programs.

New MDHHS Director – Robert Gordon has been appointed the new MDHHS director. New priorities from him for the department are expected.

Ben asked about the GAIN Assessment roll out. Larry explained that this is still occurring and BHDDA is collecting feedback and responding to concerns. CMS is requiring a standardized assessment tool and BHDDA is trying to meet that requirement in the most reasonable way possible.

Public Policy Report – Mark R.

P.A. 658 of 2018 is the law that passed establishing the psychiatric bed registry. SB149 appropriation of \$30 million work project for mental health services in schools.

P.A. 593 2018 Revision of assisted outpatient treatment (Kevin's Law).

P.A. 594 & 595 of 2018 – added language that establishes that guardians can consent for mental health treatment. If the guardian wants hospitalization but the ward does not, they would still have to go through a civil commitment process.

P.A. 596 – Revises judicial admissions for I/DD people.

HB 5625 Recipient Rights mediation option prior to investigation. Went through the house in December, but Senate didn't act on it. Phil indicated that MDHHS is still open to additional discussion about the bill.

SB 1245-48 did not get through the lame duck. This would have violated federal SUD confidentiality regulations and given police more access to personal info on persons legally prescribed controlled substances.

Mark indicated that there is a bill in development to require CMHSP's to have a clinically integrated response to co-occurring disorders. Kristie indicated that this would make sense since co-occurring disorders are extremely prevalent in the public system and noted the importance of looking at existing BHDDA - PPHP contractual requirements. There were questions, however, about how this would work and mesh with some newer co-occurring initiatives. Mark is hoping this bill will be introduced in this new legislation session. Mark asked if anyone on the BHAC has input on this issue to email him. He also said he would arrange a related meeting with Kristie, Larry, and Jon Villasurda.

Public Comment

None

Announcements

Arlene - The federal government shut down may impact the Tribal nations if it continues much longer. Also, the back pay approved for federal workers does not apply to the tribal nations, so there is impact being felt there.

Jeff V. – MAR has been funded to certify recovery homes statewide. Double the amount of homes previously certified are now certified. He anticipated this trend is to continue.

Malkia - Just wanted to indicate that she appreciated the webinar. Gambling Symposium March 1, in Novi, into on the CMHAM website.

Karen – Reminded members to take note of the BHAC meeting dates on the bottom of the agenda.

Kristie adjourned the meeting.