

Behavioral Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2019

Members Present: Julie Barron, Karen Cashen, Elmer Cerano, Mary Chaliman, Becky Cienki, Norm DeLisle, Erin Emerson, Kevin Fischer, Jennifer Hirst, Mark Reinstein, Greg Johnson (Dave Stanifer), Ben Jones, Mark Maggio, Paula Nelson, Malkia Newman, Stephanie Oles (Jessica Vail), Michael Leathead, Jamie Pennell, Michelle Roberts, Kristie Schmiede, Patricia Smith, Jane Shank, Sally Steiner, Jeff VanTreese, Dawne Velianoff, Brian Wellwood

Members Absent: Linda Burghardt, Arlene Kashata, Kevin McLaughlin, Eva Petoskey, Larry Scott, Jennifer Stentoumis, Maxine Thome

Others Present: Lorianne Fall, Melissa Rai, Brenda Stoneburner, Marianne Huff, Katherine O'Hare, Alia Lucas

Welcome and Introductions: Kristie called the meeting to order and introductions took place.

Review & Approval of the March 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes – Malkia requested a motion, Sally moved, Kevin seconded, minutes approved as written.

Section 298 Update – Statement read by Karen Cashen

(Two documents providing 298 update information were made available via email to Karen for the Council approximately 1.5 hours after the time slotted for this agenda item. The one addressed to the Council was read aloud.)

As you will see in the attached legislative communication, MDHHS and the Section 298 pilot participants announced this week that they are delaying implementation of the Section 298 Initiative until October 1, 2020. A press release will be released by MDHHS on this tomorrow.

The Section 298 Initiative is a statewide effort to improve the coordination of physical health services and behavioral health services in Michigan. It is based on Section 298 in Public Act 268 of 2016. I believe the first boilerplate language came in '17. The Michigan legislature approved a revised version of Section 298 as part of Public Act 207 of 2018 and directed MDHHS to implement up to three pilots to test the integration of Medicaid-funded physical health and behavioral health services.

Saginaw County withdrew from the pilot in May, and this, coupled with the inability of pilot participants to reach consensus on a number of items, led to concerns about the ability to meet an October 1, 2019 launch date. While progress has been made on the initiative, including the development of a proposed Case Management Workflow, identifying an approach to key public policy needs, and defining key data sharing requirements critical to whole-person care, agreement has not been reached on other key elements. At this time, there is not agreement on the definition of integration nor

agreement on the structural framework of the pilots. Major decisions regarding risk-management and ownership of the specialty provider network; utilization management claims, and other managed care responsibilities; rates, and payment structures remain to be made. Following resolution of these items, there will still remain significant implementation work and lead time needed to complete all of the technological, regulatory, contractual, and other changes needed for implementation.

The Section 298 Leadership Group, comprised of the CEO's of the pilot Community Mental Health Service Programs and Medicaid Health Plans, will continue to meet and work towards an agreement on a more detailed model for full financial integration by October 1, 2019. Pending successful agreement on a model, the plan is to launch the pilots no later than October 1, 2020.

MDHHS remains committed to testing full financial integration as a means to improve outcomes for Michigan residents. If you have any questions regarding the Section 298 Initiative, please don't hesitate to contact Jane Pilditch from MPH. Jane can be reached at jpilditc@mphi.org.

The concerns are that we are in limbo and there was no explanation given as to why they didn't accept the recommendations of the Section 298 work group, there is limited communication on the plan to move forward with the pilots, and the communities for comparison to the pilots don't include Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties and also don't include the Upper Peninsula. Jane S. also expressed concern that there was no transparency and a lack of voices from those whom we serve. Kristie expressed concern that having no one from the Department present to give an update to the Council or any available report past the timeframe on the agenda, communicated a lack of respect to the group. Mark expressed concern about the 1115 waiver and if it had been posted? What is the timeframe for comments?

Erin Emerson, Chief of Staff, Medical Services Administration, called in to respond to questions regarding the 298 update. She indicated there would be a press release announcing the delay of waivers. The waivers are scheduled to be posted Mid July, without Section 298. Malkia asked what progress had been made? Erin responded Care Management, Financial Integration, and with the CMH's and PIHP's. Malkia requested a glossary of terms to explain the terminology. Erin suggested bringing in a facilitator to explain Integration and what it is. Mark asked if the contract with Lakeshore Regional Entity has been severed and Erin responded that the contract had not been severed.

Mark moved that the council should recommend that Section 298 should be terminated to the Department, Governor, federal officials, and Legislature, and that the Department should take the recommendations of the 298 workgroup. Becky asked if the motion was to end discussions on Integrated Care? Mark indicated no, not to end discussions on Integrated Care. The council voted – 14 yes, 0 no, and 8 abstentions - for Mark to write a letter from the council regarding the issue. Kristie can then edit if she chooses and send to the Council for comment.

MDHHS/BHDDA Update – Dr. George Mellos

Unable to attend Meeting. Erin Emerson sent 298 Update to Karen to read to the Council (see above).

State Lottery Presentation – Blaine DeGracia

See power point presentation.

Council Feedback Regarding Presentation Topics and possible presenters

Mental Health First Aid & Youth Mental Health First Aid – **Julie Barron**

MSHDA's Housing Resources

Crisis and Hospitalization / MIPAD – **Ashley Hill (replacing Phil Kurdunowicz)**

Gambling across the age range – **Presented at the June Meeting**

Trauma – **Mark Lewis (Adults), CTAC – Dr. Jim Henry**

Peers in Behavioral Health – **Pam Warner, Julie Barron**

Youth & Children focused - TFCBT, PMTO, etc. – **EBP Dept, U of M Trails (Karen C)**

School Mental Health – **(Same as above)**

Ageing & Mental Health – **Sally Steiner**

Assisted Technology – **Norm DeLisle**

Incompetent to Stand Trial / Forensic Center

Guardianship & Alternatives - **SKAB**

Detox Facilities, Shelters, Recovery Housing – **Jeff VanTreese** – Malkia asked if we could also include the prison population – **Cheryl Kubiak – Wayne State**

EBP's for Dementia Care – **Sally Steiner**

Behavioral Health Access Study – **Michigan Endowment Fund**

Rural Area Challenges

Public Policy Report – Mark Reinstein

Advocacy groups are working with the dept. & others on a bill that would allow for mediation of consumer complaints about service/support planning and implementation.

Some CMHSPs are working on a draft bill so that preadmission screening units could become "crisis centers." Drafts to date don't look promising.

The mental health advocacy community will soon introduce behavioral parity monitoring, reporting & enforcement bills.

The mental health advocacy community will soon introduce a bill to codify in one single statute all current access protections for Medicaid MH & SUD prescriptions.

HB 4700 - has been introduced, on continuity of MH care for discharged state prisoners.

The bill starts out fine, but then gets into a questionable list of assessment tools and several pages on allowable info technology software.

A new state Medicaid Bulletin is out for public comment on SUD crisis residential service.

SB 362-3 - Bills to slightly ease Medicaid work reporting requirements have been introduced.

HB 4718 - A new bill lacking clarity on "chemical restraint" has been introduced.

Bills on forensic MH (dealing with insanity pleas and incompetent-to-stand trial procedures) may be coming soon. Were drafted by a committee of the state's Diversion Council.

Malkia expressed concern that we have a new administration and so many changes are happening; it is difficult to remain current on all the policy updates when you only hear about them every 3 months. The council asked Mark to send out the monthly newsletter, Mark agreed and will get everyone's email address. Kristie also said she would work with Mark on getting an ongoing handout for the meeting.

Health Management Systems of America, Gambling Treatment Program – Mae Lambert Thompkins

See power point presentation.

Public Comment

None

Announcements

Karen C. – Reminder to council to attend council meetings as able and RSVP.

Reminded council this is a required council and is funded by the Block Grant.

SUD Conference – September 16 & 17, 2019, for more information go to the Board Association website <https://cmham.org/about/calendar/>

Pat S. – Updated the Injury Violence Prevention Website; the website is [www. Michigan.gov/Suicideprevention](http://www.Michigan.gov/Suicideprevention) .

Indicated that there is an events calendar on the website that contains any event related to suicide prevention.

Announced that there are 2 suicide legislations: 1) Suicide death review; 2) Domestic Violence review.

SAMHSA Grant – Only suicide prevention money \$736,000/year for people ages 10-24.

Kevin F. – Announced NAMI Walks for 2019: **Marquette** – September 14, 2019;

Detroit – September 28, 2019; **Grand Rapids** – October 12, 2019

If you have any questions you can email kfischer@namimi.org or go to the NAMI website at <https://namimi.org> .

Malkia Newman received the Peer Advocate of the year Award 2019.

Kristie adjourned the meeting.