









Operations Committee - Meeting Minutes

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING: Date June 3, 2016 Time: 2:30 -4:00 PM Location: Hartford Room – Beacon Health Options	Internal X	External	Recorder: Jane Matyszyk <div>  OperationsMtgAgen da6-3-16.doc </div> <div>  6-3-2016 Attendance.pdf </div>	Draft	Final X
TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION				
APC Implementation in Hospital & impact on BH Access	APC implementation in hospitals for all outpatient services - go live date of 7/1/2016 – See below link for additional information http://www.ct.gov/dss/cwp/view.asp?a=4598&q=538256 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fee Schedule tried to mirror Medicaid New Revenue & Procedure Codes Professional Fees are billable within the ED (LCSW's can bill in the hospital ED setting) Q - What coding should be used and will this require a prior authorization? A - Bill (DSS) to check 				
ECC Expansion Update	Effective date 7/1/2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provider Provisional Authorization Letters have been sent Information detailing the provisional auth criteria Regions with New ECC's – Waterbury, Torrington, Stamford, Norwalk, Bridgeport (2) There are not enough resources for the demand – looking at more creative solutions (ex: primary care physicians who are willing to provide services) Beacon is conducting focus groups for providers to learn about the MAT process, answer any questions. OATP (DMHAS program) has been expanded to include methadone/suboxone/vivitrol treatment services. Noted: Success rates are much higher in members who receive a good aftercare plan (therapy as well as medication) and handoff into the community for follow-up services 				
Adequacy of Network Services for Opioid Clients (are the identified areas of shortages of providers or particular services?) <div>   </div> MAT Suboxone All Providers 6-3-16.pdf MAT Suboxone OTP Providers Only 6-3-16 <div>  </div> Substance Use DMHAS-funded Provi	Discussion on providers and to identify areas where there are gaps in services Maps for MAT providers were shown by Beacon (see embedded documents) which are “living documents” and will be updated as new providers are added to the network– There is limited service for Northwest and Northeast CT. Beacon is conducting focus groups with providers to discuss MAT program/ answer questions/ discuss potential barriers, etc. NOTE: PCSO Website has trainings, webinars, and ability to post questions and have a mentor to discuss prescribing issues. NOTE: MCCA was just awarded a grant for Vivitrol.				



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State Agency Assessment of Impact of Budget Reductions on Service Access and Continuation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All state agencies are working to minimize impacts on services due to the budget reductions. Internally state employee vacancies are not being filled; employee layoffs; new positions have been eliminated.• Dental reduced by 5%• Transfer of ASD from DDS to DSS• More info will be given at upcoming Oversight Council meeting.
Home Health Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$20 million net savings by 2017 – Rate reduction posted in Law Journal; 6/1 – rate reduction letter to providers. Per Bill (DSS) 15% reduction represents \$14 – 15 million.• Concerns surrounding the 15% rate decrease to be implemented 7/1/2016 – Home Health Care agencies have been working to implement cost savings practices – Med Techs, prompting, etc – Tracy Wodatch (CT Health Care) and Kimberly Nystrum (NEHC) discussed cost savings efforts – their records indicate a \$4 million savings within the last year. Due to the 6 month lag in Claims data these savings may not yet be available.• With a 15% rate reduction Homes may not be able to sustain services.
Operations Subcommittee Objectives  Operations subcommittee.pdf	Susan reviewed the objectives / responsibilities of the Operations Subcommittee (See embedded document)