

## **Bullet Point Notes from CT BHPOC Operations Sub-Committee Meeting 3/2/18**

### Review of ASD Care Guidelines:

- Bill Clarified that the ASD Care Guidelines are based on the current regulations and that the updates to the regulations are in discussions now.
- The group then reviewed each of ASD Care Guidelines and answered questions.
  - Dr. Sabooh Mubbashar from the Hospital for Special Care feels that the guidelines do not apply and even restrict certain high functioning ASD kids to services and feels that the lowest functioning kids are not getting the appropriate services either.
  - Bill reminded the group that these guidelines are designed to be ultraconservative for Medicare members. He said that the LOC Guidelines are a tool and are not actually required.
  - It was decided that inpatient kids can be validated as ASD without Neuropsych.
- Sue pointed out that it was agreed that processes need to be evaluated and that there are no changes to the language. The processes concerning step downs where there is supported clinical evidence will require no further testing but that Beacon has the right to ask for more if needed.

### Other Business and Announcements:

- Jen Krom discussed the wait list stating that there are 138 members on the waitlist currently and the average wait time is 2-4 weeks to start services due to the following barriers:
  - Finding services in local areas
  - Finding qualified, competent individuals
  - High turn-over for clinical staff
  - Language barriers
- Bill gave a brief update on the Clinical Regulations.
  - The Meth component – still shooting for 2/1/18 for the implementation of the changes.
  - All other components not related to Meth still have to go through regular process and are at the governor's office now.
  - A provider update has been issued for 2/1/18.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.