



BHP Operations Sub-committee - Minutes

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING: Date: January 7, 2022 Time: 2:30 - 4:00 Location: via zoom	Internal	External	Recorder: David Romei, Beacon Health Options Co-Chairs: Terri DiPietro and Heather Gates	Draft	Final
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION				
1. Update about CMS Approval of the 1115 Waiver for SUD Residential	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• X – updates were posted on the website recently regarding residential standards and some of the judicial language was clarified. The Status of the waiver remains in queue at this point. There’s a Meeting scheduled for 1/17 to check if the march 1st implementation date is possible. Enrollment process is possibly ready to go. At this time, COVID is having an impact on the residential process. Providers need to be ready to go but may need some flexibility.• Staff shortages across the board on the provider side is having a major impact on the system overall. This is stressing the entire system in general. (Currently running at approx. 18+ % in staffing shortages).				
2. SUD PHP and IOP Rates – Methodology to Develop New Rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• X some information was distributed with the meeting invite for review by the group answering some questions regarding the rates. On the overview page on the website, you can sign up for automatic updates whenever new information is posted. If anyone is looking for any additional updates, they are encouraging the providers to sign up for the auto update option. Any additional questions can be sent to Bill H regarding rates.• Q – Why are there only rate increases being discussed for some of the more specific Levels of Care and not across the board. There may be a need to do a little bit more of a deep dive to provide some clarity for that. This will need to be taken back to the team for further research and recommendations. Some guidance will also need to be distributed to the providers.				
3. Planning Process for other Levels of Care – Outpatient, Care Coordination, Peer Support, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• X There is a multiple departmental group currently working on an outpatient redesign model (CCBHC Focused). The model that’s been created will be distributed to some of the providers for review and input. Bill mentioned that he would most likely utilize the current meeting schedule of the redesign team to filter provider feedback and ensure the providers are brought in for their input.• Q-There is definitely a need to support the Peer function and is that being taken into consideration? The success of the Peer support function assists members on the SUD side to get to the next step in treatment. It is critical to invest in that role and needs to be addressed and there are concerns that it will fall off the radar.				
4. New Business and Announcements / Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.				
5. Upcoming Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 4, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom, hosted by Beacon Health Options				



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