



Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council

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Meeting Summary: May 15, 2009

Co-Chairs: Rep. Jonathan Harris Jeffrey Walter

Attendees: Jeffrey Walter (Co-Chair), Rep. Patricia Dillon, Mark Schaefer (DSS), Karen Andersson (DCF), Lori Szczygiel (CTBHP/ValueOptions), Pat Rehmer (DMHAS), Uma Bhan, Rick Calvert, Thomas Deasy (Comptrollers Office), Terri DiPeitro, Jesse White-Frese', Davis Gammon, M.D., Heather Gates, Hal Gibber, Charles Herrick, MD, Mickey Kramer (OCA), Sharon Langer, Stephen Larcen, Jocelyn Mackey (Dept. Education), Patricia Marsden-Tish, Randi Mezzy, Galo Rodriquez, Maureen Smith (OHA), Susan Walkama, Alicia Woodsby (NAMI), (M. McCourt, staff).

Council Administration

Davis Gammon, MD made a motion, seconded by Jesse White Frese', to accept the Council April 2009 meeting summary. Summary accepted without changes.

Council Subcommittee Reports

Coordination of Care SC: Co-Chairs: Sharon Langer & Maureen Smith



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Sharon Langer and Maureen Smith provided a summary of the SC April activities (*Click icon above for meeting summary*) that included:

- ✓ HUSKY & Charter Oak Health Plan (COHP) peer specialist support from ValueOptions; at this time few COHP members use peer specialists leaving capacity for this service in HUSKY. Future reports will separate the program's utilization.
- ✓ Concerns expressed about the impact on medication access with the proposed budgetary requirement to apply prior authorization (PA) to psychotropics and limitation on temporary medication supplies when PA required but not requested by prescriber.

DCF Advisory SC: Co-Chairs: Kathy Carrier & Heather Gates: No meeting since last Council meeting. Next meeting May 26 @ 9:30 at CCPA

Provider Advisory (PAG) SC: Co- Chairs: Susan Walkama & Hal Gibber

Susan Walkama provided background on the revised Riverview Hospital level of care (LOC) guidelines sent to the Council from the Subcommittee prior to this meeting. The revision was

needed because the initial LOC guideline did not clearly differentiate Riverview from acute care pediatric psychiatric hospitals in admission criteria, PA and concurrent review processes.



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Council Action:

- ***Motion:*** Ms. Walkama made a motion, seconded by Patricia Marsden-Tish, that the BHP OC accepts the changes made in the guidelines, as approved by the PAG Subcommittee.
- ***Discussion*** included questions about court-ordered inpatient evaluations at Riverview that extend beyond the 30-day designated period. Lori Szczygiel (ValueOptions) stated a delayed stayed for this cohort would be considered delayed discharge days similar to other discharge delays upon VO concurrent review. Members asked what distinguishes these clients under the admission criteria compared to other inpatient children. Karen Andersson (DCF) explained that Riverview pediatric patients come from other inpatient settings when it is determined that the complexity of the clinical situation makes that setting inappropriate for the child/youth.
- ***Vote:*** Council unanimously approved the motion to accept the revised LOC guidelines.

Quality Management, Access & Safety SC: Chair: Davis Gammon MD; Co-Chairs: Melody Nelson & Robert Franks:



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Dr. Gammon reviewed the SC focus (*Click icon above to view last meeting summary*) that included defining the role of the HUSKY consumer on the SC, identify priority topics for SC monitoring and determine major areas to be regularly monitored by the SC.

Operations – Co-Chairs: Lorna Grivois & Dr. Stephen Larcen



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Dr. Larcen discussed the recent SC meeting issues (*See summary above*):

- Involvement of the BHP Rapid Response Team in each meeting for claims issues discussion, problem solving,
- Concerns about resumption of timely filing 120 day period when some claims issues remain outstanding and
- Enhanced Care Clinic (ECC) contract compliance determination exclude data errors was discussed: DSS wants to keep this as part of the compliance process and VO will be implementing an electronic ‘pop-up’ warning that will reduce data errors.

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Dr. Schaefer (DSS) reviewed the status of the first two items, emphasizing that SFY 09 dollars are expected to be released prior the June 30, 2009 the end of SFY 09. DSS data warehouse is in the process of reviewing utilization data to ensure there are no inconsistencies in the reports.

Few Enhanced Care Clinics under a corrective action plan addressing a contract compliance deficiency. Dr. Schaefer commended the ECCs for making substantive operation changes to meet the goals of the clinic model. DSS recognized the important efforts of Dr. Lois Berkowitz (DCF) and the regional VO managers that have raised the awareness of “best practices”. All 37 ECCs have completed the required MOU with a primary care provider; the second set of MOUs with an additional PCP is due Sept 1, 2009.

ECC expansion to the Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) population is underway. Advanced payments will be made to the ECCs that signed a letter of agreement by 5/22/09; 18 of 30 LOA received as of 5/13/09. The advanced payments prior to the end of SFY 09 will be made in the 1st & 2nd June payment cycles. The BHP OC Executive Committee designated oversight of the ECC expansion to FFS to the Provider Advisory Subcommittee. Pat Rehmer (DMHAS) noted it will be important to extend invitations to adult clinic providers for the PAG meetings that address ECC/FFS. While the BHP OC does not have oversight over FFS program it seems important to maintain consistency of ECC population regardless of population services.