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GROUP MEETING: SUD Oversight Policy Board

PLACE: Region 10 PIHP –2186 Water Street, Port Huron, MI / In-Person and Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

DATE: January 02, 2024

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

PRESIDING: Kenneth Briggs

Present: Kenneth Briggs, Gary Jones, Olivia DeMoss, Jeff Stoner, and Kimberly Shewmaker

Absent: Teddy Pace, Cheryl Clark, Bobbie Umbreit, Todd Anglebrandt
Michael Slater, and Rasmira Bektas

Also Present: Jim Johnson: Region 10 CEO, Cindy Eckert: Region 10 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Administrative Coordinator, Tammy Haerens: Region 10 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Administrative Technician/Recording Secretary

Guests: Jacqueline Gallant: Region 10 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Opioid Health Home (OHH) Administrative Coordinator, and Joshua Elsholz: Region 10 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) State Opioid Response/ Priority Populations Administrative Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. by Chairperson Briggs and roll call was conducted by the Recording Secretary.

II. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

III. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS / CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

IV. PRESENTATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (Action)

It was moved by Mr. Stoner, seconded by Ms. DeMoss, to approve the September 05, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED by roll call vote: Ayes: Kenneth Briggs, Gary Jones, Jeff Stoner, and Olivia DeMoss. Nays: None. Abstained: Kim Shewmaker.

V. OHH Update

Ms. Gallant updated the board regarding the OHH (Opioid Health Home) Program. Ms. Gallant reported that there is an increase in the health home partners to expand capacity of services. These new providers are Arbor Recovery, New Paths and Flint Odyssey House and are new as of FY24. Ms. Gallant also reported that enrollment of beneficiaries has increased with the new fiscal year, which is currently at 273, a 63% increase for the first quarter. Some quality improvements that Ms. Gallant mentioned were; decrease of recoups, inclusion of OHH claims in quarterly claims verification reports, monthly service claims reviews and quality metrics which will be tracked by MDHHS. Ms. Gallant will be sending over her data to the board members, per their request.

VI. Priority Populations Update

Mr. Elsholz updated the board regarding the Priority Populations Program. Mr. Elsholz gave a brief description of the role of the program, stating that the program addresses the issues of high recidivism rates among offenders as well as repeat offenders re-entering the corrections system due to substance use disorder. Thus the focus is directed to treatment. Mr. Elsholz stated that this is a referral based program. Mr. Elsholz will engage with MDOC parole /Probation Officers and Peer Recovery Coaches for population advocacy. Mr. Elsholz also reported that while the program's main focus is MDOC offenders there are 4 additional priority population categories that are prioritized for access to services and may receive assistance from the priority population program: The three federally required priority populations (45 CFR 96.131(a)) are Pregnant Injecting Drug Users, Pregnant Substance Users, Injecting Drug Users. In addition, the state of Michigan has defined Parents at Risk of Losing their Children and, more recently, MDOC involved individuals as priority populations for the PIHPs. The program is currently in a state of ongoing development with evolution through collaboration with MDHHS, MDOC and all PIHPs, as well as looking for ways to increase engagement of other priority populations.

VII. SUD Director Update: BWROC Transportation and Recovery Incentive Program

Ms. Eckert discussed the contract that BWROC holds with Region 10. Ms. Eckert reported that BWROC provides transportation based upon driver availability during PIHP admission hours; Monday- Friday 9:00am-5:00pm and that this is provided to St. Clair County residence only. Any use of this service has to be approved through Access first. This is a PA2 funded program. Ms. Eckert also reported that BWROC keeps a transportation log that is to be provided to Region 10 upon request.

Ms. Eckert gave an update on the new Recovery Incentive Program that will begin October 01, 2024, for FY25. This is a 2 year pilot program for Medicaid recipients which offers incentives for clean and partially clean (with continued treatment) drug screens. Region 10 doesn't currently have a lot of information about this program yet but did send out an e-mail to the providers to see if there would be any interest in participation. Ms. Eckert reported that so far, several providers have stated an interest. Ms. Eckert concluded that Region 10 will submit a proposal to the state in the near future.

VIII. Great Lakes Recovery Mission: Sanilac Location

-Ms. Eckert discussed the barriers that Great Lakes Recovery Mission is facing in their new location of Sanilac County. It appears that the community isn't happy about Great Lakes Recovery Mission setting up a location in Sandusky but Region 10 acknowledges that there is a definite need there. Ms. Eckert informed the board that Great Lakes Recovery Mission is developing an RCO, funded by the PIHP with ARPA grant funds that began on October 01, 2023.

IX. Budget A. Monthly Financial Report

The budget information was presented and Mr. Johnson stated that the revenue projection numbers for FY24 are still in process. Mr. Johnson reported that by March 2024 Region 10 should have a better handle on the PHE unwind as they get a good handle on the volume of citizens falling off Medicaid and therefore out of the capitation population. Mr. Johnson also reported that the Medicaid renewal is being looked at and that going forward there will be no automatic renewals. Mr. Johnson assured the board that there are no Region 10 concerns with Medicaid revenue nor with the Medicaid numbers at this point in time. Region 10 is watching the trend data and keeping a close eye on things. Mr. Johnson also stated that individual providers are monitoring their Medicaid consumers to see who might fall off, due to gaining employment, but using a different funding source could be an option.

X. Provider Network Update: Strategic Plan

Ms. Eckert gave the board an update regarding the Strategic Plan that was submitted to the state in June 2023. Region 10 has recently received feedback from the state and some minor corrections/updates will be made. Ms. Eckert concluded that once these changes have been made the Strategic Plan will go on the Region 10 website.

XI. Any Other Business To Properly Come Before The Board

None.

XII. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of the meeting was moved by Mr. Briggs, seconded by Ms. Shewmaker. With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Briggs adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Haerens
Recording Secretary