

**Professional Advisory Committee
of the
Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)
New Jersey Department of Human Services
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Location: Monmouth County Human Services Building, Kozloski Road,
Freehold, NJ

Date: September 18, 2016

Attendance: Camille Bloomberg, LeeAnn Ciani, Tony Comerford, Roberta Flecha, Manual Guantez, Jean Hennon, Deborah McKinley, Kendria McWilliams, Alan Oberman, Michael Paoello, Dharmesh Parikh, Jas Pelland, Vera Sansone, Barbara Schlichting, Sue Seidenfeld, Dinita Smith, Ernesine Winfrey

State Staff: Adam Bucon, Andrea Connor, Vicki Fresolone, Nancy Hopkins, Alicia Meyer, Brian Regan, Harry Reyes, Patrick Roff, Irina Stuchinsky, Carol Grant

Guests: Gary Abraham, Nick Armenti, Bob Kley, Chris Kosseff, Shauna Moses,

Chairperson Barbara Schlichting called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and welcomed all; self-introductions were made.

IME Discussion

- **1115 Waiver-** Allows states to propose new Medicaid services available to expand and enhance the Substance use disorder continuum of care. California has a waiver for substance abuse that includes the ability to pay for IMDs. Any additional services or changes must be budget neutral.
- Medicaid has developed an internal work group to develop a proposed service array for the waiver. When we are further along in the process Medicaid will be developing a process for Stakeholders feedback. Barbara offered the PAC to participate in the process. In January the people receiving services through Medicaid will be phased into the UBHC prior authorization system. UBHC, Medicaid and DMHAS are working with Molina to develop the process for that phase in. .
 - Molina will give a list to UBHC of the clients actually receiving treatment for ambulatory services through Medicaid.

- UBHC will provide Molina with prior authorizations numbers for these clients. This will allow providers to bill for these clients when full prior authorizations are implemented in April-May 2016..
- Individuals on Medicaid entering treatment in January through April will need prior authorization with the IME; these will be administrative authorizations- there will be no clinical review.
- There is a way to get existing clients authorized and start authorization process for new clients so that the system is familiar before the clinical reviews are needed in April – May. DMHAS will provide three trainings and several webinars on this system.
- Providers had multiple billing questions. DMHAS asked providers to review Newsletters sent by Molina and to take advantage of the free billing trainings through Molina.
- Ambulatory Contract conversions- will not happen in January. DMHAS is looking into a time line and will let providers know.
- **NJSAMS**- Brian Regan
- DSM 5
 - 1. October 1, 2016 deadline is postponed
 - 2. APA licensing an issue
 - 3. DSM module will include ICD 10 codes
- Changes went into effect in NJSAMS September 15, 2015
 - 1. Enhanced MATI rules
 - 2. Referrals-enhanced
 - 3. Consent forms are to be signed by clients for a release to the IME
 - 4. They fixed several of the “bugs”

Dr. Hoffman’s training was helpful and provided information that will inform the clinical authorization process. PAC members were invited but many were unable to attend.

PAC Business

Approval of May Minutes: The minutes of the July, 2015 PAC meeting were approved as submitted.

PAC DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Senate Bill 2375 and Assembly Bill A 3700 (see attached) are proposing to create greater access to integrated care for behavioral health and primary care through single licensure.

- Ambulatory care is licensed through the Department of Health and Behavior Health is licensed through DMHAS. The aim is to get one license through the Department of Health with a modifier, i.e. provide services under the ambulatory care facility license, with behavior health included. There has been no movement on these bills.
- Patrick Roff discussed October as Recovery month and provided an overview of the activities available (see attached list).

Adjournment 12:50