

**Professional Advisory Committee
of the
Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
New Jersey Department of Human Services**

Meeting Location: 3000 Kozloski Road, Freehold NJ 07728

Date: January 17, 2014

Attendance: Anthony Comeford, Benjamin John Gonzalez, Jean Hennon, Barry Johnson, Janice Krolack, Susan Neshin, Alan Oberman, Dharmesh Parikh, Jass Pelland, Vera Sansone, Michael Santillo, Barbara Schlichting, Sue Seidenfeld, Maria Vanavis-Robinson, Linda Voorhis, Donald Weinbaum, Ernestine Winfrey

State Staff: Adam Bucon, Joel Boehmler, Andrea Connor, Elizabeth Conte, Jean Devitto, Mollie Greene, Roxanne Kennedy, Lynn Kovich, Valerie Larosiliere, Harry Reyes, Christine Scalise, Dona Sinton, Irina Stuchinsky

Chairperson Barbara Schlichting called the meeting to order.

PAC Business

Minutes of October 2013 approved as written, with no corrections.

Presentations

NJ FamilyCare Expansion and FAQ - Roxanne Kennedy gave a detailed “power point” presentation and answered many questions. She distributed copies of the presentation, which was also emailed out to members.

Rate Setting Process Update - Joel Boehmler said that this complex process continues. Stakeholders have been involved in various ways. Good news is that the consultant is willing to continue to provide assistance to the State beyond the end of their contract. Draft rates will be made public later this year as part of the process to receive feedback for further consideration (prior to rates being finalized).

Drug Court Expansion – Christine Scalise gave an explanation of the expansion that was enacted in July 2012. It was a 2 Phase Process. Phase 1 was implemented 1/1/2013 and expanded legal eligibility to include second degree burglary and robbery. Phase 2 implementation was 7/1/2013 and established 3 pilot vicinages in 5 counties with treatment being mandatory: Vicinage 14: Ocean County, Vicinage 13: Hunterdon, Somerset & Warren Counties and Vicinage 6: Hudson County. Phase 2 DC expansion anticipates an estimated 620 additional DC participants needing access to DMHAS substance abuse treatment system, therefore requiring additional capacity to address influx of Drug Court clients. Phase 1 providers are Integrity, Eva’s Village and Turning

Point. Phase 2 providers include: Straight and Narrow, John Brooks Recovery Center, Maryville, CURA, Integrity, Real House, United Progress, Community Recovery Services, RMS/Angel Hope House and Urban Treatment.

DUII monthly closing/opening – Andrea Connor and Mollie Greene described the challenges regarding the monthly closing of the DUII, explaining why the closings take place. DMHAS continues to work with providers to revise the system in order to make the impact less problematic for clients and providers.

Announcements/Discussion

- We continue to work through the difficulties with the NJSAMS rewrite. Please continue to address your concerns to our customer service staff, being sure to include a screen shot of the particular issue you are having.
- DMHAS has hired a new Chief Financial Officer, Matthew Shaw, who will begin officially mid-February. This position is being shared jointly with Division of Developmental Disabilities, as both divisions do not have a CFO and it is a means to share services. The two divisions are not merging. Both divisions are focusing on moving to managed care and NJ FamilyCare expansion, so it's a logical position. His initial focus will be on DMHAS projects. He comes from Medicaid, so his experience and knowledge will be very beneficial to our divisions.
- The Quarterly Addiction Medical Director' meetings were briefly discussed as well including the need for a call in number being reinforced. The meeting scheduled for 1/23 will have a call in number for those who can't attend in person.

Next meeting – March 21, 2014