

**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: February 20, 2015

Attendance: Camille Bloomberg, Lee Ann Cianci, Tony Comerford, Benjamin John Gonzalez, Manuel Guantez, Jean Hennon, Deborah McKinley, Kendria McWilliams, Alan Oberman, Michael Paoello, Dharmesh Parikh, Vera Sansone, Michael Santillo, Barbara Schlichting, Sue Seidenfeld, Dinita Smith, Linda Voorhis, and Ernestine Winfrey

State Staff: Andrea Connor, Vicki Fresolone, Carol Grant, Valerie Harr, Nancy Hopkins, Lynn Kovich, Phyllis Melendez, Susanne Rainier, Brian Regan, Harry Reyes, Patrick Roff and Dona Sinton

Invited Guests: Gary Abraham, Tonia Ahern, Nick Armenti, Susan Brown, Mark Graham, Shauna Moses, John Pellicane, Rosemarie Rosati, Cynthia Spadola, Wayne Vivian, and Deb Wentz

Welcome and Introductions of members and guests.

PAC Business

The meeting was called to order and the January 2015 minutes were approved.

Announcements

Every other month the meeting will be until 1:00 pm (an additional hour of meeting time). During those months only 2 hours will be spent on the IME with the additional hour on PAC business. Invited guests for the IME discussion will not have to stay for the PAC portion of the meeting.

Interim Managing Entity (IME)

Nancy Hopkins discussed the current planning for the slot conversion to FFS. Ambulatory slots for IOP, OP, Partial Care and Methadone will be converted to the FFS network. Slot contracts will be converted to FFS January 1, 1016. All contracts will be converted at that time, regardless of contract start date. As part of the conversion and to understand when a client fee can be charged based on payer and service, DMHAS is reviewing all providers sliding fee scales.

To date we are assuming that DMHAS women's set aside is in the FFS network. DCF has not decided on what they are doing with their funding in women's contracts.

DMHAS is still working on the rates.

A change in residential rates is not planned for the IME roll out. Due to the timing, the M&S rates may become part of the conversion to the IME. However, the residential rate change is not anticipated in the SFY 16 budget.

Assistant Commissioner Kovich explained that UBHC was selected to serve as the IME because it already has the sophisticated technology infrastructure for operating the 24/7 centralized call center, years of experience managing care and knowledge of services in New Jersey.

Vicki Fresolone went over the basic IME flow chart (see the DMHAS website). Screening tools (Immediate Needs Profile and UNCOPE) were discussed at length. The screening tools will be in NJSAMS.

Discussion revolved around the assessment. Providers stated they need more than one session to complete the assessment especially if the person is in crisis and doesn't want to give demographic or can't give the proper information at this time. The potential client is seeking some relief. Discussion around one or two or three hour assessments ensued. The concept of increasing the number of assessment sessions that are authorized was discussed.

Assistant Commissioner Kovich asked the PAC members to review the FAQ's and get back to the division with any questions. Any further questions/ comments can be sent to the following email: MBHOinput@dhs.state.nj.us.