



WCHSA Guiding Principles

Customer Engagement, Staff Engagement, Community Engagement, Leadership Accountability

PAC Minutes

WCHSA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PAC

February

10:00-1:00

Minutes: Melissa Freeman

I. Call to Order

II. Attendance

Others Present: Katie Davis, WCHSA; Pam Lano, Marjorie Blaschko, and Pam Appleby from the Division of Medicaid Services; Teresa Steinmetz, Linda Hall, Anneliese Skoda, Kevin Lunog, Chana Rymarkie, Sarah Coyle, Zachary Todd, Bob Rohret, Holly Pagel, Ron Schmidt

Kathi Cauley, tri-chair	Kate Luster, tri-chair	Todd Campbell, tri-chair
Melissa Freeman	Kris Korpela	Renee Soroko
Jessica Barrickman	Mike Lappen	Amy Hart
Jackie Moglowsky	Nichol Grathen	Liza Drake
Jim LeDuc	Becky Bell	Tamara Feest
Brian Bezier		

III. Review and Approval of Minutes from 01/22/21

Motion by Jessica Barrickman, second by Mike Lappen, motion passed

IV. Updates

A. DHS Updates

1. BPTR

Teresa Steinmetz reported:

- Position changes in Bureau is nearly complete
- Technical Assistance Grant to assist with the 988
- Increased Block Grant funding coming in Sept. 2021 cycle: \$28.4 million for the MH Block Grant; \$25.5 million for SABG
- DHS 75 re-write has been submitted to legislature. They have 30 days to decide to move it on or hold public comment.

- Governor's budget has been released with many features to expand mental health, substance abuse, and crisis services in the state

B. Office of Children's Mental Health

Linda Hall reported state budget has added funding to support mental health in schools as well as trauma informed efforts. DPI working on a mental health curriculum. Social media event for Children's Mental Health Awareness Day. Preparing for another youth listening session regarding mental health services.

C. WCA

Teresa Steinmetz reported DHS 83 and DHS 34 conflict with DQA to address allowing CBRFs to provide crisis stabilizations. CBRF's can continue provide they will just need to request waivers/variances to by-pass length of stay and discharge planning rules.

D. Other

Teresa Steinmetz reported Opioid settlement will be coming with additional funding for the state

Kate Luster reported work with Families First to begin

V. Workgroup/Issue Updates

A. SCAODA

No report

B. Crisis Workgroup

Discussed making these groups focused and moving forward. Focusing on elements of Crisis Now. Brian Bezier reported Jefferson County has a strong, innovative crisis model.

C. Mental Health Council

Jessica Barrickman reported involvement with the group but no officially a member yet. They are working on getting focused and setting up sub-committees as Covid put things on hold to some extent.

Rick Immler reported they are working with SCAODA. No clear recommendations at this time.

D. ACT 262 workgroup

Kate Luster reported they did receive a draft document regarding DSPS being in conflict with administrative code. Teresa Steinmetz reports DHS continues to discuss. DQA states Act 262 needs to take precedence. Counties are looking for clarity.

E. Telehealth Advisory committees

Jessica Barrickman reported the more formal committee has not met yet.

F. Lifeline Advisory Committee

No one available to report. Scheduled to meet March 2nd at 1:00.

G. 988 workgroup

No one available to report

H. Other

John Tuohy, DCF, reported he will be joining our meetings to assist with collaboration. Discussed keeping high needs youth in our state rather than having to send them out of state for care. Will likely require statutory rule changes but DCF and DHS are committed to addressing this.

VI. 11:00 am DMS – Pam Lano, Marjorie Blaschko, and Pam Appleby
SUD Residential Benefit

Pam Lano reported the program launched February 1, 2021. Currently about 35 providers in the state but continuing enrollments. IMD facilities are enrolling too. Things are going well. Authorizations are being approved. Provider resource page in the Medicaid portal. FAQ document is coming. Weekly technical assistance calls available to providers. Room and board cannot be covered by Medicaid. Room and Board is in the governor's proposed budget. Counties can negotiate rates with providers.

Questions:

- 1) DHS1 sliding fee/ability to pay to clients? Pam Appleby: counties are able to follow their current policies/processes. Cannot use federal money (block grants) to fund. Recommendations to meet in regions to discuss RSUD issues in their region.
- 2) Some providers resistive to MAT clients or some forms of MAT; can the provider make those decisions? Pam Lano reports the expectation is providers accept all MAT and make arrangements for that to continue for the client. DCTS can provide technical assistance to assist.
- 3) Question about mental health needs in the SUD residential programs. Pam Lano reports they can see a psychiatrist even if they are in a residential setting. The mental health needs are expected to be provided by the facility.

- 4) Questions to ASAM criteria. Recommend attending the provider meetings.
 - 5) Facility needs to be enrolled with MA not each provider at the facility.
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VII. County Only Discussion

A. Crisis Workgroup/subgroups

1. Discuss PAC Chairs meeting with BPTR regarding Crisis Workgroups

Crisis work groups struggling to be productive despite on-going conversations/commitment for years.

2. Review roles and responsibilities of workgroup/subgroup participants

Todd Campbell and Kate Luster meeting with state partners next week. Reviewed Crisis Services Sub-Workgroup Process flowchart as well as Roles and Responsibilities document. Discussion regarding whose really leading the process, the counties or the state? Concerns about use of PPS data regarding crisis services to guide the strategic process given the data is misleading due to variability in county practices and the variability in the data collected. Need an overall vision for the workgroups to work toward. Workgroups will then make action recommendations for the state to pursue. Discussion on how to get the subgroups moving forward as well as working to define roles and structure.

3. Link workgroups with AG recommendations and State budget proposal

B. CCS rate/interim reconciliation discussion

Discussed waiting to see how the current interim reconciliation works out before revisiting this issue.

C. ED Transport External Advisory Committee

Looking for county representation. Kristin Korpela volunteered.

D. Membership/vacancies

1. Kristin Deprey, St. Croix County
 - a) Motion to approve: Kristin Korpela; seconded by Jessica Barrickman.
Motion passed.
2. Two vacancies

VIII. Decision and Action Items

None

IX. Follow-up

A. Review follow-up items, assignments

1. Work group volunteers
2. Kate and Todd meeting with state next week re: crisis workgroups
3. Need 988 committee and ED transport committee reps

B. Communication planning

C. Complete follow-up report

X. Adjournment Motion by Brian Bezier, second from Michael Lappen.

Next Meeting

April 23, 2021

10:00 A.M.

Location: Zoom

Minutes: Mike Lappen