

**Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration  
OFFICE OF RECOVERY ORIENTED SYSTEMS OF CARE**

**Recovery Oriented System of Care, Transformation Steering Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**DATE/TIME:** November 19, 2015; 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Peckham, Inc. – Pine Conference Room  
3510 Capital City Blvd.  
Lansing, Michigan 48906

**FACILITATOR:** Deborah J. Hollis

**NOTE TAKER:** Recorded

**ATTENDEES:** **In Person:** Marsha Bianconi, Sandra Bullard, Denise Herbert, Julia Hitchingham, Deborah Hollis, Colleen Jasper, Kim Kovalchick, Sara Koziel, Lisa Miller, Darlene Owens, Sam Price, Marci Scalera, Kristi Schmiede, Ronnie Tyson, Mark Witte, Cathy Worthem

**CONFERENCED IN:** Dawn Radzioch, Pam Werner

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**TOPIC SUMMARIES**

**I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – *Deborah Hollis***

Deborah welcomed the Transformation Steering Committee (TSC). Everyone introduced themselves.

**II. REVIEW AGENDA AND MINUTES**

A new item was added to the agenda on the Legalization of Marijuana and the agenda was approved. Minutes from the September 17, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**III. BHDDA UPDATES – *Deborah J. Hollis***

- Deborah went over handouts with the TSC
- Brenda Stoneburner was promoted and is now a Manager in Community Based Practices
- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Strategic Plan can be accessed by clicking on the handout called, [\*MDHHS Strategic Plan 2015\*](#)
- The Office of Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (OROSC) has received \$8.7 Million in new grants handout
- Access Systems Standard is now approved and will be included in PIHP contract.
- The Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) Recovery Policy is still in review
- The 11/15 waiver process is still moving forward

**IV. Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Oversight Policy Board Perspective – *Marsha Bianconi, Region 7, Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority Board Member***

Marsha mentioned the size of Wayne County and the implications involved in transportation for people seeking treatment for substance use disorders. She explained that a series of billboards are being run on bus routes that deal with a variety of behavioral health issues. She also mentioned that onsite investigations were conducted and the result led to the closing of certain treatment facilities. The next substance use advisory Board session will identify goals; PA II funded new programs to continue, among others. The next step is to review results. In December there will be a joint meeting with mental health boards and actual providers for them to obtain a better understanding of substance use disorder (SUD) issues and problems.

Darlene explained that the SUD Advisory Oversight Board was put together in April 2014 and approved by the Governor's board. The board is represented by six (6) members from Detroit and six (6) from Wayne County and consist of the Laws of Representation, i.e., business sector, epidemiologists, criminal justice, etc. Darlene explained that at the last board meeting on November 9, 2015 outcome data was requested and presented. The outcome data will be used to implement programs. In addition, a map was created based on the data that will show where prevention and treatment providers are located. The next step is for the Governor's board to approve the final. She passed around a PowerPoint document that showed fiscal year 15 SUD data, annual report on services, and a sample billboard sign.

**V. SUD Strategic Planning from Michigan's Future Fall Board Association Conference 10/28/15 – *Mark Witte/discussion all***

Mark asked everyone to review a summary document in their packet and talked about the details of the document. Some of the details included a speaker by the name of Tom McClellan who was invited to be a presenter at the Fall Board Association Conference, in which a variety of providers were in attendance. We talked about issues that were of greatest concern. We needed to address where we are going within the system and the various roles; a variety of comments were received from conference participants. Tom also talked about challenges we can overcome by making better decisions about what is purchased and future decisions we face, and now is a time of great opportunity that will not be seen again. Takeaways from the conference were recommendations about recovery housing innovation, bringing value to the table and expect that the value to the overall health system that should return as a resource to the system that we provide, recognize that we are in a field of medical services, and work on a way of measuring what we do that shows value that ties into the payment system and allows for the best value to rise to the top. In response, discussion, comments and ideas for solutions were offered by the TSC.

**VI. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Update – *Lisa Miller***

Lisa reported numerous issues facing MAT. She mentioned Governor Snyder's recommendations from the task force, which would effectively educate people about Medication assisted treatment; what works and what doesn't and how care should be directed; new details in the guidelines attached to the contract and will begin to require some of the details in those guidelines, which focus on instructions to doctors about protocol about behavioral health therapies and medications, so we need ancillary policy that support doctors and bridge gaps between licensing rules and guidelines; federal guidelines for the Opioid Treatment Policy (OTP); advocate and educate to reduce stigma around MAT; licensing rules; 42 CFR and federal

guidelines. Awaiting recommendations from administrative staff on these issues. Waiting to hear specific assigned tasks from the Governor.

In addition, the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) is taking the current rules for licensing and making modifications. Will be meeting with LARA to provide more information. Changes cannot be made until they are approved by the legislature.

**VII. Peer Recovery Coach Update – Pam Werner**

Peer Recovery Coach Curriculum and Credentialing Committee will be meeting at the St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt, the week of December 14th. Recommendations will be finalized and sent to the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration (BHDDA). The process after internal review will include a 30 day public comment period that should be sometime in February 2016. During the training on the 14th the same individuals representing 10 regions, Veterans, health and wellness coach and RCO will participate. Cheryl Gagne from the Center for Social Innovation will be coming in and providing training on the draft curriculum. The whole group will participate with recommendations and changes. Discussion followed.

**VIII. Alternatives Conference – Colleen Jasper**

Alternatives is a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) sponsored conference for people who have lived experiences. Alternatives conferences are national and have been held for 30 years. This year it was held in Memphis, Tennessee and was about peer support and recovery specialists. Keynote was Clarence Jordan. The recovery stories were about trauma.

The Flinn Foundation has offered a substantial amount of money for an additional statewide stigma initiative emphasizing youth, and exploring a clear approach for reaching out to the stigmatized.

To date, the trauma policy has not been approved by the Board Association. A peer conference for peers from Michigan is sponsored by MDHHS and usually takes place in the fall. In response from TSC members to obtain further information, Colleen will send the SAMHSA Alternatives website to all of the TSC members.

**Michigan's Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force Report – All**

The TSC reviewed Michigan's Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force Report and Deborah stated the key areas for the TSC are prevention and treatment. Other areas include policy, outcomes, enforcement, and regulations. If any of you have any thoughts to bring up to the TSC about actions we can take to please share.

TSC members were requested to provide thoughts and ideas.

**Legalization of Marijuana – Darlene Owens**

Darlene started a discussion on the legalization of marijuana that will be on the ballot for 2016 to the legislature. Deborah said that media focus will be on the harm and consequences marijuana can cause youth. The TSC offered ideas and suggestions.

**IX. Next Steps/Action Items:**

- Community Forums – Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Meeting November 20, 2015
- Providers that need technical assistance and how to operationalize and use
- Edit committee (codes, etc.) by Kathy Haines

Action Item	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
Edit Committee	TBD	N/A

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**TSC Members shared updates from their respective areas:**

- **Ronnie** - Asked for a contact regarding a Naloxone data request and Lisa recommended Steve Alsum.
- **Marci** - Project Lazarus. Heroin Summit in three counties; Dec 1 in Monroe, University of Michigan and a poster project on our opiate task force for Washtenaw County. Engagement Centers; Lenawee and Livingston. Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) initiatives resurrection; rethinking our service delivery system to get closer toward integration.
- **Darlene** - Talked about Naloxone to first responders, fire department, and getting out to the community as far as training; increase MAT with methadone, expanding with faith-based to be held annually that will include training them on SUD, door-to-door on Gen X, women’s specialty conference, new programs in Inkster on obesity and increasing substance abuse rates and exploring innovative things that can be done.
- **Denise** – Focusing on prevention, treatment, and recovery, a community health implementation plan 2<sup>nd</sup> five year, and within region three (3), convening a prevention provider effort focusing on kids, and a national drug strategy with Denise profiled for Michigan on page 39.
- **Kathy** – Early childhood staff work in homeless shelter partnering, enhancing women’s services in September 2015 and peer coaching and shadowing.
- **Julia** – Developing and revising request for proposals (RFPs) in the near future. Will e-mail to all TSC when posted, substance abuse and mental health training. Looking at the issue of medication assisted treatment and movement toward openness.
- **Colleen** – Trauma needs assessment and need for further training and availability for community mental health (CMHs).

**WRAP-UP AND ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 2:30 pm

**NEXT MEETING**

**Date/Time:** January 21, 2016; 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Location:** Horatio Earle Center,  
7575 Crowner Drive,  
Dimondale, Michigan