

DDPIT Meeting Minutes, January 13, 2016

Participants:

Present: Bob Stein (MALA); Kathy Lentz (Region 4/Kalamazoo CMH); Joe Longcor (MDHHS); Jim Dehem (Region 7/CLS); Dohn Hoyle (ARC); Belinda Hawks (MDHHS); Audrey Craft (MDHHS); Chris Lerchen (ARC); Barbara LeRoy (WSU-DDI); Melanie Corrion (Region 5/Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health); Todd Culver (MARO); Phil Kurdunowicz (MDHHS); Amy Peckinpaugh (MDHHS)

Phone: Jim Kelly (Region 7/DWMHA); Ellie DeLeon and Adam Sim (Region 4/Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health); Marcia VandenBerg (Region 3/HealthWest); Ruth Sprague (Region 3/Newtwork180); Andrea Sarto (Region 2/North Country CMH); Pat Carver (Community Drive Inc.); Jaclyn Callender (Region 5/Huron Behavioral Health); Lucy Wilcox (Region 1/Northcare Network); additional individuals who called in throughout the meeting

Guests: Rie Kennedy-Lizotte (SELN); John Butterworth (SELN)

Meeting Minutes and Action Items:

- Reviewed unofficial minutes from November 12, 2015 DDPIT meeting.
- Joe Longcor, Rie Kennedy-Lizotte, and John Butterworth provided an update on National Employment Perspectives:
 - Group reviewed employment data for Michigan.
 - Reviewed how integrated competitive employment is defined by the national report - www.statedata.info
 - Reviewed NCI employment data. Michigan's NCI numbers for employment for 2011-2012 and 2014-2015 (unofficial) show us our numbers are below the national average.
 - Discussed the opportunity for Performance Improvement by improving the quality of and focusing on individual competitive employment outcomes.
 - Discussed reduced outcomes for individuals with intellectual disabilities by Vocational Rehab for total closures, closures into an employment setting, and closures with supported employment as a goal and issues surrounding loss of cash matches in schools and CMHSPs.
 - Reviewed barriers to employment are state policies and practices as opposed to economic and environmental factors.
 - Reviewed changes proposed to the Medicaid provider manual regarding employment.
 - Group discussed Michigan's employment data as poor, discussed the task of improving the transition process, using the Employment First Executive Order language to champion the plan to integrated competitive employment. Reviewed utilizing the Executive Order for our business model regarding moving Employment First forward. The need for leadership, resources and incentives for providers to make Employment First work. Discussed increased training for our workforce which is not well trained as job trainers and job developers.
 - Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) – reviewed changes coming from the federal level regarding workforce opportunity and the need to collaborate with the education department regarding accountability.
 - Discussed a project from previous years that highlighted providers that are effective in employment outcomes, building tool kit activities, and the desire to further explore this concept.
- Barbara LeRoy presented Michigan NCI Family Surveys: Comparisons Across the Years – 2011-2015:
 - Group reviewed NCI comparisons. Several areas of concern were highlighted.
 - Reviewed concerns regarding choice and control variables surrounding money.
 - Group expressed concern regarding data for “respondent reported abuse and neglect in the past year” variable.
 - Group requested additional information for the next meeting regarding the NCI surveys and responses.
 - In addition to further review of the Family Guardian Survey results, the Adult Consumer Survey results for 2011-2012 and 2014-2015 will be analyzed.

- Belinda Hawks and Phil Kurdunowicz provided an update on the HCBS Rule and Transition Plan:
 - Reviewed the 1115 waiver webinar offered today and the 1115 waiver public comment meeting scheduled on January 28 at 10 am in Lansing. CMS is looking at the B Group – 25,000 additional consumers. The department has asked CMS for clarification on the plan and timeline.
 - Group reviewed the current extensions and waivers.
- Belinda Hawks provided an update on the Person Centered Planning Process:
 - Effective March 17, 2014. Collected data last year through the ARC, reviewed the summary data, will meet with the reviewers and develop a corrective action plan around the response to the questions through the site review process. Belinda agreed to share data at the March meeting.
- Moved DDPIT “draft” mission statement out of draft to official. Changes noted in three areas/sentences on the mission statement which will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- **Issues and Concerns from Consumers and Advocates:**
 - The transition plan has policies and rules that do not relate to the questions. Phil and Belinda will review the document and look for alignments issues. Dohn Hoyle will provide an example of this concern to Phil Kurdunowicz
 - Ongoing concern of disparities from what consumers receive from Regions and CMHSPs. Need to develop an action plan to address this ongoing concern.
 - The NCI tool/survey is named, “Family Guardian Survey.” It was mentioned to note the difference between family and guardian.
- **Future Discussion:**
 - NCI Data review for the Family Guardian and Adult Consumer surveys
 - Data presentation for the PCP Site Review Process
 - Update regarding Conflict Free Case Management
 - Develop work charge to address disparities within behavioral health supports and services in the State of Michigan
 - Develop work charge to implement Employment First
 - Review DDPIT Mission statement

Next Steps:

Group reorganized membership based on recommendations from MARO, MALA and the MACMHB to represent the regions and provider networks proficiently as well as stakeholders and advocates. An email will be sent to the reorganized membership individuals for the next meeting.