

## DDPIT Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2016

### Participants:

Present: Andrea Sarto (North Country CMH); Angel Irvin (DD Council); Belinda Hawks (MDHHS); Brent Mikulski (STEP); Charlyss Ray (MDHHS); Cathy Yunker (on behalf OCCMA); Chris Lerchen (ARC of NW Wayne); Chris Zeigler ( MRC Industries); Don Hoyle (ARC); Don Schuster (Listening Ear); Ellen Hyman (MDHHS); Jamie Bragg-Lovejoy (Hope Network); Jamie Palma (Allegan CMH); Jim Dehem (CLS); Joe Longcore (MDHHS); Kathleen Gallagher (St. Clair CMH); Kathy Lentz (Kzoo CMHSAS); Lori Baumgart (MCCMH); Mary Phillips (Livingston CMH); Robert Stein (MALA); Rosa Thomas (MCCMH); Sharon Milberger (DDI); Sherri Boyd (ARC); Todd Culver (MARO); Vendella Collins (DD Council); Will Morris (Sanilac CMH); Yasmina Bouraqui (DD Council); Amy Peckinpugh (MDHHS)

Phone: Denis Clark (Pathways CMH); Lisa Lauzon (Hiawatha CMH); Lucy Wilcox (Northcare Network); Mick Sheridan (Cooper Country CMH); Teresa Tokarczyk (Au Sable Valley CMH); Jackie Igafo-Te'o (parent)

Guests: Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley; Tom Renwick (MDHHS Director-Bureau of Community Based Services); Lisa Grost (MDHHS Manager Children & Adults with Autism)

Absent: Audrey Craft (MDHHS); Barbara LeRoy (DDI); Cheri Johnson (ROOC); John Williams (Progressive Lifestyles); Nicole Lawson (OCCMHA); Kathleen Kovach (OCCMHA); Shannan Clevenger (Lifeways CMH)

### Meeting Minutes and Action Items:

- Reviewed minutes from January 13, 2016. No changes were requested.
  
- Ellen Hyman reviewed the Person Centered Planning Site Review Interviews for 2015 and the Conflict of Interest Requirements.
  - Ellen discussed areas that need improvement. The ARC is working with DDI on the site review process. The PCP interviews demonstrated the need for training on pre-planning, independent facilitations, and tools to improve the person centered planning process.  
\*Refer to the Person Centered Planning Site Review Interviews for FY 2015 document for more detail.
  - Ellen reviewed the Conflict of Interest process-status. Tom convened a workgroup in January. Next meeting is March 25. Focus is statewide basis on how to implement conflict free rules – separation of eligibility determination, the PCP, and the service authorization.
  - Ellen indicated additional meetings are planned to continue to work on the details of the new rule and the conflict of interest policy. The rule discusses separating these areas – eligibility, planning, and services. The rural exception for this process regarding firewalls and conflict of interest still need work.
  
- Lisa Grost provided an Autism Benefit update.
  - Lisa reviewed Medicaid applied behavioral analysis services for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
  - Effective January 1, 2016, ABA coverage is available for individuals with ASD under 21 years of age who meet the eligibility and medical necessity criteria.
  - As of March 9, 2016, 1,782 total enrolled, 378 children 6 years and older (21% of total children enrolled).
  - Lisa reviewed coordination need with schools, parents, and hospitals. Also, stress additional supports and services is upon local CMHSPs. The focus is on keeping children out of residential and out of the hospital.
  - Work is being done to coordinate successful families using the ABA services with families needing services.
  - Telepractice is added in rural areas which may be utilized for behavioral observation and direction and family training as part of behavioral intervention services.
  - Reviewed working with universities to obtain more qualified providers.
  - Reviewed not having a limit on the number of children who can access the benefit. Discussed looking at fee screens statewide in the future.  
\*Refer to Medicaid Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Services for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) for more detail.

- Charlyss Ray provided an update on the five NCI brief summaries and upcoming conferences.
  - The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Developmental Disabilities Conference is April 19 and 20 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing.
  - The MACMHB Spring Conference is May 10 and 11 in Dearborn.
  
- Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley reviewed the Employment First Executive Order.
  - Lt. Governor discussed fully-integrated competitive employment is where we need be for everybody.
  - Lt. Governor reviewed factors around employment for individuals with disabilities: a high level of interest for employment for individuals with disabilities; fear with the employer that employers believe when they hire someone with a disability that are making a permanent unchangeable decision with the person they are hiring; fear of accommodations for employees.
  - Lt. Governor discussed educational needs. Accommodations come in many forms – access; process improvement; having an environment where more people can be successful. Goals that assist individuals in becoming a part of their community – integration with health care, community, work, and education.
  - Lt. Governor shared a story of two individuals diagnosed with autism whom asked the Lt. Governor ‘who he is to tell them how and where they can work.’ Lt. Governor discussed there is a difference between a person making a decision for themselves and segregation. We have to make sure the history doesn’t limit a person’s options in the world, and at the same time respect that people have the right to make their own decisions.
  - Reviewed oversight for Employment First – internal goals, macro goals, and working with the partner agencies to measure, ensure, and report. Oversight for implementation of the Employment First Order is placed with the State Rehabilitation Council. The Lt. Governor welcomes feedback regarding this process.
  - Don Hoyle discussed one of the factors for success on a job is having a job in high school. Don encouraged the Lt. Governor to add this to the list of goals. Don commended the Lt. Governor for talking about work expectations.
  - Lt. Governor discussed the special education task force and person-centered planning. He reviewed a major component missing is evidenced-based behavioral practices. Access to curriculum is limited as times due to behavioral crisis. Schools report 25% use of restraints or sensory deprivation tactics. These tactics cause more behaviors. Lt. Governor shared keeping young adults in school beyond 18 is a form of segregation. Young adults need to have a focus on working.
  - Lt. Governor reviewed the restraint and seclusion bill.
  - Angel Irvin shared with the group her experience as a first person with seclusion and restraints in school and discussed the progress made during the past several years with removing these methods.
  - Lt. Governor provided a status on Flint related to lead in the water. Reviewed progress, and shared his commitment and focus for the next few months by being in Flint.
  
- Tom Renwick provided an update on The Governor’s Budget Recommendation-Section 298.
  - Tom reviewed the workgroups developed – Facts Group and Broader Group which has an independent facilitator. Upcoming meeting is on March 14.
  - Language and timeframes will not be in the final budget approval by the State House. Legislature will work on language to improve the system.
  
- Belinda Hawks and Phil Kurdunowicz provided an update on the HCBS Rule.
  - DDI is facilitating validation for the pilot data. Both tools have been refined. Statewide assessment will be this May. Phase 1 will be 3,500 individuals; the second phase targeted for Spring 2017 with 3,500 individuals.
  - Working with Optum who manages the Waiver support database. They have created reports for the PIHPs and CMHSPs to use to view their compliance status.
  - Working with NCI data for the validation process going forward.

- Webinar scheduled for March 14 at 2 pm for the CMHSPs and PIHPs.
- Validation data will be specific to the individual level.
- Phil Kurdunowicz discussed the 1115 Waiver. The State transition plan is expected to go to CMS in the next few days. Phil reviewed updates to the plan. Lots of questions around b3 services. Discussed variables surrounding b3 services – good faith timeframes; haven't targeted CLS in the state plan.
- Sharon Milberger provided an update on NCI (National Core Indicators).
  - Invited group members to submit ideas for post-hoc analyses to Barbara LeRoy.
  - NCI Adult Consumer results will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- **Future Discussion and Direction of DDPIT:**
  - Review Self Determination across the regions for a focus on disparities.
  - Develop work charge to address disparities within behavioral health supports and services in the State of Michigan – look at data sets to include NCI, PCP, and Self Determination.
  - Develop work charge to implement Employment First.
  - Explore Quality Improvement Strategies.

**Next Steps:**

Next meeting is **Thursday**, May 12 at 1 pm in Lansing.