

## DDPIT Meeting Minutes, May 12, 2016

### Participants:

Present: Andrea Sarto (North Country CMH); Angel Irvin (DD Council); Audrey Craft (MDHHS); Barbara LeRoy (DDI); Barb Valliere (UCP); Brent Mikulski (STEP); Chris Lerchen (ARC of NW Wayne); Chris Zeigler (MRC Industries); Dohn Hoyle (ARC); Don Schuster (Listening Ear); Elmer Cerano (MPAS); Ellen Hyman (MDHHS); Jamie Bragg-Lovejoy (Hope Network); Jim Dehem (CLS); John Williams (Progressive Lifestyles); Joe Longcor (MDHHS); Kathleen Kovach (OCCMHA); Kathy Lentz (Kzoo CMHSAS); Mary Phillips (Livingston CMH); Nicole Lawson (OCCMHA); Robert Stein (MALA); Rosa Thomas (MCCMH); Shannan Clevenger (Lifeways CMH); Todd Culver (MARO); Tracy Duncan (St. Clair County CMH); Vendella Collins (DD Council); Will Morris (Sanilac CMH); Amy Peckinpaugh (MDHHS)

Phone: Beth Schliska (Hiawatha Behavioral Health); Lucy Wilcox (Northcare Network); Mick Sheridan (Cooper Country CMH); Teresa Tokarczyk (Au Sable Valley CMH); Jackie Igafu-Te'o (parent); Sherri Boyd (ARC); Phil Kurdunowicz (MDHHS)

Guests: Jeff Wieferich (MDHHS-BHDDA Director-Quality Management and Planning); Lynda Zeller (MDHHS-BHDDA- Deputy Director)

Absent: Belinda Hawks (MDHHS); Charlyss Ray (MDHHS); Cheri Johnson (ROOC); Denis Clark (Pathways CMH); Jamie Palma (Allegan CMH); Lori Baumgart (MCCMH); Sharon Milberger (DDI); Yasmina Bouraqui (DD Council);

### Meeting Minutes and Action Items:

- Reviewed minutes from March 9, 2016. No changes were requested.
- Phil Kurdunowicz provided an update on the Home and Community-Based Services Program Transition project.
  - Phil discussed updates for the b3 services.
  - Jeff Wieferich discussed 1115 submitted at the end of the month.
  - Phil reviewed developments since March. The revised survey tools are posted on the MDHHS webpage.
  - Statewide Assessment Process update. Phase 1 half of the population, and the remaining in 2017. Surveys were sent to stakeholders. Barbara LeRoy indicated they may try to complete both cohorts in 2016; moving up the timeline to address compliance issues.
  - Readiness Tool for Providers is in the process of being updated based upon feedback from the sampling and will be brought back to the DDPIT group for review.
  - Managed Specialty Services and Supports Waiver transition plan will be adjusted to include 1915 b3 services. CMS determines the supports effected by the rule. Three services are impacted: Skill building, supported employment and CLS. An implementation group of approximately 40 members plus MDHHS staff will be launched this month beginning on May 24 in collaboration with MACMHB; group includes stakeholders, individuals, and family members. The group's focus is to define compliance and provide guidance to the field. This group is separate from 298. There is a relationship between this group and DDPIT. Plan to maintain linkage.
  - Guidance on state licensing rules – summary of current policy and state licensing rules will be presented to stakeholders.
- Joe Longcor provided an employment update.
  - Joe reviewed ABLE accounts. Michigan is reviewing ABLE accounts. Eligibility is determined online. Discussed awareness of the trend of this employment option.
- Lynda Zeller provided updates on Direct Care wages, the Budget, 298, Training, Conflict Free Case Management, Licensing rules as they pertain to "the rule", CCBHC, MI Health Link, and Uniformity of Services throughout the state.
  - Lynda reviewed variables surrounding the current behavioral health system, concerns with a HMO providing appropriate services, the frustration with the variation between CMHSPs, improvement in the Person Centered Planning process, and the best structure to promote the best experience of integrated health care and outcomes of a self determined life.
  - Discussed less agreement surrounding what the structure needs to look like; lots of agreement regarding service delivery; and little agreement regarding the payment structure.
  - MDHHS needs to suggest a plan moving forward.
  - DDPIT members discussed the structure not being discussed. The function of what we are doing coming before the form, the state's role in developing consistency and quality of services, and the Person Centered Plan having uniformity across the state.
  - A workgroup has been meeting to discuss rules related to conflict free case management.
  - Discussed issues with retaining a direct care workforce.
  - Reviewed the Guidance Center is currently servicing about 25 children through the Children's Behavioral Action Team contract.

- Ellen Hyman provided information on the new federal requirements on self-direction.
  - Group reviewed discrepancies in SD being provided by the PIHPs and CMHSPs.
  - Reviewed struggling with equality of the application. Guidance needed for regions to implement consistently.
  - Group discussed the dollars following the best practices and desired outcomes.
  - Refer to the PowerPoint on New Federal Requirement on Self-Direction for more detail.
  
- Barbara LeRoy provided an update on NCI data.
  - The group reviewed the Adult Consumer Survey Results for 2011-12 and 2014-15.
  - Barbara discussed variables around using guardians with NCI.
  - Discussed Michigan using guardians with the NCI surveys. This is not being done in other states. This area needs additional discussion.
  - The group briefly reviewed some of variables that stand out in the Michigan data: Employment, choice and control, self determination.
  - More information regarding the Adult Consumer Surveys will be reviewed at the July DDPIT meeting.
  
- Group discussion regarding work objectives for DDPIT.
  - Group reviewed a list of suggested areas for work objectives: Medicaid provider manual language, data sets - planning, quality improvement strategies, crisis stabilization, self determination, employment first, guardians, conflict free case management, and review of NCI data and HCBS data by regions.
  - Group discussed at the July meeting reporting out on conflict free case management.
  - Reviewed issues related to Michigan and the amount of guardians in our state. Discussed collaboration with schools and probate courts to address the excessive number of guardians. Offer training regarding guided decision making and additional options.
  - Group reviewed direct care wages issues. Focus on workforce development and wage increase.
  - Group discussed the need to improve the person centered planning process, provide education regarding independent facilitation, and self determination access.
  - Group discussed funding issues and changes need to direct policy.
  - DDPIT members Dohn, Bob, and Elmer are working with LARA on licensing issues. Dohn, Bob, and Elmer will provide an update at the July meeting.
  
- **Future Discussion and Direction of DDPIT:**
  - Review NCI survey results
  - Analyze regional data
  - Receive updates on conflict free case management and licensing issues from Ellen (conflict free), and Dohn, Bob and Elmer (licensing)
  - Narrow work scope and define objectives for DDPIT

**Next Meeting:**

Next meeting is Wednesday, July 13 at 1 pm in Lansing.