

**Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
(MDHHS) Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Administration (BHDDA)
Office of Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (OROSC)
Transformation Steering Committee Meeting (TSC)**

Minutes

DATE/TIME: November 18, 2021 / 9:00am – 10:30am
LOCATION: Teams Meeting
FACILITATOR: Larry Scott
NOTE TAKER: Wendy Barnes

ATTENDEES: Nicole Adelman, Wendy Barnes, Ricardo Bowden, Beth Boyd, Lisa Coleman, Judy Davis, Amber Desgranges, Kelli Dodson, Cindy Eckert, Amy Embury, Deborah Garrett, Choua Gonzalez-Medina, Kyle Hanshaw, Colleen Jasper, Lori Mello, Lauren Mo, Janelle Murray, Katherine O’Hare, Logan O’Neil, Darlene Owens, Sam Price, Dawn Radzioch, Heather Rosales, Kelsey Schell, Larry Scott, Joel Smith, Angela Smith-Butterwick, Ron Tyson, Jeff Van Treese, Cathy Worthem

I. Welcome and Introductions – L. Scott

Mr. Scott welcomed the Transformation Steering Committee; Deborah Garrett is new to the group, she introduced herself.

II. BHDDA Administration Update – L. Scott

Mr. Scott provided the membership with the following administrative updates.

- LARA has completed an updated draft of the Substance Use Disorders Service Program, there are some new items added and changes made that will affect how the State moves forward. If the proposals receive approval, we will need to update our forms to be in line with the changes. A few items were highlighted, and individuals were encouraged to share their thoughts, comments along with questions.
 - Branch offices have been added which will allow for services to be provided by licensed programs at these locations. (Page 2)
 - A local, state, or federal government program located in a facility does not have to be licensed by LARA. (Page 3)
 - “Limited Certified Counselor” these individuals may provide services if they adhere to the rules provided. (Page 4)
 - Methadone program has been added to the definitions. (Page 4)
 - Mobile Unit has been added to the definitions. (Page 4)
 - A detailed description of the required rules is outlined for branch offices and mobile units. (Page 7)

- New rules were provided for Policies and Procedures: (Page 13)
 - Medication-assisted treatment, a consent for treatment which outlines the benefits, risks of treatment and the risks of no treatment.
 - Recipients cannot be discharged if they return to using as long as they reengage in treatment and comply with the program.
 - A protocol to offer naloxone kits to those with a history of opioid use or who are at a risk for overdose.
 - Telehealth: telemedicine or other communication modalities, will be recognized to provide services to patients.

A link has been added below for your convenience if you would like to review the document.

[LARA-BCHS DRAFT SUD Admin Rules Webinar 11.9.21.pdf](#)

III. OROSC Staff Updates - *OROSC Staff*

A. Youth Peer Training – *L. Mo/K. Dodson*

- Ms. Mo shared that they are excited to offer a five day, 40-hour virtual training starting on December 9, 2021, and they are holding interviews next week for the coaches. The age group they are targeting is 16-17 years old, however, they are having difficulty finding interested applicants in this age range. There is a limit of 10 people per cycle, they want to start with a few to get the program off the ground. (The application was added in the chat.) Mr. Scott shared that this training is a significant change to grow the workforce and trying to get a younger group of participants involved in the training. Ms. Dodson also shared that there are more Recovery High Schools opening in Michigan; Wellspring - Oakland County, St. Clair, Charlevoix and two in Wayne County: Positive Images and The Detroit Association of Black Organizations (DABO). There has also been good feedback on potential use of the curriculum for Recovery High Schools.

B. Consumer Relations – *C. Jasper*

- Ms. Jasper spoke briefly about the recent activity with closing and opening drop-in centers due to the increase in Covid-19 cases. There has been no loss of directors, due to Covid-19, at the 47 centers. Surveys will be done to gather information regarding DEI to see what is still needed to support this initiative. The Wellness Grant has been utilized during Covid; Ms. Jasper expressed that it is great to have this available during these uncertain times.

C. Gambling Disorder Prevention and Treatment – *A. Lucas*

- Ms. Lucas shared information regarding the symposium that is scheduled to be virtual March 4-5, 2022. The keynote speaker will be Brianne Doura-Schawohl, VP of EPIC Risk management. She most recently served as Legislative Director for the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG). She works with Congress and many state legislatures to provide expert advice on gambling policy. She works with stakeholders on both sides of the aisle in state legislatures across the country. She will be providing an overview on sports wagering in the US. Her presentation will cover a variety of proactive approaches legislation and regulation. She will describe the legislative and regulatory happenings around expanded gambling, specifically sports wagering

throughout the nation, identify statutory and regulatory barriers and intersections to responsible & problem gambling policy and what individuals need to be doing to create impactful and meaningful change to gambling policy.

- There is also an all-day Stacked Deck training scheduled for December 10, 2021. Stacked Deck is the leading resource for youth and young adult GD curriculum. It is also recognized and supported by the National Council of Problem Gambling (NCPG). It consists of six lessons and activities, guidebook, and PowerPoint presentation to facilitate the curriculum to students, which can be offered in a classroom or virtual learning environment. The curriculum not only addresses youth gambling, but also addresses gaming, and the convergence of the two. It provides hands-on and interactive curriculum where participants will learn about youth gambling activities, prevalence rates of youth problem gambling, risk factors and signs and symptoms for youth developing a problem with gambling, and protective factors that can help prevent the development of problem gambling. Participants will also learn how to facilitate the curriculum by being guided through all six lessons and activities. In addition, the participants will learn how to utilize the Stacked Deck guidebook and PowerPoint presentation. If this is well received, she will be working with Steven Sukta to initiate the trainings in other PIHP regions.

IV. Announcements and Updates from Membership –TSC Membership

- Mr. Scott spoke about the proposed Block Grant set aside; Congress is working on the Presidential Budget which includes a ten percent set aside for recovery-based services. It is not clear whether the State will have to provide services within all of these areas or if certain areas can be utilized based on the need. He shared a document that was presented at the most recent NASADAD board meeting, it illustrated what the Committee expectations are for the ten percent set aside within the SABG funding, it indicates that the Committee will direct SAMHSA to ensure that the set aside supports programs that:
 - Develop local recovery community support institutions including but not limited to recovery community centers, recovery homes, and recovery schools or programs to mobilize resources within and outside of the recovery community, to increase the prevalence and quality of long-term recovery from SUD.
 - Provide peer-based recovery coaching, individual or group supports, to individuals and families led by those with lived experience with SUD, delivered in person or using technology.
 - Provide ancillary community-based supports necessary to sustain recovery, including access to transportation, job training, and educational services.
 - Provide activities to reduce SUD recovery-related stigma and discrimination at the local level.
 - Provide technical assistance to organizations principally governed by people in recovery from SUD through facilitating financing, business functions and cross-training on evidence informed practices within the recovery community.

Document can be viewed in the link below.

[21-September-23-Policy-Update-Board-Mtg \(1\).pdf](#)

- Mr. Scott opened it up for discussion to get feedback on what the committee would like to see Michigan focus on:
 - Ms. Owens shared that she feels that we need to prioritize what is important to each area. She also mentioned that in October 2021 they opened an 80 bed COVID quarantine site in Detroit. Also, in October they opened an Eastside residential alternative program for men and women. In November they opened another new warming center in Detroit and in December they will open their CCBHC in Livonia for primary care, OP and residential services.
 - Mr. Bowden would like to see us be flexible on what is emergent and not have everything forced due to everything continuously shifting. He also shared how important it is as they engage in more service delivery to have the adequate administrative support for the organization along with quality control. It would be helpful to have the ability to hire people to help with administrative duties which would also assist in the success of these programs.
 - Mr. Tyson expressed that support for the recovery coaches is very important, there is a need to create on-going supervision for them. The (SAMSHA model that currently exists is not the same for recovery coaches.)
 - Ms. Worthem backed Mr. Tyson, indicating that the supervision for recovery coaches is needed to keep them successful at what they do.
 - Mr. Van Treese feels as though this will dovetail with RCAP and is good for the recovery movement in Michigan.
 - Ms. Garrett stated that a lot of the recovery organizations are very passionate, and they are run by passionate people, however, they could use technical assistance in running a non-profit to help keep them sustained.
 - Ms. Jasper shared as a lived experience, that it is important to support recovery coaches, however, there needs to be room for advancement and technical support. We want people to feel as though they can excel in this area.
 - Mr. Scott believes that we have a good infrastructure for recovery-based organizations in Michigan, we have experience in all five of the elements and we have funded services in all five of these elements along with conducting research/fact finding. Some areas could use improvement, but we aren't sure how much we will receive in this block grant, this funding could help with adequately allocating for peer recovery services. LARA is not interested in licensing recovery businesses, however, there could be strings attached so it's important that we are capable and effective at establishing administrative support to run these businesses professionally and successfully and be able to manage the financial part of the recovery-based programs.
 - Ms. O'Hare mentioned that child welfare services could be increased to bring families back together. Prisons, jails, and local courts have limited funding in this area. More targeted funds for hospital settings in the way of supporting pregnant woman would be helpful as well. Mr. Scott indicated that block grant funding won't work with prison and jail services, but it would assist those who are re-entering back into the

community.

- Ms. Smith-Butterwick spoke about the Children’s Services Agency (CSA) and how they hoping to expand their SUD Family Support Program (SUDFSP) that is currently operating in 4-5 counties including Midland and surrounding area. PIHPs can use their COVID Supplemental Block Grant funds to support the expansion of this program if they would like to partner with CSA. In addition to SUDFSP, CSA is also looking for partner PIHPs to implement Peer Recovery Coach services for families involved with child welfare. This is modeled after Oregon’s PMTO intervention.
- Mr. Scott also shared that the State is looking at getting considerable opioid settlement funding which will create avenues for recovery-based service programs to receive additional resources.
- Mr. Scott requested feedback on prevention services so that families who are involved also receive support while they are caring for their SUD family member. Ms. Coleman questioned if SAMSHA would be supporting prevention workforce and if there would be additional training, Mr. Scott is hopeful that this will stay in the budget.
- Mr. Scott also mentioned that Synar will be giving more money to the State.
- Ms. Schell explained that there is a new SUD User Role within Care Connect 360 that is available for all PIHPs. PIHPs can request access into this role through the Database Security Application, after MDHHS approval PIHPs will now have access to substance use disorder information for their regions beneficiaries. This will allow PIHPs to work with providers on care coordination and ensure wrap around services for all medical needs. MDHHS is continuing to enhance Care Connect 360 to make information easily assessable for PIHPs.

Please send any additional feedback or questions to Mr. Scott’s email, he will share additional information as it is received.

- **The next TSC Meeting is January 20, 2022, at 9am – 10:30am**