

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)
Behavioral and Mental Health Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes for December 10, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at by Dr. Rick Leary (McKesson Health Solutions), the medical director for the Your Healthcare Plus DM Program and committee Co-Chair, at noon CDT.

Agenda Item #1 - Role Call and Welcome:

McKesson: Dr. Leary, Felicia Vertin, Caryn Jacobi, Leslie Ford, Kathleen Warnick, and Adair Galster.

HFS: Mary Miller, Michelle Maher, Vicki Hosey, and Jayne Antinocchi

IL Health Connect: Dr. Margaret Kirkegaard

DASA:

CNS:

Organizations: Lora Thomas (NAMI-IL), Marvin Lindsey (CBHA), Peter Ashton (??)John Bilezikian (DuPage Co. Health Dept.), Sue Schroeder (Stepping Stones), Cheryl Aredia (Lake Co. Health Dept.), Cassie Ayers (IARF) and Vince Keenan (IAFP)

ACTION ITEMS: Peter Ashton asked that the minutes reflect the organizations represented at the meeting

Agenda Item #2 – DMH Collaboration

- Region 1 update given by Caryn. Mentioned a special thanks for the hard work of Dan Wasmer and Gustavo Espinosa. Felicia has been updating the CMHCs on the MEDI eligibility flag.
- Region 2 expansion is in process at this time.
- Joint Newsletter is being sent out electronically this week. It is an opportunity for members to share information. Peter Ashton thought it was a good way to stress the “whole health” philosophy. Communication between PCP and psychiatry is needed around treatment plans, weight loss, smoking cessation, and hospitalizations. Marvin Lindsey mentioned the research showing a 25 yr. decrease in average life expectancy for those with co-morbid mental and physical conditions.
- Reviewed the YHP plan for sharing treatment plans and assessments with both the BH providers and the primary care medical home.

ACTION ITEMS:

Continue to stress the “whole health” principles in this subcommittee and in member/provider communications.

Agenda Item #3 – CNS Psychopharmacological Projects

- CMHC Pilot in Region 3 was described by Mary Miller. Pilot is facilitated by Dr. Peter Alahi and will look at prescribing patterns, failure to refill, and retention patterns on a CMHC basis.
- Split mailing for LTC was described. Still in need of volunteers (psychiatrists and PCPs) who see patients in their own office as well as the LTC setting. IPS has been approached for volunteers. IAFP offered to enlist some PCPs and DBS Alliance mentioned that they had some positive interactions with physicians in the past that might be useful.

ACTION ITEMS:

Send list of providers who might be interested in LTC split mailing to Dr. Leary.

Agenda Item #4 – IHC and IHA project on in-patient psych admissions

- Update by Dr. Kirkegaard
- Continuation of the focus on “whole health” by trying to bridge the gaps in care that can occur in transitions to or from psychiatric admissions.
- Promote the medical home information to the hospital physician, send a copy of the D/C plan to the medical home, share claims history with the hospital providers.
- Webinar planned for 1/15/09

ACTION ITEMS:

Attend Webinar for more information

Agenda Item #5 – DASA Collaboration

- Starting to involve the addiction medicine providers and the response has been favorable

ACTION ITEMS:

None at present

Agenda Item #6 – Update from the field

- As part of the PCCM program administered by AHS, referrals will be required Felicia shared experiences from her teams work with consumers and CMHCs. Again stressed the uses of MEDI registration and tools for BH providers.
- Updates from other organizations included the CBHA Annual Meeting to be held December 15-16, in Chicago.

ACTION ITEMS:

Continue to share news and experiences with the group.

Next Meeting Proposed: Mid-March, watch for an invitation

Meeting Minutes submitted by: Rick Leary
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