

**Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Committee**

**October 11, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

**Present: Steve Loney, Sinead Byrne, Marc Strange, Donna Rosser, Tammy Vaughan, Carlyle Johnson, Lacie Scofield, Cindy Haynes, Kimberly Chansen, Alicia McKinney, Kristen Patterson, Michele Easter**

**Welcome & Introductions:**

Co-Chair Carlyle Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

**Review of September Minutes:**

The minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

**Alliance Health Updates**

Carlyle Johnson spoke of the transition to the Tailored Plans. Tailored Plans have grown more complicated, as they are contracted to oversee the following: Tailored Plan Medicaid, State Funded Medicaid, and Medicaid Direct Population. Carlyle shared he is still gaining clarity on Medicaid Direct. It was shared that the “go live” date, but this has been pushed back from December 1, 2022 to April 1, 2023. The Care Management Transition has not been delayed and will launch December 1, 2022. Care Management will be split between the Providers and the Tailored Plan. The Pharmacy Network was previously delayed to April 1, 2023 and remains on track.

Carlyle shared that the State Opioid Response Funding (SOR 2) ended September 29, 2022, and they are awaiting funds for SOR 3.

Alliance has some rollover funding that will go for different grants, one of these is for Oxford House. Carlyle is currently working with Oxford House to set up a contract and this funding would run through March 14, 2023. They are hoping to find a way to bundle funds and extend this date. These funds would go to positions and housing.

Carlyle shared that there is a new Opioid Clinic that just opened in Durham, Morse Clinic, this clinic is up and running and Alliance is in the process of adding a contract with them. Morse Clinic shared interest to attend MHSUD Meetings to introduce themselves and they will be invited to the November Meeting.

Cindy shared that Andrea Desmarais is the new director of the Opioid Collaborative and extended the meeting invitation and that Andrea will be attending these meetings in the future.

**Program Updates**

**CLC**- Laci shared that the CLC had 17 new participants with 5 new enrollees. Tammy (detention center) sent several referrals to the CLC for individuals being released from the Detention Center MAT program.

Laci shared that Anna was no longer employed at DRRC nor is she working with the CLC. Lacie shared that peer support specialists often have lived experience; this in conjunction with low pay, leads to a high rate of turnover. Henry has increased his hours to help cover until a new full-time employee can be secured. CLC is still taking referrals over the phone and via the hospital.

The first session of Trauma Informed Care and Substance Use Training was held last week, this is part of a 3-part training that went very well, and they look forward to the next training. Laci shared that on September 29, 2022, they held a Recovery Friendly Workplace training for Step Up that went incredibly well. As a result, Step Up has reached out to schedule a training for their clients.

**Detention Center MAT-** Captain McKinney shared that several detention staff attended the North Carolina Jail Administrators Conference a few weeks ago. Attorney General Josh Stein spoke on the federal funding coming for the Opioid Crisis and acknowledged the SMART program for their participation in trainings and leading the way. Tammy Vaughan shared that MAT thus far served 157 individuals on suboxone and 77 individuals on methadone. They have 21 individuals in custody active in phase 1 and phase 2.

**RI-** Kim Chansen shared a video Susan prepared to advertise the breath of their services, including peer support. This video was also emailed to the group for further viewing and utilization. RI is adding another clinician and hiring a certified medical assistant. Kim asked that the group share with individuals that may be interested.

**CJRC-** Marc shared that the Integrated Reentry Grant ended on September 30, 2022. They are working to close out and transition clients and analyze data. When they have complete data, it will be presented to the group.

**Lincoln CHC** - Carolyn shared that they are looking to hire providers and clinicians.

**Other -** Michele Easter circled back to Lacie’s update and reminded the group of the suggestion of pooling resources to provide full time employment and a higher rate of pay to Peer Support Specialists. Carlyle shared his interest in finding information and answers to this issue as Peer Support Specialist roles are incredibly important in recovery, healing and reentry into the community. Kim piggybacked and shared the need for a sense of community and sustainable/living wages for Peer Support Specialists.

Donna Rosser shared Substance Use is now recognized by the ADA and that October is Disability Awareness month. Donna is working to form a list of entities that hire individuals and would like to speak with hiring agencies in reference to recognition.

Carlyle thanked everyone for attending and the meeting adjourned at 4:02pm

Next meeting is November 8, 2022, 3:00PM