



Health Workgroup Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 2017
TIME: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
LOCATION: Lincoln Building
Joint Office of Homeless Services Conference Room
421 SW Oak Street, Suite 105
Portland OR 97204

MEETING TOPICS

- Samantha Kaan gave an update about the 1115 waiver that allowed for the creation of the Oregon Health Plan and system for Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs).
 - Asking for permission to do things differently in the state
 - Governor's office made a move to stay budget neutral and focus on maintaining coordinated care model, but included several technical changes. The waiver was approved on January 12.
 - Amendments may be allowable further down the line.
 - The new waiver includes the following four changes:
 - Flexible benefits will be included as a medical expense rather than an administrative expense in rate-setting.
 - Group member made the distinction that this will not be counted against administration expense budget, but not counted as 100% medical expense either.
 - Group discussed needing more clarification on this.
 - Passive enrollment of adults eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid programs (often referred to as dual eligibles). Dual eligibles will be automatically enrolled in CCOs and have to opt-out; currently, they have to opt-in.
 - Doulas will no longer be required to be supervised by clinicians.
 - One-year extension of the Hospital Transformation Performance Program (HTPP), a mechanism to engage hospitals in health system transformation.
 - Coordinated Health Partnerships component was not included.
- JOHS Budget and Program Updates: Ryan Diebert provided a brief update on first quarter outcomes, Joint Office of Homeless Services priorities, FY2017 Budget by category and contracted services, and next steps.
- DCHS Update: Eviction prevention and housing sustainment
 - Short term rent assistance
 - Two-thirds of clients are people of color
 - New program 760k through AHFE for eviction prevention: created housing stability
 - Safety Net (Aging services, veteran services, short term development disability, DV program, energy assistance and weatherization, funding increase for Unlimited Choices home repair and accessibility, Healthy Homes, Healthy Birth Initiative and Healthy Partnerships.
 - Working to get information in SAP and HMIS

- DCCHS was able to support students living in an apartment community in the Cully neighborhood. 29 students will be housed through the end of the school year.
- Legal clinic through Metropolitan Public Defenders will aid in record clearing services
 - This will help clients with items on their record that previously caused barriers to housing.
- Early Childhood Program in the Health Department received a grant for reducing toxic stress caused by housing stability. More updates to come as this is rolled out.
- Discussions about continuing the focus on discharge planning and increasing PSH as an ongoing area of focus this year.
- Asking for more money to maintain current service levels due to increased service costs
- Rent assistance and eviction assistance
- Which affordable units are currently available that are not linked to health services? Can we find a way to link existing affordable units with services?
- Eviction court support
 - We're asking for additional data from eviction courts to be able to provide support after a 72-hour notice is issued.
 - Locally funded section 8 program
- How can we identify which health factors are going to be taken into account who we can best serve, create the best health outcomes, with limited resources and units
- Better understanding of what Medicare covers and what we can bill for
 - There are limitations on what we can bill for in order to maximize use of dollars.
 - We need a clearer understanding of the limitations especially when it comes to behavioral health.
 - Clarity needed around limitations in hospice because there's no one readily available to administer medications.
 - Case managers not trained for this work.
- Beth Epps commented that CCBHC is required to serve all comers including veterans.
 - Implementation grant to assess the real costs of providing intensive behavioral health treatment.
 - Federal initiative to determine the costs of mental illness treatments.
 - Lifeworks and Cascadia are conducting these.
- Revisit the prioritization and goal setting for Health Workgroup

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

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