

LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY **BI-MONTHLY PROVIDER MEETING MINUTES**

Date: November 16, 2023

Time: 10:00am-11:00am

Facilitator: LBHA- Local Behavioral Health Authority

In Attendance

Andrea McDonald-Fingland, Katie Wandishin, Rachel Morris, Adrienne Ellison, Sarah Bailey, Kimberly Suarez. Kelvin Monterroza, Jamie Kane, Tia Adams, Emily Paterson Christine Diemer, Deborah Walsh, Rebecca Sweeney, Carolyn Harrison, John Krause Sylvia Parker, D. Monroe, Chelsea Simms, Diana Adams, Meredith Drumm, Janeen Collinson, Nikki DeAngelo, Denise Dickerson, Melaina Cimini, Diamond Jones

Introductions

LBHA Updates

- Andrea McDonald-Fingland
 - Update on Administrative Denials for SUD Providers (Effective 10/5/23)
 - LCPC's can bill Medicare as of 1/1/24 (see below). However, to bill Medicare, the individual must be registered with CMS. I just checked the forms on the CMS website, and they have not been updated to show a LCPC can apply.
 - Effective January 1, 2024, the legislation allows LPCs and LMFTs to bill Medicare directly for mental health diagnosis and treatment services in most settings, except inpatient hospital. The bill, passed into law in December 2022.
<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/enrollment-renewal/providers-suppliers>
 - Critical Incident Reporting Update
 - Feed Back Form - <https://forms.gle/gRzE4128bUu1ZmQr9>
- Katie Wandishin
 - Looking for volunteers for testimonials
 - Creating a planning committee for Recovery Fest
 - First meeting in January 202

- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1pi-pwhm0C4YfDMcYfZ8oYF0mFxAeuGUTgDabe9r4jzE/edit>
 - Upcoming trainings for free CME's and CEU's
 - Dinner for Docs -rescheduled for February/March
 - Panel Event on January 24th from 10:30am-12³⁰pm.
 - Short Presentation on the MOUD topic, followed by Q&A with a panel of experts
 - Food provided
 - LBHA is hiring for MOUD Coordinator (See Flyer)
 - Contact Katie for Information on Funding opportunities through the LBHA
 - Optum
 - Experiencing delays in completing uninsured requests
 - Contact Katie if any assistance is needed with a specific request
- Sarah Bailey
- The LBHA is offering a presentation on how to start a peer support group to interested individuals, please sign up for a presentation using the link below
 - Presentations and physical resource guides are still available, so please sign up for a presentation with this link:
<https://forms.gle/QB9jXXKis2gAgskw8>
 - The LBHA has been awarded funding again for non-profit or public (gov't) behavioral health service providers to receive COVID-19 Testing and Mitigation supplies.
 - **<https://forms.gle/Pahok7gMH5aY3kGA8>**
 - We ask that one request be made per program!
 - IHIP-C updates
 - All questions about the IHIP-C program can be directed to me
 - There is currently a waitlist for incoming IHIP-C and Youth PRP referrals at Cornerstone SOMD.
- Kimberly Suarez-
- RRP update- RRP currently has 3 intensive openings and 3 general openings, these are gender neutral beds, please send over referrals.
- Rachel Morris -
- LBHA Received the LEAD grant and are working on implementing this in the community
 - LBHA is currently working on reviewing the ACH proposals.

Critical Incident Reporting

- Andrea McDonald-Fingland reviewed the purpose of Critical Incident reporting and improving processes.
 - Death Reporting guidelines reviewed
 - Please provide any feedback with the following - Feedback form **<https://forms.gle/gRzE4128bUu1ZmQr9>**
 - Please contact Andrea with any questions about Critical Incident reporting.
 - Critical Incident reporting HOW to:
 - Who said and did what with who, when and where, and what did you do about it.
 - No questions or comments

OFRT Presentation

- Chelsea Simms (OFRT Coordinator) presented and reviewed a PowerPoint on Overdose Fatality Review Team.
 - Goals
 - Team Process
 - Recommendations
 - Data
 - Are PCP Invited to help with the investigation of root cause- Yes when provider is listed.
 - Contact Chelsea @ Chelsea.Simms@maryland.gov with any questions.

Provider Updates/Discussion-

- Janeen Collison (Cornerstone SOMD)
 - Looking for someone to is good with kids to take over IHIP-C program.
 - RRP openings
- Melania Cimini- (Pyramid Healthcare- Formally known as Walden)
 - 2 locations in MD, Charlotte Hall and California, MD. Handling a lot of wound care now. As well as 24 hr. transportation and admission.
 - Also working on gambling treatment & services.
- Emily Patterson (MD Poison Center)
 - Certified Center for the State of MD
 - Shared the FY22 Statistical chart for Overdoses
- Diamond Jones (Pathways)
 - Outreach Specialist

- Accepting referrals for supportive employment
- Andrea McDonald-Fingland
- Reminder – Hoping to host a joint -In Person LBHAC and Provider meeting to do a GAP analysis in April.

Adjourn

Thank you all for attending.

Next Provider Meeting is scheduled for:

January 18, 2024, | 10-11:00 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy Kidwell