

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

Date: January 18, 2024

Time: 10:00am-11:00am

Facilitator: LBHA- Local Behavioral Health Authority

In Attendance

Andrea McDonald-Fingland, Kristy Kidwell, Katie Wandishin, Jayla Jones, Tia Adams, Cynthia Scribner, Denise Dickerson, Joey Poulin, Jamie Kane, Doris McDonald, Benjamin Wolff, Darci Curwen, Liz Miller, Melanie Cimini, Alisha Johnson, Benjamin Harper, Heather Howes, Becky Sweeney, Nikki D'Angelo, Diana Adams, Sylvia Parker, Robert Gallagher, Erin Farley, Latisha Evans, Janeen Collinson, L Echols, Theresa Booker, Taneka Wilson.

Introductions

LBHA Updates

- **Andrea McDonald-Fingland**
 - MA pharmacy updates
 - Beginning July 1 MA will no longer cover pharmacy claims written by prescribers that are not MA enrolled
 - MA Rate increase
 - Rates to behavioral health providers paid through the Administrative Service Organization, Optum Maryland (fee-for-service) will automatically be increased by 8% on January 1. The rate increase is also applicable to behavioral health community-based providers that are paid via the grants that BHA awards to the jurisdictions. This includes the Peer Services providers who have not yet moved to the fee-for-service system that are still being paid via jurisdictional grants.
 - 988/911 Integration Collaboration
 - Seeking providers who are interested in offering same day/next day appointments for crisis diversion from 988
 - Joint Provider/Advisory Council Meeting
 - Planning a gap analysis
 - April 4, 2024, 10-2

- In person at PFVFD
- Agencies interested in attending should register here: <https://forms.gle/hX4Nu6TFdUDX5ycc9>
- Please note, interested organizations will be limited to 1 participant per organization, depending on the interest level, registration may not guarantee an invitation

- **Katie Wandishin-**

- The Community Conversations registration has officially closed.
 - “Dinner for Docs: Let's talk about MOUD” is scheduled for March 7, 2024, at 6:00-8:30 pm (flier to be sent after the meeting)
 - For prescribers only
 - Will go into the HOW of prescribing MOUD safely and effectively
 - CMEs offered
 - Will go towards DEA licensure requirements
- Funding available for clients
 - Presentations on funding opportunities
 - No requests for C&A yet this year
- Bus passes
 - Training available for direct care staff to hand out 10 ride bus passes
 - Apply Here
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SmLVWU19XgraFV5sjZqnwXmButvwF__VFot5PZyaV9I/edit
- Presentations
 - New year is a great time to refresh on the offerings of LBHA
 - Fill out the request form to sign up for multiple topics to be presented on including how to fill out an RRP application, funding opportunities, resources,
 - **CLICK HERE**
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13oUbw7TYAToUUIMZhgEDVfBZTd7sGcLMK1NcPdxzIY8/edit><https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13oUbw7TYAToUUIMZhgEDVfBZTd7sGcLMK1NcPdxzIY8/edit> for Presentations
- Testimonials
 - Scheduling filming on February 8th and 9th between 10am-12pm in Prince Frederick for clients to tell their story of recovery from MH and or SUD for our social media campaign
 - Give my contact info out if anyone you know would be interested and available
 - Flier to sign up will also be sent out after the meeting

- **Sarah Bailey -**

- There are still COVID-19 Testing and Mitigation supplies available for behavioral health providers. The link to the google form to request supplies is here: <https://forms.gle/MkoUbP371YUx1Cu16>
- MD Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports Update: Awards for services only RFP is anticipated to be announced late January.
- Maryland's Office of Opioid Response is hosting a town hall on overdose in Calvert County on Wednesday January 31st from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Calvert Library in Prince Frederick. Everyone is invited to attend and there will be the opportunity for public comments. There is a link to register for the event if you'd like to make a public comment.
- Calvert County Family Network is launching a summer meals program youth and needs YOUR input to design the program to meet our youth's needs. Please consider sharing your thoughts on locations, dates, times, menu selection and program activities. Share your thoughts online at www.CalvertCountyMD.gov/SummerMeals
- Please share this flier with any families you see

- **Kimberly Suarez-**

- RRP currently has 1 General opening and currently has a referral under review for that spot but in the next coming month there will be an additional General opening, so please send any referrals over to add to the waitlist.
- We will be doing Homeless essential items again this year, for the unhoused population. We will have items like tents, sleeping bags, lanterns, solar charging banks and much more. We will also have winter items like hats, gloves, scarves, blankets and thermal wear. The order has to be placed by a Behavioral Health Provider. The flier with the order form will be sent out once the items are in and ready for distribution.

Trauma Informed Care Presentation

- Jayla Jones presented and reviewed a PowerPoint on Trauma Informed Care.
- Question- Does Center for Change offer acute as well as history of Trauma, not being current.
 - Yes

MA Pharmacy Billing Changes Presentation

- Benjamin Wolff presented and reviewed PowerPoint on MA Pharmacy Billing changes.
 - No questions or comments

Provider Updates/Discussion-

- Joey Pullin- Peer Support for Calvert County
- Theresa Booker- Thanks for the invite, Great information. I run the head start program at Calvert County Public Schools. Finding extremely weird behaviors in COVID babies. We have a family dynamics that today's meeting info will be beneficial for them.

Adjourn

Thank you all for attending.

Next Provider Meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy Kidwell