

## HealthChoices Advisory Board

Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc.  
1 W. Broad Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018

November 21, 2019 at 2:00pm

- I. Introductions: Those in attendance were: Tom Walker, Matt Bauder, Pat McGary, Kristy Bernard, Donna Thorman, Ronnie Colbert and Ben Marston
- II. Review of August 20, 2019 minutes – Minutes were approved.
- III. Community Healthcare Alliance Report:

### **Member/Family Advisory Committee – Ronnie Colbert**

Ben shared that there is a private home that is taking in homeless people. It's getting colder and homeless people have nowhere to go. The shelters are talking about opening earlier—maybe December 1<sup>st</sup>, but places are needed now.

Ronnie discussed concerns with Lanta continue. There are continual issues with times people are being picked up vs. scheduled, drivers don't treat passengers well, and leave without waiting for them to get to the van. Donna added that drivers attend some NAMI trainings. Kristy is attending a meeting with NC and Lanta and will bring the issue to the table.

Ronnie also discussed Haven House. Matt came and gave a HC focus group presentation. It went well. There are also a lot of new clients at Haven House. Programs are great. They have a sense of family. New computers are being obtained for the computer room. There is a new food service training program. They will be having a Thanksgiving Dinner and a New Years Eve party.

Ronnie will be presenting at Bradbury Sullivan Center on LGBTQ issues on January 15.

### **Provider Advisory Committee – TBD**

Matt reached out to Allison Branch-only person interested. Concern is her focus is Children, and the advisor on this committee should focus on adults since there is a separate Children's committee. Allison never reach back out. Chelsea knows of someone that may be interested and will check in with them. If it continues to stall Tom can reach out to RCPA if they would have a contact.

### **Children's Advisory Committee – Pat McGarry**

Biggest things is IBHS rollout on January 17. There are lots of webinars, WebEx's, town halls to get the providers ready.

VYH has an application in for their TAY CPS program for PROMISe enrollment. Everything is moving, just not billable yet. Overtime rule is impacting salaries. The amounts are upped for 2020 and then significantly upped in 2022 to 45500. Just be aware.

IV. NAMI/OMHSAS/Provider/Peer/News

- Donna discussed that NAMI is working to get the Faith Based Community involved in understanding MH. Pastors are feeling overwhelmed and being sought out for help. Also soon will be doing first responder training.
- There will be an Iron Pigs outing on May 12<sup>th</sup> for Suicide Prevention Awareness. There will be tables with vendors and info handed out. AFS and NC DHS is sponsoring.
- Tom can help with efforts to connect with Interfaith Community.

V. Magellan Behavioral Health Report

Tom reported Integrated Health efforts continue with the MCO, County, and PH plans. Outcomes are being tracked. Haven House and Merakey who are running wellness recovery teams received incentives for their good work on health integration...

Magellan is looking into ED/ ER utilization and over utilization. PH plans engaging in innovations to help members remain in the community and looking at diversionary plans. Magellan is working with Gateway and County crisis teams. Ben came out to have a conversation about crisis intervention on Nov 19 by the CFST at the NC drop in center.

Magellan CM providers are collecting and using all forms of Social Determinants of Health (SDOH). IF they aren't being addressed can impact homelessness. Using this info to inform treatment decisions. All CM were trained on SDOH. They also met with 211 to discuss ways to partner to ensure total person needs are met.

Community Health Choices (CHC)—newest addition to the HC family. Now expanding as a result of DHS initiative and OLTL. People who are disabled or in facilities who were not able to access HC now can. Just had a meeting with Manorcare. Led by Integrated Health Manager to help nursing homes help individuals manage MH conditions.

Other programs are still on track:

-School Based Outpatient Collaborative is moving forward.

-Psych Rehab for Autism in adults is continuing to move forward

-ASERT collab donated TA hours.

VI. Lehigh County HealthChoices Report

Matt reported that Lehigh went through Reinvestment Process with stakeholders. There was poor response to the prioritization process. Liz will present at CHA and Advisor Board about the priorities. They will be examining their process and looking for feedback.

VII. Northampton County HealthChoices Report

NC HC is attending a meeting with LANTA and other DHS divisions and will bring concerns.

Harvest Full of Hope seemed to go well with great attendance. Kristy attended for the first time. Largest Tom has ever seen.

Reinvestment – Northampton County has been monitoring its reinvestment funding very closely lately. No new plans this year. The Affordable Housing plan received a 3 year extension.

VIII. Adjournment

Next meeting will be held on **February 20, 2020 at 2:00pm** at the Magellan Bethlehem office.