

DHHS WAIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 20, 2016 **Time**: 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm **Location**: Brown Building Hearing Rm. #104 **MEETING CALLED BY** Margaret Stargell, Chair TYPE OF MEETING **DHHS Waiver Advisory Committee (DWAC) ATTENDEES COMMITTEE MEMBERS** STATE STAFF ATTENDEES **PRESENT** PRESENT **NAME AFFILIATION NAME AFFILIATION** Margaret Stargell, Coastal Horizons Center, Inc. \boxtimes Dennis Farley DMH MH Program Manager \boxtimes DWAC Chair Renee Rader Peggy Terhune Monarch \boxtimes DMA Program Manager \boxtimes Jack Naftel, MD NC Psychiatric Association Phone Ken Schuesselin DMH Consumer Policy Advisor Bonnie Foster State CFAC Flo Stein Deputy Director, DMH/DD/SAS Phone \boxtimes Kurtis Taylor State CFAC **Beverly Bell** \boxtimes **DMA Program Manager** Benita Purcell DMH Team Leader for System Local CFAC Excused Mabel McGlothlen Performance and Project Management Ron Lowe Local CFAC П Phone Ellen Perry **IDD Advocate** Tony Sowards SA Advocate \boxtimes Phone Bonnie Schell Co. Commissioner Ronnie Beale **GUEST** Johnnie Farmer Co. Commissioner NAME **AFFILIATION** Brian Ingraham Smoky Mtn. LME Phone Ken Jones Eastpointe LME Dale Armstrong **DHHS Deputy Secretary** Courtney Cantrell DMHDDSAS Director \boxtimes Dave Richard Deputy Secretary Medical Assistance Lisa Haire DMH/DD/SAS Asst. Director \boxtimes X Jason Vogler DMH/DD/SAS Asst. Director U. Nenna Lekwauwa **DMHDDSAS Medical Director Presenter(s): Margaret Stargell, Chair**

1. Agenda topic: Welcome and Approval of Minutes/ **Housekeeping Items**

Discussion	November 2015 minutes approved with correctionIntroduction of attendees		
Conclusions			
Action Items		Person(s)	Deadline
		Responsible	
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2. Agenda topic: DHHS/DMH/DMA Update

Presenter(s): Courtney Cantrell, Division **Director, DMH**

Discussion	 Reorganization of Division Flo Stein, Deputy Director for Substance Abuse: also handles Legislative Issues Lisa Haire, Assistant Director: , Quality Management and Operations Jason Vogler, Assistant Director: MH, TBI, IDD, Community Services and Supports
	 Dale Armstrong: focusing on state hospital facilities Courtney now reports directly to the Secretary which creates a closer relationship for Community Services

	0	DMA & Courtney visited with the LME-MCOs re: Waiver, asked the LME-MCOs to schedule meetings with Providers re: Waiver, Incentive Pay for Providers of Primary Care/MH		
Conclusions				
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3. Agenda topic: Governor's Task Force Update

Presenter(s): Kurtis Taylor, State CFAC

Discussion	Kurtis provided overview of Governor's Task Force meeting held January 19, 2016. Topics and recommendations available on website. http://www.ncdhhs.gov/document/jan-19-task-force-meeting-documents Task Force meets every other month. Sub-committees are also meeting to prioritize and determine what to focus on. Discussion around reducing stigma, Choice. Peggy to provide copy of document about dementia.		
Conclusions			
Action Items		Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
Distribute copy of an	ticle on dementia in IDD/MH population to DWAC	Peggy Terhune	Next meeting

4. Agenda topic: DWAC

Presenter(s): Margaret Stargell, Chair

Discussion

Chairperson update: Dee Jones, Division of Health Benefits (DHB) requested information from DWAC and other stakeholder groups as we move into the phase of new Waiver development. In response to this request, DWAC Chair submitted a letter to Ms. Jones confirming the significant interest that DWAC has in having a role in the process. The letter also shared the DWAC priorities for 2016 and welcomed dialogue with the newly established Division of Health Benefits on the new Waiver or any topic related to the DHHS system which could impact behavioral healthcare.

General discussion points:

- Consider extending an invitation to Dee Jones to speak at a future DWAC meeting.
- DWACs role to effectively advise DHB.
- Readdress attendance, participation, cooperation as this is an excellent time to reinvest in DWAC given the upcoming Waiver.
- Work on getting right people to table, filling DWAC member vacancies
- Determine how to get other stakeholders involved and include other types/additional stakeholders.
- Pursue another location for DWAC meetings.
- Invite MCOs to come to future meetings to discuss their role now and in future
- Make a request that Mary Hooper, NC Council line up LME-MCO CEOs to do presentations for DWAC.
- Review information to determine if funding reductions have effected services, it is indicated that there are some reports that services are being reduced and/or not approved.
- Research currently being done to determine if mergers make sense. Identify problem/solutions.
- Advertising DWAC to increase shareholder awareness.
- Request to ask someone from Consumer Empowerment Team for update on waiver issues related to their role.
- Housing CMS/DOJ-request state staff present housing initiatives information to DWAC in the future.

- There are many questions related to system changes that are in early stages so there are not always answers. This also creates opportunity for DWAC to have a voice – offer input during development rather than after decisions are made.
- Getting information monthly not necessarily have it presented. If concern jumps out, take that up and make recommendations.
- DMH can provide data number of people in service and information related to concerns on impact of services related to funding reductions.
- Medicaid Clients being referred by LME-MCOs to Providers but there are then reports of some Providers not accepting Medicaid.
- Request for data on consumer complaints from DMH Consumer Empowerment Team.
 Members would like to receive this information with disability group #IDD, #MH, #SA.
- We will need an LME-MCO CEO to replace Ken Jones who is retiring from Eastpointe LME-MCO as of April 1st.
- Chairman's Comments:

If we can't get buy in and ownership – DWAC doesn't need to continue. Determine where to focus our efforts. We need a focused, substantial agenda for February or cancel. Work with Secretary Brajer to determine his priorities for DWAC. Invite the Secretary to come and address the DWAC in the February meeting. Request an update on mergers – who, how, why, what is current focus. Margaret requested distribution list for reaching out. Location for DWAC problematic. No longer receiving public comments. Request for Draft agenda earlier.

Conclusions

Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
Margaret to reach out to Secretary Brajer, will provide update in near future.	Margaret Weller-Stargell	pending
Send distribution list to DWAC Chair for review.	Judy Harmon	1/29/16
Make DMH Consumer Empowerment Team aware of DWACs information request for complaint data.	Dennis Farley	1/29/16

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: Scheduled for February 17, 2016. Details including location to be provided.