

QUARTERLY LYCOMING-CLINTON HEALTHCHOICES REINVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

AUGUST 27, 2019

ATTENDANCE:

Jacque Miller – HC Director; Keith Wagner - Joinder Executive Director; Deanna Kimble – HC Quality/Clinical Manager; Elena Farr – HC Fiscal Officer; Shea Madden, Executive Director and Katie Hugo, Staff - West Branch Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission; Tracy Carney - Senior Recovery & Resiliency Specialist - Community Care Behavioral Health Organization; and Cathy Bennett, Joinder Administrative Assistant (present for minutes.)

OVERVIEW OF REINVESTMENT COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES:

Jacque Miller distributed a summary sheet entitled “**HealthChoices Reinvestment**” (**Attachment A**) which provided an overview of what reinvestment funds are and how they become available, as well as the allowable and unallowable uses for reinvestment funds.

PRESENTATION ON THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM

Katie Hugo from West Branch D&A provided a power point presentation on their Supportive Housing Program that is funded by Reinvestment funds. She noted that since inception the program has served over 117 clients, of which 105 have maintained housing. She also talked about how this program has helped many individuals to enhance their quality of life by focusing on treatment and recovery. Some have also obtained employment and greatly improved their quality of life. She also noted that two individuals from Clinton County have received services for bed bug issues through the Safe and Healthy Homes reinvestment program.

UPDATE ON STIPEND FOR MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPAE IN THE HC REINVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Jacque Miller reviewed the document “**Information For HealthChoices Members and Families: HealthChoices Reinvestment**” (**Attachment B**) and “**Reinvestment Committee Stipend Request Form**” (**Attachment C**) which are documents for distribution to consumers and family members. She noted that she has budgeted funding to reimburse up to 10 consumers per meeting; however, to date, we have had not had any participants. Keith Wagner felt that the consumer summary might be too detailed and suggested that consideration be given to making it easier to read. He also asked if the time of day meetings are held was an obstacle. Carole Gilberti noted that there is a list of 11 individuals that could be considered as potential members and suggested this be reviewed/discussed at the Clinical and Quality meeting.

INFORMATION UPDATE PROVIDED BY JOINDER HEALTHCHOICES STAFF:

Jacque Miller distributed a “**Reinvestment Update**” (**Attachment D**) which provided a detailed overview of the programs currently being funded by reinvestment funds: Diakon’s Respite Services program and the Supportive Housing and Safe and Healthy Homes

programs operated by Lycoming-Clinton MH/ID and West Branch D&A. She noted that there is approximately \$70,000 in funds remaining for use by Diakon's Respite Program and \$140,000 remaining for use in the Supporting Housing and Safe and Healthy Homes programs (**Attachment E**). She also presented a budget summary (**Attachment F**) which reflects that currently there is approximately \$71,000 in additional remaining funds available for reinvestment or risk and contingency fund consideration; however, she estimates that an additional \$220,000-\$230,000 will become available for reinvestment following the State's review of recently submitted reports. She noted that this information will be available for further discussion by the November meeting. She also distributed the "**LCJB HealthChoices Abbreviations and Acronyms**" document (**Attachment G**) which Deanna Kimble prepared for use by consumers to help them with the abbreviated terms that are frequently used.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USE OF FUTURE REINVESTMENT FUNDS:

Jacque Miller asked if the group had any suggestions they would like to present or discuss regarding the use of potential reinvestment funds. Deanna Kimble distributed and reviewed a summary sheet pertaining to "**Peer Transition Services**" (**Attachment H**) which would assist Lycoming and Clinton adult and transition age youth members making transitions and/or re-entering the community from inpatient/residential treatment, incarceration, and hospitalization. In light of the ongoing concerns with UPMC Susquehanna regarding (what they view as) excessive utilization of the Emergency Department by adult mental health consumers, and the challenges faced by consumers waiting for days in the Emergency Department for an inpatient bed, Carole Gilberti recommended exploring crisis respite services as a potential reinvestment plan.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting date for the Reinvestment Committee was set for Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sharwell Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline Miller
HealthChoices Director

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