

# QUARTERLY LYCOMING-CLINTON HEALTHCHOICES REINVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

NOVEMBER 6, 2018

## **ATTENDANCE:**

Jacque Miller – HealthChoices Director; Deanna Kimble – HealthChoices Quality/Clinical Manager; Elena Farr – HealthChoices Fiscal Officer; Keith Wagner – Joinder Executive Director; Shea Madden – Executive Director/West Branch Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission (via conference phone); Peg Wesneski – Clinical Manager/Community Care Behavioral Health Organization;; and Cathy Bennett – Joinder Administrative Assistant.

## **EXCESS FUNDS SUMMARY/CURRENT REPORT:**

The 2017-2018 Audit is currently underway and once the audit is finalized the 2017-2018 excess funds numbers will be available at the next quarterly Reinvestment Committee meeting. These funds consist of dollars that remain unspent through the HC program for the 2017-2018 year and may be used to create new reinvestment plans or to add to the Risk & Contingency account up to the cap set by the State.

## **DISCUSSION REGARDING POTENTIAL CONSUMER MEMBERS BEING ADDED TO COMMITTEE:**

Jacque Miller noted that Ginny Noble has a consumer who is interested in being on the reinvestment committee as she is required to be on a committee in order to remain eligible for McKinney Grant funding. The group agreed that Jacque should reach out to Ginny to invite the consumer to attend and that if she needed the support of a peer specialist that it would be appropriate for this individual to also attend. A concern was raised that peer specialists are employees of providers and what should occur if a discussion was going to specifically focus on their employer. It was agreed that the peer specialist could attend and step out of the meeting for that portion of the discussion.

It was noted that Tracy Carney and Alissa Martin from CCBHO have a group of 6 or 7 consumers that might be interested in becoming committee members. Jacque will contact Tracy to see how soon some of these individuals will be ready to join the committee.

Keith asked if Shea had any consumers to refer from the D&A side to become involved on this committee and she indicated that she will check into this further.

## **CURRENT REINVESEMENT CONTRACTS AND IDEAS TO EXPEND AVAILABLE REINVESEMENT FUNDS:**

Jacque Miller distributed the Reinvestment Plan Summary through 10/31/18, as well as the Current Report 12 that is sent to the State. She noted that the report shows how much has been spent and how much is remaining in each category. It was noted that supportive housing has approximately \$96,000 remaining; respite has \$57,000 and ASAM has been totally spent down.

It was also noted that there have been no additional reinvestment contracts created since the last meeting and the current agreements in place remain: Diakon Adoption and Foster Care for Children's Respite Services (\$71,063.43); West Branch Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission for Supportive Housing Services (\$110,585); and West Branch Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission for ASAM Lycoming-Clinton Provider Training (\$26,055 – these funds have been expended in full).

Deanna Kimble noted that \$40,000 to fill a Housing Coordinator position has been sitting unused for 2 years and suggested that consideration be given to allocating these funds to the MH/ID and D&A Agencies for use by consumers who have an environmental issue in their home that needs eradicated, such as mold, lead paint, bed bugs, lice, etc. She added that OMHSAS has indicated that reinvestment funding can be used for this purpose. The committee agreed that these types of health and safety issues are causing individuals within the behavioral health system, in some cases, to become homeless or not receive needed services as they are prohibited from entering facilities if they are known to have bed bugs in their home. Following discussion, the group agreed that \$20,000 should be allocated to both MH/ID and D&A and Deanna Kimble will be revising the reinvestment plan and submitting it for approval. Once approved, she will work on preparing the reinvestment contracts with MH/ID and West Branch D&A.

Keith asked the group to continue to pursue other areas and services that need to be developed or expanded to present for consideration at future meetings.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting date for the Reinvestment Committee was set for Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Sharwell Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline Miller  
HealthChoices Director

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