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**QUARTERLY REINVESTMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

8/22/2023  
10:00- 11:00

I. Introductions and sign-in

II. Overview of the Reinvestment Committee objectives and Reinvestment 101 (Jacque)



HEALTHCHOICES  
REINVESTMENT 101.c

III. Reinvestment funds available for future reinvestments as of 12/31/2022 –\$896,967.29. We have 8 months after the end of CY to submit draft plans to OMHSAS – by 9/1/2023 (1st day of 9th month). At the last meeting we approved using the funding for a Fellowship Plan around staff recruitment and retention. Deanna has developed and will be submitting the initial Fellowship Plan to OMHSAS. The Fellowship Plan was reviewed during the meeting and commenting was opened up to the group. No comments were made regarding the plan.



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Development RI Plan f

IV. Current reinvestment contract summary, Excess funds Summary (prepared by Elena/presented by Jacque)



Reinvestment  
Funds History to ...



Reinvestment  
committee 8-20...

- i. The group had discussion on the PocketTalk devices that were previously approved through reinvestment to assist with interpretation services however, HealthChoices is waiting on questions to be answered through OMHSAS to ensure the devices are utilized by providers in a manner which follows all regulatory requirements.
- ii. A Facebook group was shared by Beth Malone, Early Intervention, called Family Connections for Deaf and Hard of Hearing where resources are frequently shared.
- iii. Carl Frels and Interprettek (American Sign Language Svcs.) are interpreters utilized for families for in person interpreting by Intellectual Disabilities.

V. Current Reinvestment plans updates/status/outcomes (Deanna)



REINVESTMENT  
UPDATE\_AUGUS...

VI. Sharing of Consumer/Family satisfaction team (CFS/T) member comments (Deanna)



2023 Member  
Literal Comment..

- a. Discussion surrounding literal comments:
  - i. A school district participant indicated they are seeing a large increase in families enrolling who need foreign language interpreters which is in line with the CFST survey literal comments regarding a need for interpreter services.
  - ii. Clinton County CYS shared they utilize Language Line Solutions for interpreting needs. This company charges per minute and offers several languages. It was also reported they have seen an increase in families who speak Haitian.

VII. Stakeholder feedback, recommendation(s) and requests for further study to determine feasibility of recommendations using future reinvestment funds.

- a. See highlighted items below under Cumulative Stakeholder and Committee Recommendations for recommendations discussed at this meeting.

**Next Scheduled Meeting: November 28, 2023, 10:00-11:00**

Cumulative Stakeholder and Committee Recommendations

1. Jennifer drew attention to the inadequate supports provided to incarcerated individuals with behavioral health needs. The committee discussed the current services and supports that are presently available in both Lycoming County Prison and the Clinton County Correctional Facility (MH and SUDs assessments, case management, and peer support) and what forms of additional help might be beneficial to this population. Suggestions included assistance with re-establishing MA eligibility, securing housing, and supports to help facilitate transition back to the community.
2. To help adults who are struggling to parent with mental health or substance use issues, parenting education and supports are recommended as a potential future reinvestment plan.
3. Carole shared that the new federal Family First Preservation Act will require counties to develop resources and processes that support family preservation and prevents children from being placed out of the home in residential treatment facilities. Reinvestment funds may want to be directed towards activities and services that provide support to at-risk families.
4. Deanna shared plan ideas that have derived from Oversight and Internal Meeting discussions. Keith suggested moving forward with gathering information and data regarding Peer Specialist Transitional Supports to present for the consideration of the committee.
5. Teresa Bower noted that there is a shortage of counselors who are knowledgeable in eating disorders, such as anorexia. She also noted the ongoing shortage of services by psychiatrists. Jacque agreed with both her suggestions and added that the shortage of psychiatric services is a problem nationwide.
6. Denise Feger from Crossroad discussed consideration of any available reinvestment funds. Crossroads is considering starting a structured mental health outpatient program that would run about 9 hours per week. It would look like the structure of the methamphetamine program or their structured Intensive Outpatient (IOP). They would use these services for individuals in mental health court and those facing chronic mental illness.
7. HealthChoices staff shared about a program called MST-PSB and shared an outline of the program including how it could benefit the members of Lycoming/Clinton counties.
8. PH/BH collaboration – imbedding a Provider in local PCP offices.
9. Kelly Gordon, CASSP Coordinator, suggested we continue to explore in person supports for deaf and hard of hearing especially for children.