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QUARTERLY REINVESTMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

11/23/2021

10:00- 11:00

Microsoft Teams meeting

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I. Introductions and sign-in: started at 10:02

- Katie Hugo
- Carol Gilberti
- Peg Wesneski
- Jacque Miller
- Kelly Gordon
- Ginny Noble

II. Overview of the Reinvestment Committee objectives if there are any new members (Jacque)

- No new members today

III. Information update provided by HealthChoices

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

- Reviewed remaining funds available for the current reinvestment contracts: FIT and Recovery Community Connections.
- An update was given on the Short Term RTF Reinvestment Plan. Providers have submitted proposals which are being reviewed by the committee but a provider has not yet been chosen.

-Current Reinvestment plans updates/status (Prepared by Deanna presented by Jacque)

- **FIT for Providers (\$20,000):** Training has been scheduled for November 16th, November 30th, and December 14th; 50 local providers will be attending. The trainings will be held virtually, and providers will be offered a stipend to offset any billable hours lost due to staff participating in the training. CEUs have also been approved for the training.
- **Short-Term Crisis Residential Treatment Facility (\$427, 522):** One proposal was received in response to the RFP that was released in August. The Proposal Review Committee is

in the process of reviewing the proposal, and a decision will be made by November 29th, 2021.

- **Community Based Peer Support Services (\$100,000):** Recovery Community Connections is exploring the steps necessary to expand the program to include Certified Peer Support services.
- CFST Comments (see attachment)
 - Physical health behavior connection reviewed
 - Barriers to access
- Asked if any services are needed?
 - Jacque reviewed virtual PCIT
 - One county in PA is beginning to explore virtual PCIT as a potential reinvestment plan for next year. It was explained that the current PCIT program isn't being heavily used but the objective would be to utilize the already trained, existing team to also run this program. The big selling point when this was discussed was that wireless headphones and a camera set up could be used for the clinician to provide the parent coaching within the child's actual environment to minimize the external factors.
 - Transportation reinvestment program
 - Northampton county got approval for a transportation reinvestment plan—they plan to utilize the funds for unlimited bus passes and gas cards. The provider that was given the contract is considering a ride share program.



-OMHSAS approval letters, requests, and communications concerning reinvestment (Deanna)

- There is a document being developed for the Counties to share approved reinvestment plans with each other.

-Current reinvestment plan outcomes (Deanna)

- No updates

- V. Stakeholder feedback, recommendation(s) and requests for further study to determine feasibility of recommendations using future reinvestment funds.
 - i. No feedback or questions were provided
- VI. Sharing of CFS/T member comments (Deanna)
 - i. See attachment
- VII. Current Stakeholder and Committee Recommendations (see attachment)
 - i. No feedback or questions provided

Next Scheduled Meeting: February 22, 2022 10:00-11:00

Recent 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 similar to 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.