

QUARTERLY LYCOMING-CLINTON HEALTHCHOICES REINVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

May 25, 2021

ATTENDANCE:

Jacque Miller – HC Director; Deanna Kimble – HC Quality/Clinical Manager; Elena Farr – HC Fiscal Officer; Vanessa Shellman HC Clinical Manager; Kelly Gordon – Joiner CASSP Coordinator; Ginny Noble – Joiner Housing Specialist; Katie Hugo - West Branch Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission; Carole Gilberti - CCBHO Director; Peg Wesneski – CCBHO Clinical Manager; Tracy Carney – CCBHO Sr. Recovery and Resiliency Specialist; Teresa Bower – Diakon; Jeff Thomas – White Deer Run; and Cathy Bennett, Joiner Administrative Assistant (present for minutes).

OVERVIEW OF REINVESTMENT COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES:

Jacque Miller welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance at today’s meeting which was being held by call in or zoom conferencing. She noted that everyone had been emailed these documents prior to the meeting and that they would be included as attachments to these minutes:

- Attachment A – Agenda
- Attachment B – Allowable and Unallowable Uses for HealthChoices Reinvestment
- Attachment C – Reinvestment Summary and Reinvestment Funds History
- Attachment D – Reinvestment Update Report (Deanna Kimble)
- Attachment E – Lycoming-Clinton CFST Survey Comments
- Attachment F – Recent Stakeholder and Committee Recommendations

As there were no new members present at today’s meeting, Jacque noted that she would not need to review the allowable and unallowable uses for reinvestment funds however the summary would appear as an attachment to these minutes (Attachment B).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Jacque Miller asked if there were any changes or corrections needed for the minutes from 2/23/21 – none noted.

REINVESTMENT SUMMARY AND REINVESTMENT FUNDS HISTORY:

Jacque Miller noted that there are currently no additional reinvestment funds at this point in time. She added that there are still funds from multiple years open and this information is summarized in Attachments C-1 and C-2.

REINVESEMNT UPDATE:

Deanna Kimble reported that no new plans have been submitted to the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (JOMHSAS). In regard to approved plans, she noted that White Deer Run has completed their Trauma Focused-CBT training. Family Interaction Training (FIT) for providers has been approved and trainings are being coordinated. In regard to the short-term

residential treatment facility for youth which is going to be located at the former Shelter Care facility, feedback was received from OMHSAS and the Plan was revised as per their recommendation and resubmitted for final review. Once approved, an RFP will be put out to providers. She added that the Stimulant Disorder Treatment Outpatient Services provided by Crossroads Counseling continues to move forward and the provider is currently recruiting and hiring staff for the program. She noted that the Community Based Peer Support Services facility operated by Recovery Community Connections is open and operating and the provider is recruiting and hiring staff. She added that School Based Intensive Outpatient Services at Keystone Central School District are open and accepting referrals. In regard to older reinvestment plans, the funding given to Lycoming-Clinton MH/ID and West Branch D&A to provide consumers with assistance with rent, security deposits, bed bug, lice, roach and flea extermination has been spent. In total, 304 members were helped by this funding. (Attachment D)

UPDATE FROM JEFF THOMAS – WHITE DEER RUN:

Jeff Thomas, Executive Director, from White Deer Run wanted the group to know that the reinvestment funding they received to provide Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy training was a great success with their staff. He was really impressed that so many staff from White Deer Run were able to receive this excellent training and he is writing an article for Treatment Magazine about the overall experience. He suggested that if reinvestment funds are available in the future that consideration be given to further research efforts around better ways to detox opioid dependent patients

CFST SURVEY COMMENTS:

Deanna Kimble distributed a summary of the comments received from the 560 Consumer/Family Satisfaction Team (C/FST) individuals who were surveyed during the period 1/1/21 through 3/31/21. Issues that were raised included the need to connect physical health and behavioral health concerns at the same time, continued barriers to access, the need for providers to be more aware of local resources, and gaps in services. (See Attachment E).

DATA SHARING FROM CASSP COORDINATOR:

Kelly Gordon, CASSP Coordinator, provided an overview of her activities since becoming the Joinder's new CASSP Coordinator. She mentioned some needs in the community and gaps in services she is observing which include PH/BH collaboration and training for children and IBHS staffing shortages.

EATING DISORDER TRAINING UPDATE:

Jacque Miller noted that the invitation for this training, which is scheduled for June 28, 2021, will be going out to providers in the near future. Vanessa Shellman, HealthChoices Clinical Manager, also noted a potential collaboration with Geisinger Clinic, considering that 77 HealthChoices members from Lycoming and Clinton Counties with an eating disorder diagnosis are engaged in services.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USE OF REINVESTMENT FUNDS:

Jacque Miller noted that she had received an email from Denise Feger from Crossroad for 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. Attachment F also contains a summary of current stakeholder and committee recommendations.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting date for the Reinvestment Committee was set for Tuesday, August 24, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Sharwell Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacque Miller
HealthChoices Director