Children's CAP Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: 3/8/24 10:00 am-11:30 am Next Meeting Date: 3/8/2024 10:00-11:30

Co-Chairs: *Lisa Peterson-Lizun* (Allegheny Children's Initiative) and *Barb Saunders* (UPMC)

Participating Members: Susan Stewart-Bayne, Sharon Campbell, Katilyn Campbell, Kelly Schmitt, Heather Beacher, Laura Haile, Sherri Klingensmith, Kristina Gibson, Allyson Paracat Dixon, Amy Yosko, Sarah Fallica, Bethany Leas, Tammy Marsico, Barb Saunders, Krista Lion, Alicia Logue, Nathan Omasta

Guests: none

Agenda Items	Discussion
Welcome	
RCPA Children's Committee Updates	Updates, Discussion & Collaboration with Jim Sharp, RCPA Children's Division Director- see notes sent by Jim
Advocacy Opportunities	Conversation with Stuart Fisk- RESCHEDULED to April meeting
Provider Updates & Announcements	Program Updates/Provider meeting updates
MA Loophole kickback	Recently requests are being denied and they are asking for more records. The WO was not accepted and they wanted a diagnoses from a psychologist. Group will alert Jim Sharp. CCBH is starting a new program to assist families with re-enrollment. Tammy cautions re: we are one of the only states that has the loophole option. Be mindful it may be at risk of eliminated. Exchange healthcare went down a few weeks ago and has not gone back up. Impacting scripts for medications and payments. Collecting payments is problematic. This may be done 4-6 weeks. See email sent by RCPA
Capacity	Lack of staffing impacting ability to take clients. Reimbursement rates prevent us from paying a competitive salary. Regulatory burden impacts retention. Requests for relief have not been addressed. 40% of time is documentation. New agencies coming in, particularly in IBHS. We are shuffling around staff. Private practice taking less acute clients. Higher acute needs come to providers. Risk of being replaced by alternative options.

	Action items: 1. Can we better translate and demonstrate the impact. Are they interested in this information? Is there a university that can support us with data? Changemakers working on getting the word out there on what we do. Can SC tell the story since they are supporting clients who are in a holding pattern. Is CCBH getting the calls from people waiting? 2. AHCI data – reports we used to receive. 3. Continue to push for reimbursement for parent groups for skill building 4. How do we encourage a collective effort with providers, CCBH, and County. Breakfast with MCO, County and Providers together. We would need an independent Facilitator.
IBHS Audit	SC – Quality Audit Partial – Quality Audit FBMH – FWA Audit (one month access to EHR) IBHS – Quality Plan needs to reflect compliance from your own Service Description, incorporate components from the service description Outpatient – focus on quality report and plan Acute partial – anyone between the ages of 14-18 needs to be evaluated separately to see if they are eligible for an adult partial. Providers would like to push back on this. These are TAY, also education component. IBHS FWA – last fall, everything was fine.
BH Provider Call	CCBH has announced rate increases, retroactive payments
Telehealth 4 Walls	Providers have not yet made changes. RCPA Telehealth Committee Notes indicate that it is a CMS Rule. Can we add Mobile MH to circumvent the 4 walls rule. This was an idea from OMHSAS. OMHSAS will be releasing a new bulletin and conducting a stakeholder webinar on March 13. Invite from Jennifer Marthnet-Baker. Sherri will forward the invite.
Wrap Up	Next meeting: April 12, 2024, 10-11:30 am- in-person or virtual

2024 CAP Children's Committee Goals

Mission Statement:
The mission of the Children's Committee is to create a forum for advocacy on behalf of both member agencies and the children and families they serve. The committee provides education to its members on systemic and regulatory changes, practice developments, and issues of cultural importance to ensure that the services delivered are of the highest quality.

Children's Division 2023 Goals	Action Items
Build relationships with BH Deputy Director (Stuart Fisk) to increase knowledge and awareness of child services and improve advocacy efforts. - *Stuart Fisk is new Deputy Director of BH for OBH. Focus on relationship building, increasing his knowledge and awareness of child services, improve our advocacy efforts*	**January: prep talking points (include overview of children's services, main pain points, advocacy efforts)** **Stuart is scheduled for the March meeting**
Advocate for appropriate allocation of funds by partnering with schools to address MH needs in education. - *Follow the funding for student mental health going through Dept of Educ- putting those without direct MH background in charge of developing MH programs/supports in schools.*	**County BH Child and Adolescent Unit- Ruth Ann Koss and Emily Born, Renee Patten** **Community Care representative** **Discuss outlook for school-based services, funding opportunities, partnering with providers and school districts** **SAP, CSBBH, school-based outpatient** **Stand Together- utilizes youth in schools to address MH to promote anti-stigma**
Advocate for eliminating the regulatory and Performance Standard requirements that do not have an impact on quality of care (specifically around encounter verification and unfunded performance standards that increase administrative burdens)	**Provide opportunities to discuss new expectations and impact on providers- i.e., changes to Family Based referral process**
Advocate that Parent Training be a separate billable service across service lines (specifically IBHS and outpatient). - *Goal is to provide parent education and improve child outcomes*	**Explore County funding for Parent Wise or other training (WFS- Westmoreland County)**

Continue to partner with each other to grow awareness of new and existing services within the child-serving system	

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Conversation with Stuart Fisk-
Introductions- each committee member introduces themselves, their agency name, their title

Overview of child services – provide to group as a reference/guide; at end of introductions, note that Children's CAP Committee represents many/all levels of care

What has he learned about child services since joining OBH? What are his initial impressions of child services?

Does he need clarity regarding the differences between child and adult services? For child services, the consumer is the family and the child has other stakeholders (note how this impacts service delivery) involved in their care; remind Stuart about consumers 14 years and younger have the parent/guardian/MDM sign their documents; impact of SDoH on services

Inquire about Stuart's vision of child ambulatory services now that he is a few months into his tenure

Inquire about what Stuart wants to learn more about regarding child services; our goal is to lay the groundwork for partnering child services and OBH

Ask to be invited to the table when decisions are being made regarding child services

Painpoints:
    Concerns about moving services from program funded (county) to Health Choices- unintended impact on access for consumers

    Workforce- Impact of losing clinicians to private practice due to regulatory burdens of Health Choices

    Impact on initiatives when the consumer is a child- greater stakeholder involvement

Other areas to discuss (time permitting):
Training requests from providers to the county- in-person, virtual, on-demand training
Mental Health First Aide
CTT training- Kelly Burda
Motivational Interviewing- Kelly Burda
Leadership
Clinical supervision
How to approach the county regarding APAs or VBP

Alternative Payment Arrangements
Value Based Payments
Evidence based practices: EMDR, MI
Group therapy training- Susan Tarasevich does this training

Data requests:
Market share data
What are leading to the trends?
County data with last AHCI report-outs (to compare)
Annual publication detailing claim data
Highest spend by service line
Highest volume of consumers