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COVID-19 has taken an extremely high priority in our region and across the state. In the last week the action and communication on mitigation efforts has intensified. This has required very detailed plans from the CMHSPs on assuring necessary services are provided, while seeking to develop protections that meet Michigan guidelines.

With a situation of such magnitude it is important that we stay connected with our stakeholders. I am thankful for the great efforts in our region to take care of our consumers in the best way possible, while seeking to mitigate this public health crisis. For more information please go to www.lsre.org and click on the COVID-19 link on the home page.

There have been no additional meetings with MDHHS regarding our PIHP Contract settlement agreement. The LRE is preparing additional information requested by MDHHS.

Last week HealthWest announced the initiation of waiting lists for certain programs (youth services, ABA services, and comprehensive autism assessment). We are in communication with MDHHS on this and may need to develop a plan to address this issue. We are committed to assisting HealthWest in assessing service and program utilization to address service capacity issues.

Several weeks ago, the PIHPs had additional conversation with MDHHS regarding system reform. MDHHS states a desire to be inclusive of PIHP participation in the planning for system reform. It is evident that any public led entity will need to partner with a private organization due to high capital reserve requirements. We expect to see the next iteration of the MDHHS plan soon.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this time.



FINANCIAL

Revenue: On March 9, 2020 PIHPs met with MDHHS and Milliman to discuss the revenue shortages experienced amongst PIHPs across the state. During this meeting, Milliman acknowledged payment issues that would result in approximately \$70 million in capitation payments being made statewide and approximately \$50 million in retro payments. In addition to a discrepancy between Milliman's determined use of eligibility and what is used by MDHHS for the various programs, a fix to the state's eligibility system is scheduled to occur in June 2020. The \$70 million in missed payments are estimated to be disbursed during the last 6 months of this fiscal year. PIHPs are soliciting an advance of these payments due to the cash flow issues being experienced as a result of this shortage in revenues.

FY2019 Performance Bonus Award: The LRE received final notice of its FY19 performance incentive bonus earnings. We will earn \$1,910,636.16 for meeting the specific metrics surrounding coordination efforts with health plans. The total potential award for FY19 was \$2,065,552.60.

Regional Deficit: The projected deficit for the region is \$10,658,738 for Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP). If additional sources of revenue can be realized by the LRE (Regional ISF, regional withholds for performance and reporting standards, as well as the MDHHS performance bonus incentive revenue anticipated), the projected deficit can decrease to approximately \$4.5 million. However, as FY20 revenue shortages for our region are corrected, revenue projections will also be updated.

Final FY19 Reporting: A significant amount of time over the past month has been spent reviewing and preparing year end reports for FY19. Financial reports received to date show the region closed the year with a \$18.4 million deficit. Extensive work has been done again this year to ensure our data is aligned with reported costs. Bridging any gaps between these two areas enables MDHHS and its actuary to see the level, intensity of services, and costs required in delivering services to our consumers. It's critical that we continue to improve our efforts in this area in hopes of seeing revenues during the next rate setting process that are closer aligned with what it costs to provide the services required.

KEY DATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE: ALL LRE MEETINGS HAVE MOVED TO TELEPHONE CONFERENCE ONLY

LRE Executive Board Meetings

April 16, 2020 – 1:00 PM

May 21, 2020 – 1:00 PM

June 18, 2020 – 1:00 PM

Consumer Advisory Panel

April 9, 2020 – 1:00 PM

Oversight Policy Board (OPB)

June 3, 2020 – 4:00 PM

Dr. Waller Training

April 22 has postponed

MDHHS

On Tuesday, March 10, Michigan's Governor Whitmer declared a state of emergency as the state's first positive cases of COVID-19 were identified. The emergency declaration enables the state to quickly deploy resources (equipment, supplies and/or personnel) to local jurisdictions to support their response efforts in combatting the spread of COVID-19. The declaration places Michigan at a heightened state of preparedness for response. All Michiganders are encouraged to follow the recommendations from MDHHS and the CDC to protect themselves and slow the spread of COVID-19. For more information:

State of Michigan:

<https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>

Centers for Communicable Disease:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Community Mental Health Association of Michigan

<https://cmham.org/resources/covid-19-resources/>

WAIVERS

Autism/Behavioral Health: 1351 individuals are currently enrolled in the Applied Behavioral Health Autism Benefit. Providers are actively increasing the use of tele-health medicine to provide services amidst the corona virus crisis. The LRE, CMHSP's and contracted ABA providers will continue to work together to provide services in compliance with MDHHS's recommendations throughout the corona virus crisis.

Reminder: The LRE is scheduled to host an MDHHS sponsored training for an ADOS-2 Booster training on June 15th, 2020 at the GVSU Innovation HUB. Registration is required.

Child's Waiver Program: The LRE began oversight of this program in October 2019. The LRE has since begun CWP workgroups with the CMHSP's in the region to ensure consistent quality and messaging throughout the region. There are currently 82 individuals enrolled in this waiver. Individuals typically remain in this program until they age off at 18.

Habilitation Supports Waiver: The LRE has 629 HSW waiver slots that remain full. The LRE and CMHSP HSW Leads meet regularly to maintain these slots and identify appropriate individuals.

Home and Community-Based Services: Both the LRE and MSU in-person portion of HCBS site review process has been paused due to risk of spreading the corona virus. This portion of the site review process will resume once it is determined safe to do so. The LRE will continue to prepare for the next round of surveys to be released in May.

Serious Emotional Disturbance: The LRE began oversight of this program in October 2019. The LRE has since begun SED workgroups with the CMHSP's to ensure consistent quality and messaging throughout the region. There are 60 individuals enrolled in this waiver. Individuals continue to be enrolled and dis-enrolled as appropriate.

For more information regarding COVID-19 for stakeholders and providers go to: <http://www.lsre.org/corona-virus-disease-2019>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

FY19 data reporting is nearly complete with final corrections due in before 03-27-2020. Corresponding FY19 year-end financial statements were submitted 03-13-2020.

BHTEDS completeness for FY19 for Mental Health episodes of care has been brought above the state required 95% threshold for our region – it is now at 96.1 %. Our SUD completeness is at 97.8 %, putting us into compliance on both measures. Many thanks to our CMHSPs for working through outlier lists to recover and resubmit the required records that were missing!

MMBPIS Reporting: implementation of changed indicators delayed slightly: With the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic affecting service providers and all levels the larger health care system, MDHHS announced (on Thursday March 19th) that the new/changed MMBPIS Quality Indicators that are to take effect for Q3 would be delayed slightly to provide additional time for testing and systems conversions. Their announcement indicated: To allow for additional time for final testing and validation, the Q3 reporting period for the new indicators will be shortened to Thursday April 16th - June 30th. All other Q3 MMBPIS indicators must be reported for the originally contracted reporting period of April 1 - June 30, 2020.

Additional information on the performance indicators is available on-line in the [FY20 CMHSP Reporting Codebook](#) and the [FY20 PIHP Reporting Codebook](#) at the following link on the MDHHS web site. Those Performance Indicators that are new for third quarter 2020 are shown in blue highlight.

https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2941_38765---,00.html

(Click on 'PIHP and CMHSP Performance Indicator Systems')

Information Technology & the COVID-19 Pandemic: Many office workers are now “phoning it in from home” to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Many fast-breaking changes regarding tele-work, telehealth, and other important updates are flooding into our inboxes daily. Please see the resource links in this newsletter to find important notifications and policy changes that are rapidly re-shaping our service delivery systems.

SUD TREATMENT/PREVENTION

Oversight Policy Board (OPB): the OPB met March 4, 2020 and there were no license applications. The group did elect new officers: Patrick Sweeny (Kent) will remain as the chair, Commissioner Andrew Sebolt (Oceana) Vice Chair, and Sarah Sobel (Kent) will be Secretary. The next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2020 at 4pm at Ottawa County Community Mental Health in the board room. During that meeting the group will review its bylaws, as well as welcome two new members: Ms. Dawn Martin (Lake) and Tom Antor (Kent). The OPB and the LRE would like to thank Commissioners Joan Runnels and Stan Stek for their leadership and guidance as they were both longstanding members of the board, they will be missed.

TalkSooner Marketing Campaign: Due to the COVID-19 our plan has already had to change for March since the Grand Rapids Children’s Museum is closing. We are working closely with Seyferth PR for an alternative plan for this month. We anticipate the rest of our campaign will be able to occur as is.

Gambling Disorder: The LRE presented our regional plan at the gambling disorder symposium earlier this month, during which time Larry Scott Director of OROSC (Office of Recovery Oriented Systems of Care) requested we present at the statewide SUD conference this September!

Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC): The LRE and CMSHSP SUD staff are working diligently on this project. The MDOC has sent out some forms (referral form and monthly progress report) but no formal implementation plan. Regionally, we have developed a service description by county and a referral list of contacts by county for our local agents. We continue to be in contact with our local agents during this transition and we are actively discussing this topic at the SUD ROAT group. Note the start date is April 1, 2020.

Tobacco 21: The LRE is working closely with local tobacco prevention specialists and state officials to determine how the new federal law (passed in late December of 2019) requiring all tobacco products to be sold to those now 21 and up will impact our prevention work. Currently, only the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) can enforce this law as Michigan state law hasn’t changed from 18 to 21 yet. Therefore, local and state law enforcement cannot enforce this law, it is up to the tobacco retailer to ensure they comply. Clear information on this law is lacking, which is causing significant confusion among preventionist, law enforcement and tobacco retailers. This federal law change will impact our Synar checks and vendor education programs. Consequently, the LRE will need to revamp its entire vendor education and tobacco checks protocol (No Cigs for Our Kids) this spring in order to ensure we meet the state and federal requirements for tobacco sales to minors. It should be noted that there are several tobacco related bills that were all released in late February to address this. To date, none have been passed but that information is in your legislative handout. Further information on this topic will be presented to the board at a future meeting.

Dr. Waller Training: The LRE thru SOR funding has retained Dr. Corey Waller of HMA provide trainings on MAT and stimulants to the region. The format of the training will be announced.

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<http://www.isre.org/corona-virus-disease-2019>