

CONSUMER ADVISORY PANEL MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, December 10, 2020 – 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Virtual, Teams Meeting or Call in

Phone #: 586-482-8124 Conference ID: 767 783 32#

Present: John W., Lucinda S., Wendy W., Lynette B., SaRah, Sharon H., Shawnee T.

LRE: Greg Hofman, Stephanie VanDerKooi

Guest: Kristal Reyes

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Review of the December 10, 2020 Agenda
- b. Review of the October 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2020 agenda and October 8, 2020 meeting minutes accepted as presented.

2. Member Stories –

a. Member Experiences

- Shawnee T. discusses how COVID has negatively impacted her and the lives of people she cares about.
- Sharon H. is having communication issues with N180. She would like Mr. Hofman to check into it.
- John W. shares that he is a handyman and COVID is negatively impacting his business and ability to pay bills. He would like to thank and commend all frontline staff for working during the pandemic.

3. CEO Update –

- Mr. Hofman and Mr. Riley are working together for a smooth transition after Mr. Hofman retires. Mr. Riley will move into LRE Interim CEO and Mr. Hofman will become the Transition Manager in December after Board approval. Mr. Riley has worked in CMHs, PIHPs and with providers for many years and has a unique knowledge that will assist him in this position until the LRE has a permanent CEO in place.

4. COVID-19 Updates –

a. State Updates

- MDHHS has started sending tracking information for COVID positive AFC homes. LRE will do additional work to track if any individuals are from this region.

- The State is working with Pine Rest specifically designed for COVID positive individuals.
 - LRE sends a monthly report to MDHHS updating them on provider network stability.
 - MDHHS continues to send out resources and focus on COVID related issues. MDHHS is piloting a new statewide Crisis Line.
- b. Regional Updates
- CMHs have moved back into “phase 1” due to the increase of COVID positive cases in our region.
 - PIHP directors are advocating to have MDHHS extend the Direct Care Wage into March.
 - There is still an issue with having enough appropriate COVID testing in this region.
5. Regional Updates –
- a. LRE Newsletter (Attachment)
 - b. LRE is projecting the ability to put funds into the ISF this year. We are not projecting a deficit for this year which is a positive swing for this region. We are continuing to meet with MDHHS regarding the LRE contract and to work on a solution to past deficits.
 - c. LRE is working on a new contract with Beacon. Mr. Riley is taking the lead on these negotiations.
6. SUD – Stephanie VanDerKooi
- a. SUD/HCBS 1915 Waiver State Site Visit
 - MDHHS has completed their full site review of the LRE/CMHs which includes: SUD, Children’s Waiver Services, Habilitation Supports Program, and Waiver for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbance. The LRE, overall, did very well. A full report of the findings will be available in January.
 - b. TalkSooner Update
 - This program helps parents and caregivers talk with children 10-18 years of age about drug use.
 - LRE will send out a news release in January to let public know that we are partnering with Cherry Health, Mercy Health, Spectrum Health and Metro Health.
 - c. Block Grant Funding Reduction
 - The State has reduced SUD Block Grant (BG) funds by about \$20 million, this is a \$2.3 million BG cut for LRE region. The cuts will affect SUD Treatment and Prevention. The budget cuts are not due to performance issues but because of an allocation mistake by the State.

- The Oversight Policy Board has approved LRE to use PA2 funds to bridge the funding gap for this year. This lower amount of funding is what the region will receive moving forward.

7. Stay Well Substance Abuse Webinar – Kristal Reyes

This is a COVID related webinar that has been made available to the LRE Consumer Advisory Panel during our meeting. The webinar will explain different things you can do to stay well during COVID as far as your mental health. The webinar will highlight different techniques you can use and give state resources. The webinar will also have a StayWell counselor on hand in case anyone does need to reach out.

Stay Well Phone #: 1-888-535-6136 press 8 to speak with a live person
Kristal Reyes Email: kreyes@nso-mi.org

- Webinar (40 minutes)
- Questions/Answers (10 Minutes)

8. Other Items of Interest or Announcements of Upcoming Events

9. Messages/Reporter to LRE Board of Directors

10. LRE Board Meeting –

December 17, 2020 – 1:00pm

Call-in information will be posted on the LRE website

11. Upcoming CAP Meetings for **2021** (2nd Thursdays of alternate months - 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm)

February 11, April 8, June 10, August 12, October 14, December 9

12. Other:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS