

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. comment that she has been having communication issues with N180. She asks Mr. Hofman to check into it.
 - John W. shares that he is a handyman and COVID is negatively impacting his business and his ability to pay bills. He would also 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 in preparation of Mr. Hofman's retirement.
 - During the December Board Mr. Riley's position will shift into LRE Interim CEO and Mr. Hofman will become the Transition Manager.
 - 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 COVID Updates
 - MDHHS has started sending tracking information for COVID positive AFC homes. LRE will track if any individuals are from this region.
 - The State is working with Pine Rest on housing specifically designed for COVID positive individuals.

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- LRE sends a monthly report to MDHHS updating them on provider network stability within this Region.
 - MDHHS continues to send out COVID resources that are also posted on the MDHHS website.
 - MDHHS is piloting a new statewide Crisis Line.
- b. Regional COVID Updates
- CMHs have moved back into “phase 1” due to the increase of COVID positive cases in the LRE 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 (Attached)
 - b. Projections for this fiscal year are showing a positive swing and will enable the region to add funds to the ISF. The LRE contract negotiations group continues to meet with MDHHS regarding the LRE contract and to work on a solution for 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 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.
 - b. TalkSooner Update
 - This program supports parents and caregivers with information and discussion points for talking with children 10-18 years of age about drug use.
 - LRE will send out a news release in January about 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. This reduced total of funding is the amount that will be disbursed moving forward from this fiscal year.
 - The Oversight Policy Board has approved LRE to use PA2 funds to bridge the funding gap for this year.
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. The webinar will highlight techniques individuals can use for physical and mental health and state resources for mental health. The webinar will also have a StayWell counselor on hand in case anyone would like 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:

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