

## Substance Use Disorder Director's Report June 2020

- 1. Oversight Policy Board (OPB): Met on June 4, 2020 virtually. There were no licensing applications. The group will meet again in September (hopefully in person). The group reviewed the draft strategic plan and approved it. They also updated their bylaws to reflect that they are only required to meet twice per year, but the group stated that it was still their desire to meet quarterly. The old bylaws stated that they were required to meet quarterly. This allows the group more flexibility to cancel if a meeting if there are no agenda items.
- 2. Drug Free Communities Support (DFC) Grant: Oceana county thru the District Health Department #10 (our SUD Prevention provider for Oceana County) has written for the DFC grant which will be a five-year grant starting FY 21. If funded, the LRE will serve as their fiduciary because their agency cannot hold more than one DFC grant at a time. They currently have one in Lake County. The LRE is excited to be a part of this process and will update the board as soon as we hear back from the CDC.
- 3. Kent County Health Department/About Last Night Marketing Campaign Award-the LRE in conjunction with SUD Prevention provider Kent County Health Department have a campaign surrounding binge drinking called, "About Last Night." This campaign is coordinated thru the King Media marketing firm. The campaign has one another award thru the PR News Digital Awards for the category of branding. A link to see the 2020 award winners are listed here: <a href="https://www.prnewsonline.com/go/2020-digital-awards/">https://www.prnewsonline.com/go/2020-digital-awards/</a> (the branding category is the first box in the top row on the left)
- 4. TalkSooner: Genesee County will be joining TalkSooner as a partner! TalkSooner's goal is to be statewide and this is our 44<sup>th</sup> county joining our efforts (all of their material will be placed on the website and app by June 30). To see a full list of partner counties please go to: <a href="https://talksooner.org/partners/">https://talksooner.org/partners/</a>.

## 5. Site Visits:

- a. Partnership For Success (PFS) (SUD prevention) grant site visit: The site visit with the Department took place May 18<sup>th</sup>. This was conducted virtually with Mason and Oceana counties. However, due to Muskegon via Mercy Health Staff being furloughed, the Muskegon portion of this is postponed for later this summer when staff are back to work. This five-year grant will be ending this FY and will not be renewed. Consequently, Oceana county is writing for the Drug Free Communities (DFC) Support Grant for sustainability for future years. Muskegon and Mason counties are still formulating their sustainability plan.
- b. **SOR grant site visit (SUD prevention and treatment):** this has now been moved to a virtual format as well and will take place June 25. All grantees are planning to attend and report out on this via the virtual platform.

- c. **LRE SUD Prevention Audits/site visits:** we are currently scheduling audits with our funded prevention providers for this summer. At this point we are planning for them to be conducted virtually.
- 6. SUD Standard Assessment Tool Update: CMS has approved MDHHS's request for leniency which relaxes the restriction to use ONLY the (GAIN-I) Core assessment and now allows for the use of other standardized assessments that utilize both the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria for determining a level of care and provides a DSM diagnosis. OROSC has tasked the PIHPs with choosing an assessment tool that meets these standards for implementation. The PIHP's have been meeting regularly and are recommending the ASAM Continuum as the tool to use moving forward. There is a lot to consider: cost, training, implementation timeline, integration with EHR's, state requirements, providers, consumers experience, etc. This topic that is being discussed heavily at the PIHP level and with OROSC. Information regarding this will be disseminated to the region monthly thru the ROATs, LRE Provider Network meeting, and to the board of directors.
- **7. SUD Legislation:** Attached please find the updated grid of SUD legislation for your reference and note the several new tobacco related bills.
- 8. LRE SUD Treatment Data: Attached please find the monthly Treatment data pulled from BHTeds.