

**SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
ENDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 – 5:00 p.m.**

*Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency this Ends Committee Meeting was held
virtually by telephone.*

PRESENT: Tracey Raquepaw, Larry Jones, Steve Fresorger, Jill Armentrout

ABSENT: Jane Sills, Jordan Wise

GUESTS:

STAFF: John Burages, and Erin Nostrandt, Ryan Mulder

I. OPENING PROCEDURE

Jill Armentrout, Chair of Ends Committee, called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. A quorum was established and verification of posting was determined.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

III. INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT AND SUPPORT (IPS)

John Burages, Director of Services for Persons with Mental Illness reviewed a PowerPoint on the Individual Placement and Support or IPS (the EBP for Employment). The following was noted:

- IPS is Effective in a Wide Variety of Target Populations such as PTSD diagnosis, mental illness + substance abuse, older adults, first episode of psychosis, homeless, criminal justice history, disability beneficiaries & various racial and ethnic groups)
- SCCMHA is just starting up this EBP at SCCMHA.
- Why should we focus on employment and careers?
 - Considered by many as an important part of recovery
 - Most people with serious emotional illness want to work
 - Employment is a typical role for adults in our society
 - Cost-effective alternative to day treatment
- Benefits of Steady Competitive Employment?
 - Increased income
 - Improved self esteem
 - Improved social networks
 - Increased quality of life
 - Better control of symptoms
 - Reduced hospitalizations
 - Reduced substance use
 - Reduced used of mental health services
- Negative Effects of Unemployment in General Population?
 - Increased substance abuse
 - Increased physical problems
 - Increased psychiatric disorders
 - Reduced self esteem
 - Loss of social contacts
 - Alienation and apathy
- Principles of IPS

- Open to anyone who want to work
- Focus on competitive employment
- Rapid job search
- Targeted job development
- Client preferences guide decisions
- Individualized long-term supports
- Integrated with treatment
- Benefits counseling included
- Track Process and Outcomes
- SCCMHA Policy Standards & Core Principles
- Summary
 - People with serious mental illness do want to work and can work in integrated competitive employment
 - IPS is a successful employment intervention for a wide variety of populations
 - IPS is an evidence-based practice that includes program manuals and an IPS Fidelity Scale to serve as roadmaps for good program implementation
 - Agency leaders organized services, maximize funding, provide training and supervision, monitor implementation and track outcomes to ensure high-quality IPS services
- Supported Employment Fidelity Scale from SAMHSA

The Committee was able to ask questions / make comment. See Ends packet for details.

Motion made by Tracey Raquepaw and supported by Larry Jones to receive and file the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) as presented. Motion Carried.

IV. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SED CHILDREN FROM MDHHS CONTRACT

Erin Nostrandt, Director of Children's Services reviewed a PowerPoint on Technical Requirements for SED Children from MDHHS Contract. The following was noted:

- Scope:
 - Provides Medicaid eligible criteria for children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED)
 - Establishes General Fund priority for mental health services for children with SED
- General Considerations:
 - Provides a framework to be used by Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs) for establishing General Fund priority for mental health services for children with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED)
 - Diagnosis alone is not sufficient to determine eligibility for General Fund priority and should be coupled with functional impairment and duration criteria
 - Framework is intended to:
 - Assist CMHSPs in determining severity, complexity, and duration
 - Bring uniformity to these decisions for children across systems
- Detailed eligibility criteria, including crosswalk tables, as part of the Contract Attachment C4.7.2 can be further referenced
- Criteria of SED 7-17 Years
- Criteria of SED 4-6 Years
- Criteria of SED Birth-3 Years

The Committee was able to ask questions / make comment. See Ends packet for details.

V. Motion made by Larry Jones and supported by Steve Fresorger to receive and file the TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SED CHILDREN FROM MDHHS CONTRACT as presented. Motion Carried.

VI. OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

Reminder of Public Hearing on Strategic Priorities and Budget Plan for FY 2021 coming up on Thursday, October 1st at 5:30 pm.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business a motion was made by Larry Jones with support from Tracey Raquepaw to adjourn this meeting at 5:44 p.m. Motion carried.