

REGIONAL OPERATIONS COUNCIL/CEO MEETING

Key Decisions and Required Action

Date: 04/21/2025

Members Present: Maribeth Leonard; Carol Mills; Julie Majeske; Tracey Dore; Tammy Warner; Kerry Possehn; Michelle Stillwagon; Sandy Lindsey; David Lowe, Jeff Labun, Bryan Krogman, Sara Lurie, Ryan Painter, Chris Pinter (11:57)

Members Absent: Cassie Watson

MSHN Staff Present: Joseph Sedlock; Amanda Ittner; For applicable areas Leslie Thomas and Skye Pletcher

Agenda Item	Action Required				
CONSENT AGENDA	No items removed for discussion				
	Acknowledge receipt	By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
SERVICE USE ANALYSIS REPORTS	L. Thomas reviewed the service use analysis and the EQI comparison that includes year by year comparison for Autism, CLS and psychiatric inpatient. The information was reviewed in detail with the Finance Council, which recommended splitting out specialized residential from CLS and adding length of stay for inpatient.				
	CMHs to review outliers and use the report to identify areas that may need to be reviewed in more detail to bring in line with average. LifeWays looking at elements by service code that can be shared. CMHSPs asked to respond to LifeWays request for rates.				
	Discussed inpatient regional contract that previously led to higher regional rates. Decision by CMHs to support regional negotiation with inpatient contracts.				
	J. Sedlock will follow up with Ops Council on appointees for the regional inpatient workgroup for FY26 contracts in May.	By Who	J. Sedlock	By When	4.30.25
	L. Thomas will publish a final report that will be on the Ops agenda next month.		L. Thomas		5.15.25
CLS HISTORICAL UTILIZATION REPORT	S. Pletcher reviewed the CLS utilization report that included analysis by CMH from 2020 through 2024. The Utilization Management Committee reviewed the results and requested pre-COVID data. UMC will be looking at the medical necessity tools utilized.				
	Informational only	By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
AUTISM & CLS COST DRIVERS	T. Lewicki reviewed the Autism and CLS drivers report.				

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	Todd is drafting Autism MDHHS policy recommendations to assist with managing the benefit and will be brought to the May Operations Council meeting for review and feedback. PIHP leads are also reviewing the Autism recommendations this week.				
	Informational only	By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
FY24 NETWORK ADEQUACY ASSESSMENT PRESENTATION AND REPORT	A. Ittner reviewed the FY24 NAA presentation and report. The MDHHS reporting is due April 30. MSHN staff working with CMHs to ensure accuracy of data in the provider listing, which will be used by MDHHS to calculate time and distance standards.				
	Discussion and informational only	By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
PIHP REBID-MSHN STAFF RETENTION PLAN	J. Sedlock reported MSHN hasn't heard any updates directly from MDHHS yet on the PIHP procurement. Developed a retention plan for the "event" MSHN is in a transition to termination. While MSHN will work to retain its personnel, CMHSPs support being successful and will support MSHN if/when the time comes to loss of personnel at the MSHN level. MSHN has been preparing as much as we can without the bid specs. We have had some discussions with PIHPs. Discussed the Mental Health Framework and how that may tie with the PIHP procurement.				
	Discussion only	By Who	N/A	By When	N/A
SAGINAW 'HANDS OFF' MEDICAID EVENT	S. Lindsey provided information regarding "Hands Off Medicaid" event being planned at SVSU's Curtiss Hall for either May 6 or May 7 (6-8 pm). While many are involved in planning, this event was sparked by the "Hands Off" marches that took place nationwide earlier this month and is also being coordinated with Indivisible. The event is also being coordinated with Michigan federal legislative offices and there is a plan to livestream the event (with or without video participant interaction).				
	Sandy will share the information via email and any CMH wanting to add a logo, should send it to her asap.	By Who	CMHSPs	By When	ASAP