



Adult System of Care Community Council
Magellan Health Services
 4801 E. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85034
 Cottonwood Cafe
 July 6, 2011, 6pm
Minutes

Meeting Facilitator(s): Gaye Tolman		Recorder/Note Taker: Lynda Anderson
Purpose of Meeting: Community Input to the Adult System of Care		
Attendees: Kaj-Willow Kaemmerer, SBH; Mary Robson, Magellan; Yvette Townsend, Mary's Mission; Jill Hogan, Peer Advocate; Pam Walker, Magellan; Trish Bleth, Magellan; Gary Brennan, QCN; Suzanne Legander, STAR; Ben Cruz, Valle del Sol; Liz Smithhart, Magellan; Anita Barnas, SWN; Elida Barriga, Mary's Mission; Darius Perry, Mary's Mission; John Hall, Pinnacle In-Home Care; Jessie Nould; Seth Fann, Recipient		
TOPIC	PRESENTER	DISCUSSION
Introductions and Announcements	Liz Smithhart	<p>Introductions were made.</p> <p>Peer Support Specialist – There will be a state wide policy change for Peer Support Specialists, the effective date of July 1, 2011 has been postponed and a new effective date has not been determined. Changes include training, certification testing, and on-going supervision. The state is still accepting public input, send your concerns to Margaret McLaughlin, Bureau Chief of Policy, Bureau of Compliance, at ADHS/DBHS, Margaret.mclaughlin@azdhs.gov.</p> <p>Discussion on the changes – the attendees felt this change in policy was a good idea, Peer Support Specialist will be viewed as professional and with respect and are integral and significant part of the system, outcomes are higher skilled staff. Peer run organizations have been helping to develop the curriculum and tests with the training requirements were developed by the state, the state will approve the curriculum and certify the Peer Support Specialists. Each provider can develop their own test based on their trainings. If a staff member bills under peer service codes they must be certified, for both existing and future employees.</p> <p>Many concerns were voiced including: existing employees would not be grandfathered in, few positions for non-T-XIX individuals for certification, paying staff while they go through the trainings will be costly for agencies and providers, there was no PNO input to the changes. Liz Smithhart will take the concerns to Chris Damle at Magellan.</p>

		<p>GMH/SA Dashboard – the Dashboard was launched July 1, 2011 and the Crisis Dashboard is targeted for Fall.</p> <p>Brown Bag Lunch with Bob Sorce – The next meeting is July 7, 2011, 12-1:30pm, at ADHS/DBHS, 150 N. 18th Ave., 215B. This meeting is for peers, families, and community advocates, the meeting is statewide with Telemed capabilities. This is a good time to bring your suggestions and concerns, particularly short timeframes for giving input on ADHS/DBHS’ proposed policy changes.</p> <p>AHCCCS Update – FAQs were handed out on childless adults, they will no longer be screened effective July 8, 2011, concerns with loss of benefits for youth benefiting from the JK lawsuit settlement; youth who are 17 and 360 days in federal programs such as TANF and YATI; youth who leaves home and are now on their own; and CPS youth in group homes. Youth who drop off the AHCCCS rolls will not be able to qualify and without an SMI/MAO designation it will be very hard to qualify for AHCCCS. Individuals in the system will need to renew every six months instead of annually.</p> <p>PNOs are receiving rosters of the recipients who will be affected and are working to help qualify them for SSI/MAO for their renewal date and to make sure they have the right documents when they apply/reapply, doing weekly AHCCCS checks for renewal dates, holding groups to explain the changes and to help them understand why it is important to renew. Rosters for the GMH/SA population should be out next week. If an individual is moving from SMI to SSI/MAO they will not have to do anything at this time, upon renewal the individuals will need to meet all the requirements to stay in SSI/MAO, a GAF Score of 50 and below and in active treatment, SSI/MAO programs are not closing and the individuals will be continually enrolled as long as they meet the requirements, individuals will need to have the clinical documents to show disability and meet the income requirements. Individuals involved in the Freedom to Work Program will continue to receive services through AHCCCS.</p> <p>It is everyone’s responsibility to help the individuals remain on the AHCCCS rolls to continue to receive benefits.</p> <p>NAMI Connections is partnering with Mary’s Mission to hold groups beginning July 19, 6-7:30pm in the Mesa area. Flyers will be sent.</p>
Review of the Minutes	Liz Smithhart	Minutes of June 1, 2011 were passed by consensus.
ADHS/DBHS ASOC Plan	Liz Smithhart	Review of the FY12-FY14 statewide plan for adults. The children’s state plan is for FY12-FY17. The plan is focused on: health integration, substance abuse prevention and treatment, employment, suicide prevention and early intervention; trauma informed care, peer and family support, and peer, family, and community participation. Magellan has meet or exceeded some of the objectives and some of the objectives of the plan do not relate to Magellan. Magellan is asking providers, recipients, and families to send in suggestions for the plan. Concern

		<p>with Race and Equity not being acknowledged in the plan other than in Peer Support and being culturally diverse. The plan and the input form will be sent out with feedback due to Liz Smithhart (lcsmithhart@magellanhealth.com) by July 13, 2011.</p> <p>A Survey Monkey will be sent to all providers and agencies to obtain information to incorporate into the Adult System of Care Plan. The draft is due to the state by August 1, 2011. The plan will be reviewed and approved by the Governance Board.</p>
S.T.A.R. Services	Suzanne Legander	<p>S.T.A.R. is a peer run organization with a focus on recovery and developing skills set for a successful life and employment, peers helping peers. S.T.A.R. has three centers and is open Monday through Friday, 7am-4pm and Saturday, 7am-2pm, provide transportation within 10 miles of each center. There are four basic rules for members: hopeful attitude, follow the rules and be respectful to others, be accountable and do what you agree to do, and be forgiving of others and yourself. S.T.A.R. programs include arts and crafts, peer support groups, computer labs, Ticket to Work network, Freedom to Work, GED and college classes, peer run catering program, members work for S.T.A.R. dollars to buy food and clothes. Freedom to Work is very important if an individual is not eligible or loses AHCCCS eligibility for those aged 16-65 and individuals can keep their T-XIX benefits including case management, eligibility is dependent on the individual's income only and the individual must work each week, a certain number of hours is not required.</p> <p>S.T.A.R. has implemented the Road to Independence Certifications, classes include: cooking and kitchen safety, ILS food classes, maintaining a clean and healthy home, money management, employment readiness skills, and health and wellness.</p>
Meeting Structure		Tabled to the next meeting.
Open Forum	All	Concern was voiced with the number of non-T-XIX individuals who qualify for respite care and the lack of available housing. Respite is not a covered service and there may be some confusion with regard to the use to the word respite. SBH reports they have a 30 day program for respite care and can be billed under peer support services. Non-T-XIX individuals no longer qualify for benefits including housing, case management, etc. HUD, CASS, Day Resource Center, or the non-T-XIX hotline may be able to help with housing.
Agenda Items for Future Meetings	Meeting Structure, Name Change, Meeting Venues and Times, Community Partnerships ADHS/DBHS ASOC Plan Update	
Next Meeting: August 3, 2011, 6pm, Cottonwood, 4801 E. Washington		
Call to Order: 6:00 pm		
Adjourned: 7:30 pm		