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SB147 Behavioral Health- Substance Use Disorder Subgroup

April 25, 2018

In Attendance

DSS: Tiffany Wolfgang • Melanie Boetel • Brendan Smith
Amy Iversen-Pollreisz • Laurie Mikkonen • Greg Evans
Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger • Laura Schaeffer • Stacy Bruels

Community Provider
Representatives: Terry Dosch, Council of SUD Directors • Amy Hartman, VOA • Michelle
Carpenter, DCI • Gary Tuschen, Carroll Institute • Michelle Spies, HSA
• Susan Sandgren, TRCMHC

Unavailable: Mary LeVee, DSS • Stacia Nissen, South Dakota Urban Indian Health

Welcome and Introductions

Amy Iversen-Pollreisz:

- Welcome participants and thanked everyone for their willingness to be part of this group
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Overview of SB 147 Workgroup Purpose

Laurie Mikkonen:

- Provided overview of SB147 and bill requirements
- Described steering committee, consensus framework, and workgroup purpose.
- The public website location can be found at: DHS website--DHS Portals\Resources\Workgroups\Provider Rate Methodology Workgroup.
 - This location will also house all meeting minutes, agenda's, and work product of this group.
- Rate setting and stakeholder input has happened historically.
 - The bill memorialized this process.

- One of the outcomes in the consensus framework is that providers will support the rate methodology and recommendations that are a result of the rate modeling analysis.
 - The legislative scope of SB147 is not about the adequacy of funding, but to build on the rate setting and rate modeling processes that have been utilized by DSS.
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List of Services and Priorities in Year 2

Tiffany Wolfgang:

- Provided an overview of services covered through this workgroup and recommended prioritization of services based on volume of providers and dollars spent
 - Recommendation to review outpatient services first given the volume of providers and relationship the outpatient counseling services will have to other rates.
 - Recommendation to next focus on Low Intensity, then Inpatient, Detox and PRTF.
 - Workgroup voiced agreement
 - There will be opportunity to streamline billing codes.
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Rate Methodology Overview

Greg Evans:

- Provided an overview of historical methodology
 - Not all costs are allowable under Medicaid reimbursement
 - Described cost reporting methodology and review process
 - May look to use information from cost reports in combination with obtaining more current information through a provider survey and/or other market survey information
 - Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger provided additional historical context and other issues that continue to arise as rates are defined.
 - Beginning with outpatient will assist in correlating to other service categories.
 - Discussed other methodologies for rate settings
 - After determining rate methodology, the prospective component outlined in the bill would include some inflationary method for indexing costs forward.
 - The Steering Committee adopted CPIU as the method that would be used.
 - Consensus from the workgroup was to use the historical model Greg reviewed with some factor for indexing forward.
 - We will be surveying providers to get the most recent salary and wage data and to confirm billable hours.
 - Discussion regarding co-payments.
 - If copayments will continue, the method in which copays are implemented would be to net the copayment from the prospective rate developed.
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Next Steps

- Consensus to begin with outpatient services

- Terry Dosch indicated that he was comfortable using the current rate model; however, consideration should be given to additional factors such as licensure requirements, market/workforce challenges, and urban versus rural settings.
- Workgroup should bring any other market survey information to next meeting
- State staff will begin developing questions for a survey of providers that requests information on current wages and the above noted challenges for workgroup review and feedback.
 - Survey development and responses will be gathered in preparation for the next meeting.
 - The next meeting date will be determined after a timeline is established to gain appropriate feedback and review.
 - Workgroup members will pilot survey before rolling out to larger group
- Terry Dosch will obtain feedback from the Council of Substance Abuse Directors on costs, copays, and staff salaries prior to our next scheduled meeting.
- Amy Iversen-Pollreisz will bring to the next meeting the current salary range of similar State staff.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Rebecca Sivertson, Recorder