

**Co-occurring Disorders (COD) Leadership  
Committee Statewide Meeting  
February 18, 2021**

**Meeting Participants:** Angie Smith-Butterwick (MDHHS), Ben Barrett (Region 3/HealthWest), Brenda Stoneburner – Chair (MDHHS), Carrie Chanter (Genesee Health Systems), Cathy Hart (Region 4/ Southwest Michigan BH), Cindy Eckert (Region 10), Danielle Walsh (Region 10), Deb Willard (CEI CMH), Karen Amon (Region 5/Bay-Arenac CMH), Leslie Pitts (MDHHS), Lorianne Fall (MDHHS), Mary Baukus (Region 5/Saginaw County CHMA), Matina Fabian (Region 7), Michelle Dickinson (TTI), Nicole Gabriel (Region 9), Nicole Adelman (Region 6/Community Partnership of Southeast Michigan), Randy Estes (Pine Rest/Kalamazoo), Robert Compton (Region 7/Detroit Wayne)

**Welcome and Introductions**

Welcome and introductions were made

**Review of Previous Minutes – Go to [www.improvingmipractices.org](http://www.improvingmipractices.org)**

No Changes.

**MDHHS Updates**

**New Director** – The new director of MDHHS is Elizabeth Hertel

- She has been with the department in a deputy position and has been around MDHHS, public health, and behavioral health for awhile
- Robert Gordon left the position a few weeks ago

**Working Remotely** – MDHHS and Central staff of BHDDA continue to work from home until May 1<sup>st</sup>

- That date might get extended further and we should know something in April
- The best way to contact the department is still by email
  - Check the employee’s email signature for a current phone / cell number

**Virtual Training** – Communication went out from Jeff Wieferich, Bureau Director, to all the PIHP’s and CMHSP’s that MDHHS will continue to do all trainings virtually through December of 2021

**HH Modifier** – SUD licensing and the change from LARA on whether a SUD license is needed or not to use the HH code for the co-occurring modifier within the programs

- Effective January 1, 2021 there is no need for a SUD license
- SAMHSA does track Co-Occurring Disorders (COD) services as priority; MDHHS wants providers to continue using the HH modifier (for now) for COD services, but do not need a SUD license to use it
- CMHAM and some other advocates have requested that the licensing change be reconsidered through LARA
- One of the goals is to have the language changed that reads “they are not allowed to hold a license”, to “we cannot require them to hold a license”; this would still allow government entities to hold a license just not say they are required to hold do so
  - That request has been submitted by CMHAM and advocates and there have been no further updates to date

**HHTG Modifier** – The Medicaid Provider Manual will be updated so the language is taken out requiring ACT teams to have a SUD license to use the COD modifier for IDDT. This will be completed once PIHP and CMHSP contract changes occur reflecting the current licensure requirements and issuers

**Other**

**Angie Smith-Butterwick – SUD Update** –The SUD/COD conference is going to be virtual again this year

- This year, looking at a new platform so it will be a little different but should operate the same
- Request for proposals will be going out soon
- Looking into reducing the time for the workshops from 1 1/2 hours to 1 hour

**Leslie Pitts – Children and Families Update** – No real updates except converting all their trainings to virtual ones

- Adolescent DBT just did their first virtual training

**Randy Estes (Pine Rest/Kalamazoo)** – He is a full-time therapist, and the workload is incredible, so it is hard to set those boundaries and there is such a demand for telehealth

- In FY20, MI trainings basically disappeared and for FY21 they really seem to be coming back with virtual trainings that it is turning into a weekly thing with universities, public defenders in Kalamazoo County, and some CMHs around the state

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- Pine Rest offered vaccinations back in January and by February they extended that to family members or any household member of an employee as well

**TA Needs or Issues (Helpful Resources)**

**MIFAST Visits –**

- Most MIFAST teams are back up for virtual visits
  - The evaluations and feedback from the agencies has been very positive and some agencies prefer the virtual visits
- If you are interested in a MIFAST visit, send an email to [MDHHS-MIFAST@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-MIFAST@michigan.gov) Improving MI Practices (IMP) – The IMP website address is [www.ImprovingMIPractices.org](http://www.ImprovingMIPractices.org) which has tons of materials, resources, training, and many courses that have CEUs attached to them plus it is free to sign up
- Supervisors are now able to view, track course content, and assign and check completion of courses

**Regional Reports**

- Region 3
  - Ben Barrett (HealthWest)
    - Their ACT team is in development and they have a few new staff that they are trying to get up to speed
- Region 4
  - Cathy Hart (Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health)
    - Folks are getting vaccinated and they just received their shots yesterday
    - After Easter, they are planning a COD 101 for treatment plans for their partners and new people with Jennifer Harrison
- Region 5
  - Mary Baukus (Saginaw CMH)
    - Folks are getting their 2<sup>nd</sup> shots of the vaccine for everybody who wants one
    - They now have Microsoft Teams, and they are learning how to use it plus it is HIPPA compliant
    - They are still hiring a substance abuse coordinator
    - Looking forward to getting in-person groups going again once it is safe
  - Karen Amon (Region 5 - Bay-Arenac CMH)
    - They have identified a need for Arenac County to have an increase in the SUD services
      - Partnered with Pathways and they have provided some services initially at their Arenac site, they now have a mobile unit, too and are providing services at 2 spots in the county
      - Several of their therapists are proceeding with their addiction credentials
      - Karen just went through a supervisor training for the credentialing and being able to supervisor them
      - There is also supervision for the supervisors
      - The entire process is time consuming
    - They identified that they need to get back to some of the experience-based practice and COD lost due to people leaving and different priorities in the last 1 ½ years
  - Deb Willard (CEI CMH)
    - They had to do some shifting of staff and now have their co-occurring consult back up and running again
    - The SUD trainings have been really popular especially the ones with Jennifer Harrison
    - Opportunity to improve their care coordination if a probation requirement is for the patient to have a mental health and a SUD therapist
    - They are also getting vaccinated for everyone who wants one and folks are already getting their second shot
- Region 6
  - Nicole Adelman (Community Partnership of Southeast Michigan)
    - Working closely with CMHs and SUD departments to get medicine for opioid use disorder (MOUD) in the emergency rooms and jails

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- They are still working on the regional recovery self-assessments (RSA) and are working with CMH agencies and other providers to come up with a plan on how to address the results of the assessment
- Region 7
  - Robert Compton (DWIHN)
    - On Monday, they had their 1<sup>st</sup> round of vaccines and are due for the 2<sup>nd</sup> ones in about 15 days
    - They lost their SUD director and now have a critical position that needs to be filled
      - He is not sure if the position has been posted yet or not
    - Their organization just went through uploads with the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and are looking for that to be positive
    - At the ACT Level Care, they have found some duplication of services in their systems as far as ACT goes with SUD Medicaid assisted treatment services for ACT and MAT providers
    - They hope to hold a virtual mini co-occurring conference sometime this year
  - Matina Fabian
    - Next Thursday, they are participating in a conference along with Detroit-Wayne, Community Cares, other providers, and sponsors
      - Registration closes tomorrow and Matina put the website address in the chat box for anyone who is interested
- Region 9
  - Nicole Gabriel (Region 9)
    - Stuff going on with CCBHC within their CMH system and working on getting SUD specific training to those who primary work in mental health
      - Added that as required trainings for everyone within their system
    - Still working on updates to their SOAR grant
      - Looking for trainings and providers to get that set up
- Region 10
  - Carrie Chanter (Genesee Health Systems)
    - Like Nicole, they are working on their CCBHC grant and making sure staff are trained in evidence-based programming
      - With the same grant, they are able to pay for a large portion of staff to get certified with the Michigan Certification Board for Addiction Professionals (MCBAP) and they are really excited about it
    - Continue to have their quarterly COD leadership group meetings in their county with their providers
      - GHS leads this group
    - Suicide prevention campaign that they secured with PA2 funding for their county
      - Primary target will be on people who use substance abuse drugs
      - A media campaign will be launched this month
      - Comprehensive trainings for internal staff and community
      - Having people trained with the Living Works program called Start – around 200 licenses
    - They are thankful for the COD trainings with through the CMHAM with Jennifer Harrison
  - Cindy Eckert
    - Like Nicole, they also have some services in the jails with the MOUD and that is going along nicely in St. Clair County

**Future Agenda Items**

None identified at this time

**Future Meetings**

May 20, 2021