

The Practice Improvement Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2022

Group Members Present

Adam Hamilton, Alena Lacey, Amelia Fonger, Ambrosia Jackson, Belinda Hawks, Brenda Stoneburner, Brittany Pietsch, Cathy Hart, Charlyss Ray, Christine Mieloch, Deb Willard, Ebony Levy, Heidi Wale-Knizacky (Presenter), Jasmin White, Jean Pfaendtner, Joe Longcor, John Langlois, Josh Snyder, Kelly France, Kim Batsche-McKenzie, Lena Houston, Leslie Styer, Lisa Collins (Presenter), Mary Baukus, Mary Ludtke, Michelle Boudreaux (Host), Timothy Kelly, Tom Seilheimer, Vanessa Reading (Presenter)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Michelle Boudreaux called the meeting to order, and introductions were made.

II. Review of Minutes

There were no changes, or updates to the minutes from December 1, 2022, meeting.

III. Division of Adult Home and Community-Based Service Updates – Belinda Hawks

Support Intensity Scale (SIS-A) Tool

The department has notified the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHP) and Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSP) that they are moving away from continuing to implement and utilize SIS-A tool.

- This is a tool that has been used since 2014 in assisting individuals with intellectual disabilities (adults 16 and up) in their person-centered planning process.
- The scale has been a useful tool all these years however given many factors and including the upcoming renewal of that contract the department has decided to pivot and move away from that tool and consider other tools.
- The contract will not be renewed with the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD).
- March 23, 2023 is the last day of the contract and the department's authority to use the tool.
- The PIHP CEOs have the same update.
- The department has a SIS Steering Committee meeting on March 8, 2023, to talk to the committee members about the transition plan.
- They need to meet with their contract negotiation team to amend this year's contract with the PIHPs because there is a reference to the requirement to use the SIS-A tool.
 - They are meeting on March 24, 2023, to amend that.
 - A formal announcement will be going out network wide with that information and details: transition plan; current data; and any ongoing assessments that are in play and what to do about those details.

State Transition Plan on the Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) Rule

The state transition plan for the HCBS rule, this is a federal rule that has been allowing the states to move forward with compliance with the rule (transition plan) and that timeline is finally coming to bare on March 17, 2023.

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- The state will be expected to be in full compliance with this rule and the setting for home and community based 1915C waivers and 1915i state plan benefit will need to be in compliance.
- The department has been working with all the PIHPs and CMHSPs to get the provider network, who are eligible for the HCBS services in compliance and has also asked the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for an extension of that March 17 timeline because the department does not have an approved state plan yet.
- They want to allow people enough time to plan for the eventual transition where so they can come into compliance.
 - The department has asked for an extension but has not heard anything back on it yet and hoping to hear something back next week.
 - The department will continue to update the field and the HCBS leads.
- The department is creating listening sessions for people served in the HCBS settings and their providers to be able to come to the department with all the questions from this timeframe coming up and looming ahead.
 - Currently, those listening session communications are under review.
 - The department hopes to get that out to the field as quickly as possible so those participants know in advance that those sessions are available and can come to talk to the HCBS team about any questions and concerns they may have on it.

Conflict Free Access and Planning / Contact Free Case Management Project.

They are in the planning stage and soon will be in the implementation phase around the next steps of Conflict Free Access and Planning.

- Through the workgroup members and listening sessions, they have developed a set of options that they will be reviewing with the workgroup at the end of this month.

IV. [Community Mental Health Association of Michigan](#)

No updates were given.

V. [Special Topic Presentations:](#)

The Michigan Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (MichiCANS) – Lisa Collins

Lisa presented a presentation on the MichiCANS. It is a comprehensive strengths-based, information integration tool with the purpose of conveying the story of the child/youth and family and supporting the communication of the child, youth and family's needs, strengths, and goals across different child serving systems.

- The committee will be sent out the PDF.

Motivational Interviewing (MI) Michigan Fidelity Assistance Support Team (MIFAST) Fidelity Tool – Vanessa Reading and Heidi Wale Knizacky

Vanessa and Heidi took turns presenting the MI fidelity tool that the MIFAST team will be using for reviews and shared a PowerPoint presentation.

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- The committee will be sent out the PowerPoint.
- If you are interested in the pilot study please send Michelle Boudreaux an email at BoudreauxM@michigan.gov.

VI. [Evidence-Based Practices and PISC Subcommittee Updates](#)

Bureau of Children's Coordinated Health Policy and Supports – Division of Program and Grant Development and Quality Monitoring – Kim Batche-McKenzie

- A. Evidence-Based and Evidence-Informed Practices for children, youth, and families.
 - a. Kim and Lisa Collins provided updates on their projects.
 - b. Mary Ludtke highlighted some upcoming learning collaboratives that are new and different.
 - i. DBT for Adolescents with Alec Miller (3rd new/cohort) is coming up late spring to early summer.
 - After the training, they will go into the model of providing coaching calls and they monitor data for that period.
 - There is a requirement that supervisors attend, too.
 - More Information will be coming out soon.
 - ii. Infant Mental Health and alternating the Child Parent Psychotherapy Collaborative and that will be launching at the end of March.
 - c. A handout was provided from their division for the minutes.

Bureau of Community Based Services - Division of Adult Home and Community Based Services – Brenda Stoneburner

- A. Community-Based Practices and Innovation (CPI) Section Evidence-Based and Evidence Informed Practices for Adults.
 - a. MIFAST Teams
 - d. The MI MIFAST was already mentioned in the presentation. The department also has Individual Placement and Support (IPS), Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Integrated Dual Disorder Treatment (IDDT) and ACT/IDDT (dual teams) visits that are starting to be scheduled and reviews will be done soon.
 - i. There will also be an ACT/IDDT training for reviewers for those conducting the MIFAST visits.
 - It has been a few years since the last training for various reasons.
 - ii. The MIFAST tool has been updated and is on the Improving MI Practices (IMP) site.
 - ii. Please let us know if you would like a MIFAST visit at MDHHS-MIFAST@michigan.gov and we will get you worked into the schedule.
 - b. Improving MI Practices (IMP)
If you have not visited the site recently you may want to as it is being updated regularly.

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- i. There is a second training on IMP Utilization and Functions of the Website on April 13, 2023, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
 - There is no registration fee.
 - They will be going over options for agencies and supervisors to use.
 - If you need the meeting link please contact the MDHHS-CPI-Section@michigan.gov.
- ii. The department is adding new courses and new content is being created.
 - There will be a Military Cultural Competency overview training being added in the next few months.
 - This will be geared towards behavioral health staff and individuals working within the publicly funded system.
- iii. There are over 51,000 users of the website.
- iv. The link to the website is [Improving MI Practices](https://ImprovingMIpractices.org).
(ImprovingMIpractices.org)
- c. Deaf, Blind and Hard of Hearing (DBHH)
DBHH trainings are happening again and Charlyss is reaching out to ACCESS with law enforcement with trainings still but the main focus for FY23 is on the behavioral health system.
 - i. These are trainings primarily for ACCESS centers but, anyone else within an agency that needs staff trained or at the regional level can request a training.
- d. Tech First Collaboration - Charlyss Ray
This is an initiative that has been going on across the country where technology is looked at as one of the ways to support someone and expand the workforce, which is short everywhere.
 - i. This is so new that more details will be coming out.
- e. Clubhouses
There is over \$250 thousand in block grant funding to assist Clubhouses with their training needs.
 - ii. Medicaid reimbursement requires Michigan Clubhouses to have accreditation through Clubhouse International
 - iii. For FY23, contracting with a company to provide a flourish data system for quality, oversight, and data with every Clubhouse on board by the end of the fiscal year.
 - It will be a way to get some consistent data on what is being reported by the Clubhouse and this is a above and beyond what would be gathered for reimbursement and BHTEDS.
 - This is looking at the Clubhouse individuals being served, a lot of demographic information and then linking to other services.
 - This is like a subset of data to get some performance metrics and outcomes out of it.

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f. Individual Placement and Support (IPS)

The department is in the process of meeting with vocational rehabilitation (VR) partners (both Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) and Services for Blind Persons) and updating their current memorandum agreement between our agencies.

i. The current one expires at the end of September of this year.

- They are starting to have conversations around that and seeing what updates might be needed.
- Looking at the individuals being served by both systems, and how we can better collaborate and work to provide the services needed for those individuals.

ii. IPS has 24 sites currently recognized across 14 CMHSPs that are providing the IPS model.

- There is interest from another 2 CMHSPs and is in the early stage as those determinations take a while to happen.
- Six – eight of the fidelity scores have been completed out of the 24 sites.
- Scores are down due to COVID and being down for a few years, however, outcomes have remained similar per data reports.
- These sites are also continuing to struggle to retain and hire staff.

g. LOCUS Updates – Jean Pfaendtner

LOCUS is continuing on with their second MIFAST visits and continuing to roll out the training plan:

i. Train-the-Trainer for LOCUS trainers. (moved down a line)

ii. They did one virtually and two live this year (next one is in April).

For more information on the trainings go to www.CMHAM.org and click on the Quick Link: Conferences, Trainings, and Events.

B. Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Section – Angie Smith-Butterwick
No updates given from this section.

C. Federal Compliance Section
No updates given from this section.

VII. Trauma Sub-Committee – Colleen Jasper

There will be upcoming EMDR trainings, but no dates have been set yet.

VIII. Structured Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) Notes in Patient Care Encounter (PCE) – Timothy Kelly

Looking at providing some structured process notes for some of the EBPs (adult and youth) and including some of the key elements of that practice.

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- a. PCE and utilize the group note for DBT and individual notes that can clearly indicate EBP treatment components that are being provided within the session.
- b. For practices like Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), and Seeking Safety are some of the ones they have looked at for it.
- c. For those using PCE around the state and might like to collaborate on looking at some of those templates and what they might be.
- d. It would allow us to do a couple of things: readily track data on the use of EBPs and also a prompt for staff as they are implementing a practice.
 - A reminder of what some of those elements are as well as both the internal and external reviewers which would be another way to get at fidelity to the EBP.
 - If this is of any interest to you please send Tim Kelly an email at tkelly@iskzoo.org.

IX. [Additional Trainings/Topics Requested by the Committee](#)

Check on updates for Tech First.

If you have any concerns or future agenda items, please contact Michelle Boudreaux via email @ BoudreauxM@michigan.gov.

VIII. [Adjourn](#)

Michelle adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 1, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.