

ALCOHOL & DRUG POLICY COUNCIL (ADPC)

Criminal Justice Sub-Committee

Meeting of March 2, 2022

Virtual TEAMS Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Williams Aby, Brian McManus, Michael Aiello, Erica Rogers, Michael Bisrat, Michael Hines, Evan Dantos, Katie Farrell, Frambiel Rodriguez, Joe Lindbeck, Danielle Ebrahimi, Bobby Lawlor, Ines Eaton, Daena Murphy, Brian Delude, John Doyle, Lisa Puglisi, Sandra Violette, Joseph Murgo, Yashira Pepin

Topic	Discussion	Action
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New attendees introduced	
Additions to agenda/ Review Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes Approved	
Medicaid in Criminal Justice Settings: Opportunities for Reform- Joe Lindbeck	<p>Medicaid issues and Re-entry from incarceration discussed. Barriers include disruption in coverage as people move in and out of the system. There is an estimate of 80% individuals released from prison that have substance use disorder, chronic medical or a psychiatric condition.</p> <p>Maintaining coverage is important especially with the pretrial population who require medical, mental or substance use disorder treatment. A state official health letter was released in 2016 by CMS to state Medicaid directors to look at ways to facilitate successful reentry for individual transitioning from incarceration to the communities.</p> <p>Reinforces CMS guidance on states authority to suspend or leave Medicaid coverage unaltered. Maintaining enrollment examples was giving for Massachusetts and Ohio.</p> <p>The Support act and state waivers made changes to the inmate exclusion rule. The support act directed HHS to work with states to develop and create innovative strategies. Seven states have submitted 1115 waiver applications. New York is currently reviewing a proposed application. Pertinent sections of each waiver application is overview, objectives of the waiver, who is eligible, services provided, coverage ignition and budget neutrality.</p>	
1115 Waiver Discussion- Keri Lloyd and Michael Aiello	<p>The institute for mental disease exclusion prohibits the Medicaid coverage of any care for mental health or substance use disorder in residential treatment facility that is larger than 16 beds. The exclusion is for the age group between 21-65 years old.</p> <p>The state of Connecticut has pursued a waiver called 1115 demonstration that waives this exclusion for SUD residential treatment services and will allow it to become a Medicaid covered service. The focus is around the SUD service, the application for this demonstration is under review and is near a point of approval with a target start date of 5/1/22.</p>	

	Potential issues with Criminal Justice involved individuals: Medicaid will be reimbursing those who are covered and eligible for the level of care. They don't pay for room and board nor the uninsured, at this time, if the court needs a bed held open. Ongoing concerns re: the need to hold a bed and how to pay for it.	
Recommendations: ESI, MAT at DOC	<p>ESI- Courts are opening up with more people going in. John and Kyle the research planner will be going out within the next six weeks to each site to come up with practice ideas and data points from collected data.</p> <p>MAT at DOC- Currently working continued expansion. MAT will become available at Garner and working on going live at Corrigan.</p> <p>Narcan: no significant update just moving forward with half way houses, pilot project, building connections with judicial branch. New Haven fatal overdose was brought up and they are working on significant training options.</p>	
Workgroup updates (Police/Training (Tool Kit), Community Resources)	No update	
Plans for next meeting	No plans suggested	
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