

Ohio Addictions Roundtable  
September 4, 2015  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Joyce Starr, Brad DeCamp- OhioMHAS; Brad Lander-Talbot Hall; Jim Evans-Meridian; Sabrina Jones- Lorain County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services; Joe Gay-Health Recovery Services; Carol Kasha- Ciallella- Recovery and Prevention Resources Delaware/Morrow; John Ellis- University of Akron

**Bridge Line:** Robert Carlson- Wright State University; Keith Hochadel- Quest; Mark Hurst MD- OhioMHAS

I. Old Business:

a. **Solicitation for Pre-emptive feedback on OhioMHAS Rules review:**

- i. **Discussion-** The Group approved a letter to key stakeholders drafted by J. Ellis with some minor edits.
- ii. **Action:** *J. Ellis will make suggested revisions and electronically forwarded to the Roundtable Chair for mailing.*

b. **Rules Review Process:**

- i. **Discussion:** B. DeCamp reported there has been no status updates or progress related to the assessment rules. Some additional discussion on the timing of the new rules. It would make sense if the 2-1-08 (Treatment rules) are revised before revising rules (e.g. documentation, administration) that are impacted by changes in treatment.
- ii. **Action:** *October Agenda item will include a review of the current addictions rules categories (02-1-01 through 02-1-12) and offer OhioMHAS a recommendation as to the order in which they are revised.*
- iii. **Action:** *J. Starr, B. DeCamp will determine if “rules pending” are being recalibrated into a combined MH/AoD numbering convention, or were fully revised before reviewing the 2-1-08 treatment guidelines.*

c. **New State Edicts surrounding Wait List reporting:**

- i. **Discussion:** New rules require county systems to establish local continuums. Concerns over the documentation burdens of tracking a variety of waiting list dynamics amongst multiple providers and levels of care. This issue is exacerbated by the lack of clarity surrounding wait list definitions in the context of care levels. It will be too difficult to establish a recommendation without better understanding the requirements.
- ii. **Action:** *J. Starr and B. DeCamp will forward wait list definitions, the bill language, and the draft rules for wait list management.*
- iii. **Discussion:** B. DeCamp spoke of three new workgroups at OhioMHAS that would benefit from a roundtable participant. Committees include: Budget, Wait List, and Access/Services Capacity.
- iv. **Action:** *B. Decamp will send more detailed information to interested members.*

- d. **Review of an electronic health record progress note:**
  - i. B. Lander walked members through a template for an HER progress note that is aligned with treatment plan progress. While appearing cumbersome initially the template has multiple pre-existing fields that are easily populated with updates. Over time the tool would offer a firm accounting of treatment progress. The group had some concerns on how the template could be made to comply with CARF standards (SNAP format) and OhioMHAS requirement for a stand-alone Case management plan.
  
- e. **ASAM Practice Guidelines for MATs:**
  - i. **Discussions:** members offered a cursory review of the new guidelines. Initial discussion on our role in identifying a best practice for State Certified providers. The document review offers little guidance for suboxone cash-pay practices, some of which offer minimal-if any, addictions treatment counseling or linkage. These practices are becoming problematic in many communities. Dr. Hurst thought there might be potential to make practice recommendations to the Ohio Medical Board. Dr. Hurst and B. Decamp mentioned a new Tennessee Medicaid rule ensuring a person using a MCD benefit to pay for prescribed buprenorphine must have proof of Medicaid being used for the prescriber visit.
  - ii. **Action:** *Recommendations for Cash-Pay MAT practices will be a future agenda item. B. DeCamp will research Tennessee language for future meeting.*
  - iii. **Discussion:** Members discussed lack of uniformity of clients on MAT's being accepted into other certified treatment programs, and lack of universal understanding of providing naloxone as an overdose antidote for persons in treatment. J. Gay cited recent expert opinion that all opiate addicts in treatment should be given access to naloxone kits.
  - iv. **Action:** *Draft a pamphlet for naloxone kits that can be given to persons entering treatment.*
  
- f. **AoD Roundtable link at OMHAS website:**
  - i. **Discussion:** Group discussed what materials/products should be placed on the roundtable page of the State website.
  - ii. **Action:** *J. Starr will manage placement of RT documents onto the website.*
  
- g. **Other:** J. Ellis Appointed new group secretary, replacing Sabrina Jones. The group thanked S. Jones for her efforts.
  
- h. **Next Meeting:**
  - i. Agenda Items include:
    1. Draft Naloxone brochure (clients and professionals)
    2. Matrix of Roundtable projects/activities
    3. Recommend order for treatment rules review
    4. Review membership

Respectfully submitted= J. Ellis