

Ohio Addictions Roundtable
November 6, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Present: Brad DeCamp, Joyce Starr- OhioMHAS; Brad Lander-Talbot Hall; Jim Evans-Meridian; Joe Gay- Health Recovery Services; Carol Kasha- Ciallella- Recovery and Prevention Resources Delaware/Morrow; John Ellis- University of Akron; Sabrina Jones- LCADA Way; Dontavius Jarrells- Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities; Ed O'Reilly- Abraxas Counseling.

Bridge Line: Alisia Clark- OhioMHAS

I. Old Business:

- a. Minutes from October 2, 2015 **approved** as submitted.
- b. **Rules Review Process:** J. Starr is following up internally at OMHAS to clarify the Roundtable role in the rules vetting process.
- c. **Roundtable presence on OMHAS website:** Ms. Starr introduced idea of adding roundtable projects and updates to the departments E-Update regularly. This may include driving stakeholder input and comments to the Roundtable website. All present were supportive of the concept. Future discussion will center on what specific information should be disseminated through this platform.

II. New Business:

- a. **Medication Assisted Treatment in traditional treatment settings (i.e. levels of care):** Present rule 2-1-05 I (4) indicate: "*Clients shall not be denied admission to a program due solely to their use of prescribed psychotropic medication(s).*" Further, the State capital funding for recovery housing (per A. Clark) indicates MAT's are permitted in recovery housing. Despite these permissions there are many treatment agencies continuing to refuse admission to clients who are involved in opioid related MATs.

The Roundtable will author a position paper on MAT's in various treatment settings. Document must include:

- Elements regarding communication protocols with MAT prescribers.
- Inclusion of recovery housing providers who receive State of Federal funding.
- Clarity related to storage and dispensing.
- A consultation package for MAT implementation
- Clarity on MAT's in the context of abstinence based philosophies.

Roundtable will offer a special invite for key stakeholders to assist in the development of this document during the regular January or February meeting.

- b. **Paperwork Reduction:** Roundtable to develop a position paper on streamlined documentation that would enable increased productivity, and assist in moving integrated healthcare forward. J. Ellis discussed a Paperwork Reduction initiative in the State of Delaware provided by the Treatment Research Institute (TRI). Information on this initiative will be forwarded to the group.

Membership discussed paperwork efficiencies built into some electronic health records (EHR's). Any position on the benefits of these EHRs must factor in costs and rules.

Group determined the best "1st step" in addressing paperwork burdens is to refine front door service requirements including:

- Required Administrative admission documentation (billing, consents, etc.)
 - Required clinical documentation, i.e. the diagnostic assessment. All agree the existing DA requirements are excessive and unnecessary.
 - What minimum information do we need to admit? Initially treat?
- c. **BH Redesign:** B. DeCamp walked group through some slides in BH redesign. The goal is to ensure AoD serves are embedded in this design. Questions for future discussion include:
- i. Will new services targeted in 2016 (per 1915(i) include AoD specific "peer support" specialists?
 - ii. July 2018 targets changes to CPST. This is MH language. Will this also include changes to AoD case management?
 - iii. Any appraisal of the system redesign must be done through the lens of: ROSC, SUDs as Chronic Conditions, and paperwork reduction. Ideally we can show a business case for these.
- d. **Other:** Dr. Gay shared information of federal movement on lifting the 30/100 cap on DATA2000 waived physicians. Some concern this could exacerbate the cash pay buprenorphine "pill mills" that are not working in concert with AoD treatment providers. This issue will be looked at more closely at the next meeting

III. Next Meeting:

- i. Agenda Items include:
 - 1. Special invite for MAT in Traditional TX settings discussion.
 - 2. Paperwork reduction follow-up
 - 3. Wait Lists Definitions

Respectfully submitted- J. Ellis