



MCAC Meeting Notes
March 6, 2013 7:00 AM
Hazard Building, Garden Conference Room

MCAC Members Present: Catherine Cummings, James McDonald (for Michael Fine), Jerry Fingerut, Christine Gadbois, Rick Wagner, Mark Braun, Renee Rulin, Mary E. Hanley, Pat Flanagan, Stephen Davis, Dave Feeney, Cecilia Pelkey.

Interested Parties Present: Leon Saunders, Cara Sammartino.

Staff Present: Deidre Gifford, Bill McQuade, Diana Beaton, Sharon Kernan.

Meeting Convened: 7:05 AM

1. **Welcome** – Deidre Gifford welcomed MCAC members and others. Elena Nicolella could not be at the Meeting. A brief update on the Rhode Island 1115 Waiver Extension Request and the Integrated Care Initiative were given. For more information on these initiatives, see:

<http://www.ohhs.ri.gov/ri1115waiver/updates/>

<http://www.ohhs.ri.gov/integratedcare/newsandupdates/>

2. **Baseline data on psychotropic drug use in children** Steve Davis

Dr. Davis presented an analysis that Neighborhood Health Plan (NHPRI) has conducted on use of psychotropics and anti-psychotic use in children enrolled in NHPRI by line of business: RIte Care, Children with Special Needs, and Children in substitute care. They looked specifically at second-generation antipsychotic utilization in children in CY 2011. Neighborhood's emphasis is not on limiting or prescribing the use of these meds by providers, but rather in assuring that accessory therapeutic modalities, such as psychotherapy and case management, where appropriate, are also employed.

See handout for details of the analysis.

Some of the concerns:

- For children under 5 years of age, what are the impacts on brain development over time?
- Children on 3 or meds
- Some of the drugs cause weight gain (problem with obesity, diabetes)
- 30% of kids in substitute care were on psychotropic drugs in 2012
- Are kids/families getting access to psychotherapy and case management when appropriate as an adjunct to meds?
- US singled out as highest use of psychotropic meds in children in the world (WHO report)

EOHHS, NHPRI and DCYF have been meeting regularly to discuss. DCYF is trying to get a part-time psychiatrist on staff. Right now, a non-clinical person responsible for the child signs off on prescriptions. Sharon Kernan (EOHHS) recommends a solution...have a smaller network of BH providers that can be like medical homes for

these children. Have choice, but families will be steered to these specialists. Dr. Cummings expressed that this is really important. It's very difficult to not have complete information when these kids show up in an ER. We will bring these concerns back to the EOHHS/DCYF/NHPRI workgroup to discuss/ follow-up.

There was some discussion re: Rx Hub (a Pharma product) vs. Current Care for accessing the current drugs a patient is on.

3. Extended Family Planning (EFP) Follow-up Deidre Gifford

The EOHHS is recommending that the EFP Program be based more on service categories, rather than specific codes, since some items/services are currently not being covered. See the attached list of proposed changes that were submitted to CMS in the RI 1115 Waiver Extension Request. (p. 43-44) on 3/12/13. Also, EOHHS is requesting that postpartum women be covered from 200-250 % FPL, so it will be consistent with the eligibility cut off for RIte Care. (250% FPL).

4. Adult Quality Measures Grant Deidre Gifford

EOHHS received funding for a Quality Measures Grant that is effective January 2013-December 2014. See handout. A list of the 26 measures were distributed to members prior to the meeting to rank (Select your top 10). In addition, Medicaid's 2011 MCO performance measures for some of these measures were given out at the meeting to see how we currently rank. We agreed to send out this list of measures to MCAC members, once again, to rank the top 10 measures that you think should be collected.

5. Primary Care Rate Increase Deidre Gifford

We didn't have a chance to discuss this, but physicians will be contacted and are being contacted to learn about this. For more info, see <http://www.dhs.ri.gov/ForProvidersVendors/MedicalAssistanceProviders/MedicaidPrimaryCareFeeIncrease/tabid/1009/Default.aspx>

6. CEPAC Update Bill McQuade, D.Sc.

Bill presented on the activities of the CEPAC. CEPAC will be addressing the issue of Community Health Workers in its June meeting. The specific scope and of services and definition of CHW has not been established. Also, CEPAC has uploaded the results of the Sleep Apnea discussion on their website.

Deidre asked if people would be willing to meeting for 1½ hrs for the next meeting. Several people okayed this move.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 AM

Next Meeting- Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 7:00 AM