

CYBHWG Workforce and Rates Notes

April 6, 2022

Leads: Representative Mari Leavitt, Hugh Ewart, Laurie Lippold

Review/Recap

Highlights

- Received close to \$50 million for a 7% rate increase effective 1-1-23
 - Directed payment language was included in legislation to ensure that it gets passed on through the MCOs to providers.
- \$600k for exploration and implementation of alternative payment models like Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs).
- 5 million in bridge funding for current CCBHCs in Washington state as the federal grant ends this year.
 - Funding can also be used to secure actuarial expertise for research into national models and to obtain technical assistance from the National Council for Mental Wellbeing CCBHC's success center.
- \$20 million to provide 7% rate increase for services not covered by Medicaid
 - Funding can be used for crisis services, room and board, and secure withdrawal facilities.
- Startup costs for behavioral health integration
 - Proviso passed, \$2 million for startup costs for pediatric clinics that demonstrate readiness.
 - Goal: Fund 10 clinics at around \$200K per clinic (one-time grants).
 - Clinics with a significant Medicaid population will be prioritized.
 - Grants can be used for, among other things, staff training and on-boarding, IT infrastructure, and tracking outcomes.
- Certified peer specialists – Bill did not pass
 - Individuals with commercial care have no access to youth and parent peers.
 - Currently, peers are tethered to community behavioral health settings, which are unable to bill for peer services.
- Community Health Workers
 - Budget funded 50 community health workers providing support services in primary care clinics, beginning 1/1/2023, and continuing for 2 years.

Moving Forward

Highlights

- Network Adequacy – Access survey
 - 2 surveys; one for providers and one for families.
 - Access survey is the first step in identifying barriers between behavioral health systems and the ability to access services.
 - Surveys will be distributed this month.
 - Seeking feedback from young people and family members with lived experience, so members please forward to those you know.

988 Update

Matthew Gower, *Health Care Authority (HCA)*, and Bethany Mizushima, *Department of Health (DOH)*

Highlights

- HCA and DOH are collaborating to move the work of HB 1477 forward, which includes the 988 line.
- The 988 line is a federal initiative spearheaded by SAMHSA.
- The 988 line reduces barriers by allowing people to contact the national suicide hotline.
 - Local crisis lines and services will stay in place.
 - There will also be a tribal-specific line in July 2022.
 - Across the nation the text and chat suicide hotline will increase capacity in July 2022 to accommodate.
- The 988 line is already connected and available for some carriers.
- The goal is to have every carrier connected starting in July 2022.
- HB 1477 creates a Crisis Response Improvement Strategy committee that will be making recommendations for legislation.
 - Goal: set up a technical and operational plan allowing the caller from 988 to be connected to services seamlessly.

Brief Updates

- HB 1890, Strategic Plan passed, so be thinking about the work that brings to the subgroup.
- SB 5793 passed, this includes providing stipends to people with lived experience.

Chat

- Behavioral Health Apprenticeship information: <https://healthcareapprenticeship.org/bh-apprenticeships/> and <https://healthcareapprenticeship.org/faqs/>

Action Items

- Subgroup members to send Laurie identified networks or groups to receive the access survey.
- Subgroup members Bring preliminary thoughts regarding 2022 subgroup work to April 20th meeting.

Children and Youth Behavioral Health Work Group – Workforce and Rates

Attendees

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Laurie Lippold, Partners for Our Children

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