

Workforce and Rates subgroup meeting

February 25, 2021

No.	Agenda Item	Notes
1.	Update on workforce and rates priorities	<p>All prioritized workforce recommendations have been submitted as provisos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavioral health provider rate increases • Continued funding for Mental Health Referral Assistance Service and PAL for Moms • Workgroup to develop a BH teaching clinic rate enhancement • Student loan repayment • Telehealth standards (support item) • BH apprenticeships (support item) <p>There is also a proviso for intensive outpatient (IOP)/partial hospitalization (PH).</p> <p>Bills to watch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EHB 1311-SUD apprenticeships/certs (Bronoske) – changes RCW to allow registered apprenticeships, in addition to educational pathways for SUDP certification. • ESSB 5229-Health equity continuing ed (Randall) • SHB 1411-Health care workforce (Simmons) – currently limited to long-term care workers. Title allows for inclusion of BH workers, or model for future legislation. • 2SHB 1504-Workforce ed investment act (Chopp) – pilot program offering grants to CMHs and SUD providers incentivize supervision, including a provider that specializes in serving children and youth. • 2SHB 1325 – Behavioral health/youth – CYBHWG recommendations: PAL funding and changing Medicaid policy for BH assessment of children ages 0-5. • 2SHB 1477 – Implementing the national 988 system to enhance and expand behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention services.
2.	Network adequacy plans (super-submarine group)	<p>Due to its complexity, this group deferred making recommendations until 2021 to allow more time for study of the issue. The group will begin meeting shortly after the legislative session ends. To join, send e-mail to cybhwg@hca.wa.gov.</p>
3.	Post-session planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subgroup will continue to coordinate its efforts with others doing related work, such as the Workforce Board and the Behavioral Health Institute. • Sarah Walker has proposed a policy codesign process for developing our recommendations this year as way to include more – and more diverse – stakeholders and viewpoints; more info to be shared at future meetings. • The Workforce and Rates will probably not meet again during the legislative session. • If you would like to receive regular updates about the status of bills related to CYBHWG recommendations, contact Nicole Sadow-Hasenberg at hasen@uw.edu to be added to the mailing list.

Attendees

Kevin Black, Senate Committee Services
 Rachel Burke, Health Care Authority (HCA)
 Tina Burrell, HCA
 Donna Christiansen, Catholic Charities of Washington
 Diana Cockrell, HCA

Paul Davis, HCA
 Hugh Ewart, Seattle Children’s Hospital
 Anusha Fernando, Molina
 Alicia Ferris, Community Youth Services
 Kimberly Harris, HCA

Children and Youth Behavioral Health Work Group – Workforce and Rates

Marissa Ingalls, Coordinated Care
Sarah Kwiatkowski, Premera Blue Cross
Terry Lee, Community Health Plan of Washington
Representative Mari Leavitt
Joe LeRoy, HopeSparks
Laurie Lippold, Partners for Our Children
Melody McKee, Behavioral Health Institute
Sheryl Morelli, Seattle Children's Hospital
Cindy Myers, Children's Village
Julia O'Connor, Workforce Board
Sarah Rafton, Washington Chapter of the American
Academy of Pediatricians

Sharon Shadwell, Department of Children, Youth and
Families
Mary Stone-Smith, Catholic Community Services of
Western Washington
Suzanne Swadener, HCA
Amber Ulvenes, Molina Healthcare
Mandy Weeks-Green, Office of the Insurance
Commission
Alex Wehinger, WSMA
Kristin Wiggins, Perigee consultant
Jackie Yee, Educational Service District 113