

## CYBHWG Workforce and Rates subgroup

Date: September 21, 2022

Leads: Representative Mari Leavitt, Hugh Ewart, Laurie Lippold

### Review and discuss items on Possible Priorities chart

See page 5 for chart

#### Rate Increase recommendation

- Seeking a general Medicaid rate increase to be applicable to all Behavioral Health (BH) providers and services.
- Working with the BH Council on the recommendation to determine the percentages, amount, and framework, including directive payment language.
- When BH council comes up with rate and framework, we need to recommend it to be applied to all.

#### Children's Long-term Inpatient Program (CLIP) Ask/Decision Package (DP)

- Asking for a 15-20% rate increase for the CLIP program with the intent of aligning with DP packages.
- Possible DP for the CLIP program with a 15% rate increase to expand the traditional CLIP facilities and to expand Habilitative Mental Health (HMH), which is specific to youth with complex disorders.
- HMH is currently funded for 12 beds: asking for up to 20 beds.

#### Short-term Residential

- Residential crisis stabilization program does not have a DP to increase the rate.
  - What scale needed to stand up services?
    - Daily rate is projected for 818.71. I have not heard any feedback on the daily rate.
    - Building on rate projections from last year.
    - Need reimbursement adjustment(s) with new short-term crisis stabilization facilities

#### Support Items:

##### Barriers

##### *Place holder for Supervision – Info on compact and other barriers.*

- Compact bill is #1 priority to address the amount of credit hours and licensure language (Sara Stewart bring back more details next meeting)
- Address out of state services if services
- Change hours to get licensed to get more staff

##### *Place holder for Administrative –*

- Hire FTE to do prep for audits. Audits have become inefficient. (Example: 14 audits in 16 months with one corrective action).
- Reducing the number of MCO's that we need to work with, or finding a better way to share audit information would reduce the administrative burden (Mary Stone-Smith to bring back information)
- Credentialing individuals from other countries

##### **Loan Repayment and conditional grants.**

- Grants are through Ballmer group and apply currently to Master Social Work (MSW) in marriage and family; other behavioral health-oriented degrees are not eligible for the Ballmer grant.
- Important to look at other professional degrees, licensure positions and other BH staff that may be eligible or should be included in the grant program.

- Dollar amounts are TBD; ask is around the setting a person can work into be eligible for scholarships/grants/loan repayments. Next is the degree level eligible for payments.

## Next steps

- Define the recommendations and determine draft recommendations.
- Move W&R meeting from October 5<sup>th</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Chat:

Article: [New estimate for number of WA residents eligible for student loan forgiveness](#)

## Attendees

Vaughnetta J. Barton, University of Washington (UW)  
Rachel Burke, Health Care Authority (HCA)  
Kelsey Beck, Kaiser Permanente  
Tina Burrell, HCA  
Christine Cole, HCA  
Thalia Cronin, Community Health Network of WA (CHNW)  
Paul Davis, HCA  
Gabe Evenson, HCA  
Hugh Ewart, Seattle Children's  
Renee Fullerton, Workforce Education and Training Board  
Bob Hilt, Seattle Children's  
Kristin Houser, Parent  
Marissa Ingalls, Coordinated Care  
Todd Jensen, HCA

Barb Jones, Office of Insurance Commissioner (OIC)  
Terry Lee, Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW)  
Laurie Lippold, Committee for Our Children  
Joan Miller, Washington Council for Behavioral Health  
Cindy Myers, Children's Village in Yakima  
Julia O'Connor, Washington Council for Behavioral Health  
Steve Perry, HCA  
Sheryl Schwartz, HMC BHI  
Susan M Skillman, UW  
Sara Stewart, Washington Mental Health Counselor Association  
Ashlen Strong, WSHA  
Sarah Walker, UW  
Monica Webster, HCA  
Cindi Wiek, HCA  
Larry Wissow, UW

**Possible workforce priorities for 2023**

Issue	Pursue?	Short, Medium, Long Term Impact
<b>Overarching Priorities</b>		
Rate Increases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General rate increase – X%; applicable for _____ providers</li> <li>• 15-20% rate increase for CLIP beds including the new beds for behaviorally complex youth</li> <li>• Possible rate enhancement for providers at the new short-term residential crisis stabilization facilities</li> </ul>	Short term
<b>New Priorities</b>		
Barriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensing/credentialing/supervision barriers</li> <li>• Burdensome administrative issues</li> <li>• Compacts</li> <li>• Credentialing individuals from other countries</li> </ul>	Short, medium, long term
Addressing Educational Debt Burden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Targeted loan repayment/forgiveness</li> <li>• Targeted conditional grants</li> </ul>	Short, medium and long term impact
Placeholder for workforce issues from the school-based subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be determined</li> </ul>	

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<b>Items related to previous priorities/support; Implementation</b>		
Advancing the apprenticeship work underway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extend another 2 years to the SUD apprenticeship so people can get their BA and go on to their MA (so it's a 4-year apprenticeship program).</li> <li>• Pursue increase in virtual reality training through a pilot program in which the instructors are in the room with the students.</li> </ul>	Medium impact?
Cultural Affirming and Responsive Care for Children and Families	Get new language from Sarah	Medium impact?
CCBHCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide continuation funding for planning and development of CCBHCs</li> </ul>	Medium
Teaching clinic enhancement rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide 0.5 FTE for the health care authority to participate in a public/private partnership to implement the behavioral health teaching clinic demonstration project led by the WA Council for BH</li> </ul>	Medium
Peer support specialists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be determined</li> </ul>	Short term impact

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<b>Other Possible Priorities/Support Items</b>		
Background Checks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unsure; however, likely being addressed by the Workforce Board</li> </ul>	TBD
Recommendations coming from the Workforce Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBD</li> </ul>	TBD